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n. pl. hos·pi·tal·i·ties

1. Cordial and generous reception of or disposition toward guests.
2. An instance of cordial and generous treatment of guests.

[Middle English *hospitalite*, from Old French, from Latin *hospitālītās*, from *hospitālis*, of a guest; see [HOSPITAL](#).]

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