

# Model Home Tour Checklist

Follow this checklist to make the most of your model home tour!

## BEFORE THE TOUR:

### ☐ Develop your wish list

Before touring a model home, you should develop a wish list.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outline the essential features you desire in your dream home and distinguish between non-negotiables and desirable upgrades. | <input type="checkbox"/> Create a list of amenities you want within the surrounding community. |
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### ☐ Pack your bag

While you won't need to pack an entire toolkit, there are some items you should take with you on a model home tour. Consider packing these items:

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| • Pen or pencil                    | • Camera (or smartphone) |
| • Notebook                         | • Tape measure           |
| • List of questions (or pdf guide) | • Comfortable footwear   |

## Formulate questions

Asking questions during your model home tour is a great way to gather more information to help you make an informed decision when the time comes. Here are the types of questions you should formulate

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| • What are the different floor plans you offer? | • Do all homes come with a warranty?        |
| • What features does the home include?          | • What is the financing process?            |
| • Are there any upgrade options?                | • What school district is the community in? |

## DURING THE TOUR:

### ☐ Inspect the home

During a model home tour, you should note your preferences and inspect critical areas of the home to see if they suit your taste. Here are the main features you should inspect:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Floor plan and style |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Craftsmanship        | <input type="checkbox"/> Community            |

### ☐ Keep an open mind

You should use your wish list to remind you of the key features you would like your home to have, but the wish list shouldn't prevent you from keeping an open mind. Below, write down what features stood out to you.

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## ☐ Ask questions

Don't be shy! Ask the questions you wrote down in the checklist's first step. Have you thought of more questions to ask during the tour? Ask them too! Write down the information you need to remember below.

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## ☐ Take pictures

Taking pictures during a model home tour may seem like an extra step, but it can be essential to help you review notable areas of the home after your tour. Here are some areas of a home you might photograph during a tour:

- Front yard
- Entranceway
- Living room
- Kitchen
- Bathrooms
- Bedrooms
- Basement
- Backyard

## **AFTER THE TOUR:**

### ☐ Review information and pictures

Now that you've had your model home tour, it's time to review! Write down what you liked and what you didn't like, and review the photographs you took of the home. At this stage, you may need to do more research on the property via the homebuilder's website or a good old-fashioned phone call to wrap up any lingering questions.

### ☐ Make your decision

You're now ready to make your decision! Is this the home for you? If so, congratulations! If not, no worries. You're now equipped with the information needed to make the best decision for yourself.

We wish you good luck in your home hunt!

