

The Hospitality AI Starter Kit: 10 AI tools that save a small venue hours every week (2026)

Ten real, currently available AI tools mapped to the jobs that eat a small venue's week. Pick the one problem that costs you the most time and start there.

#	Problem	Tool	Use it for	Cost (vendor-published)	Setup effort*
1	Review replies	ReplyHost (our product) hospohubai.vercel.app/replyhost	Paste a review, pick a tone, get an on-brand draft reply to edit and post.	Free (Pro coming soon — waitlist) checked 2026-10-14	Low: works in the browser, no account
2	Missed calls & guest questions	Hostie hostie.ai	Answer calls, texts and common questions in your restaurant's voice when the team is slammed.	Free trial; see pricing page checked 2026-10-13	Medium: connect phone line, add menu/FAQ info
3	Guest messaging (rentals)	HostBuddy AI hostbuddy.ai	Draft or send replies to short-term rental guests overnight from your property info.	See pricing page checked 2026-10-13	Medium: connect your PMS/listing, add house info
4	Rostering & timesheets	Homebase joinhomebase.com	Build schedules and track hours for a small team.	Free for 1 location up to 10 employees; paid from \$30/location/month checked 2026-10-13	Medium: add staff and availability
5	Bookings	Eat App restaurant.eatapp.co	Take online reservations and manage tables.	Free trial; see pricing page checked 2026-10-13	Medium: set up floor plan and booking widget
6	Event enquiries	Perfect Venue perfectvenue.com	Reply to private-event enquiries and send proposals faster.	Free plan; Professional \$199/location/month (annual), Premium \$299 checked 2026-10-13	Medium: add spaces, menus and pricing
7	Menus & posters	Canva AI canva.com	Design menus, posters and social graphics without a designer.	Free plan; paid plans on pricing page checked 2026-10-13	Low: browser-based, templates included
8	Social media	Buffer buffer.com	Plan and schedule a week of posts in one sitting.	Free plan; Essentials from \$5/month per channel (billed yearly) checked 2026-10-14	Low: connect your social accounts
9	Recipe costing	meez getmeez.com	Organise recipes and see what each dish costs to make.	From \$19/month (Starter, annual); Pro \$89; Premium \$179 checked 2026-10-13	Medium: enter recipes and ingredient prices
10	Room pricing (hotels & B&Bs)	RoomPriceGenie roompricegenie.com	Get daily room-rate recommendations without a revenue manager.	Free trial; see pricing page checked 2026-10-13	Medium: connect your PMS/channel manager

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Quick start: for one week, note where staff time goes (calls, guest messages, reviews, rosters). Trial one tool for the biggest time sink; most offer a free plan or trial. Keep a human in the loop on anything AI writes to guests.

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