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KeyNest

The Insider’s Guide

Key handover through local drop-off points for rental hosts



Every plan, grade, refund rule and rival among vacation rental tools, read from KeyNest’s own pages.

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ToolGPA put this guide together from KeyNest's own pages, its app-store listings and our grades. Every fact in it is on KeyNest's page too, where it is kept up to date. Checked Nov 13, 2026.

Welcome

What it is, who it suits, its grades and the ten things to know first

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GPA, above 3 of the 53 other vacation rental tools we grade

KeyNest lets a host leave a key at a nearby partner shop, cafe, hotel or locker, which the guest, cleaner or contractor collects with a 6-digit code. The host follows each key movement in an app. The company also sells its own lockers, a key-tracking app for agents and a guest-communication service.

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> **No store rating on record, and keys must reach a nearby Point.**
>
> From our grade for ease of use

To get you started, here are **8 things to know about KeyNest**, taken from its own pages and our grades.

1 **Best for hosts handing over keys in person**

KeyNest lets guests collect keys from local drop-off points with a code.

2 **Paid plans start at $34.99 a month**

As its pricing page puts it: $34.99 per key per month, billed annually (ex VAT).

3 **It runs on 3 platforms**

Web, iOS and Android.

4 **Key Points network**

The vendor lists over 7,000 public KeyNest Points, usually shops, cafes, hotels or lockers, many open around the clock.

5 **Code-based collection**

Guests, cleaners or contractors get a notification and a 6-digit code, with time-restricted codes for extra security.

6 **Live key tracking**

The KeyNest app shows each key's status in real time, with an access link guests can use to find the collection point.

7 **A 1.8 GPA, above 3 of 53**

That is against the other vacation rental tools we grade, on value, the free plan, features, ease of use and platforms.

8 **Keep it**

To replace KeyNest you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

KeyNest at a glance

PRICING Paid, from $34.99 per key per month, billed annually (ex VAT)	FREE PLAN No
FREE TRIAL None stated	RUNS ON Web, iOS, Android
MADE BY KeyNest	CATEGORY Vacation Rental Software
OUR GRADE 1.8 GPA, weak	

The report card

Best for hosts handing over keys in person

KeyNest lets guests collect keys from local drop-off points with a code. It works only where a KeyNest Point is near the property, and the yearly plan is $34.99 a key a month before VAT.

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KeyNest

Graded Nov 13, 2026

SUBJECT	GRADE	COMMENT
Value for money	C	$34.99 per key per month billed annually, ex VAT, in the category's dearest quarter. Pay as you go is $9.99 per key collection.
Free plan and trial	F	No free plan and no trial on record, so every use is paid from day one.
Features	C	A drop-off network, code collection, live key tracking, code delivery to Airbnb and PMS, and lockers. It does that one job fully, but it is a smaller job than a property system.
Ease of use	C	No store rating on record, and keys must reach a nearby Point.
Platforms and integrations	B	Web plus iOS and Android, with Airbnb code delivery.

Grade point average — Weak, out of 4.0 **1.8**

An A is worth 4 points, a B 3, a C 2, a D 1 and an F nothing. The GPA is the average of the five.

Who KeyNest is for

- ✓ Fits if your guests collect keys in person
- ✓ Works for hosts in cities with a KeyNest Point nearby

Who it is not for

- ✕ Skip it if no Point is near you, as it depends on one being close
- ✕ Pricey if you have many keys, as each key is $34.99 a month
- ✕ Watch out: prices on the US page exclude VAT, and other countries show their own
- ✕ Watch out: pay as you go adds daily storage after the first day
- ✕ Watch out: more than 20 keys is priced by quote

Good to know

Good for

- ✓ Hosts who want self check-in without installing a smart lock
- ✓ Cleaners and contractors needing scheduled key access
- ✓ Managers in cities where Points are common

Worth knowing

- ⓘ Prices on the US page are listed excluding VAT; other country sites show their own prices.
- ⓘ Pay-as-you-go charges per key collection plus daily storage after the first day.
- ⓘ Availability depends on a KeyNest Point being near the property; the page names US cities such as New York and Chicago.
- ⓘ More than 20 keys is priced by quote.

PART 02 · PRICING

What it costs

Every plan, the free plan, ways to pay less and how prices have moved

$34.99

A month to start

KeyNest is a paid product, starting at $34.99 per key per month, billed annually (ex VAT).

> **No free plan and no trial on record, so every use is paid from day one.**

From our grade for free plan and trial

PAY AS YOU GO

$9.99

per key collection, ex VAT

First day of storage included, then 99 cents per extra day, or 75 cents a day after 30 days.

MONTHLY PLAN

$39.99

per key per month, ex VAT

Free storage and unlimited key movements for each key.

YEARLY PLAN

$34.99

per key per month, billed annually, ex VAT

Same as the Monthly Plan at a lower monthly rate; custom quotes are offered above 20 keys.

Read from keynest.com on Nov 13, 2026.

What it does

Its main features, where it runs, what it works with and who makes it

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Places it runs: Web, iOS and Android

Key handover through local drop-off points for rental hosts. Here is what it does, as its own site describes it, and what it covers: tasks, workflow automation.

> **A drop-off network, code collection, live key tracking, code delivery to Airbnb and PMS, and lockers.**
>
> From our grade for features

Key Points network

The vendor lists over 7,000 public KeyNest Points, usually shops, cafes, hotels or lockers, many open around the clock.

Code-based collection

Guests, cleaners or contractors get a notification and a 6-digit code, with time-restricted codes for extra security.

Live key tracking

The KeyNest app shows each key's status in real time, with an access link guests can use to find the collection point.

Airbnb and PMS code delivery

Access codes can be created and sent to guests automatically through Airbnb or a property management system.

Lockers, Cloud and Guestcare

Related products include private lockers, a key-tracking app for offices and a 24/7 guest-communication service.

Where it runs

Web iOS Android

What it works with

Airbnb

KeyNest is made by KeyNest.

Where it stands

Its grades against its category, and whether to keep it or make your own

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Other vacation rental tools it is graded above

KeyNest's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 3 of the 53 other vacation rental tools we grade, and level with 10.

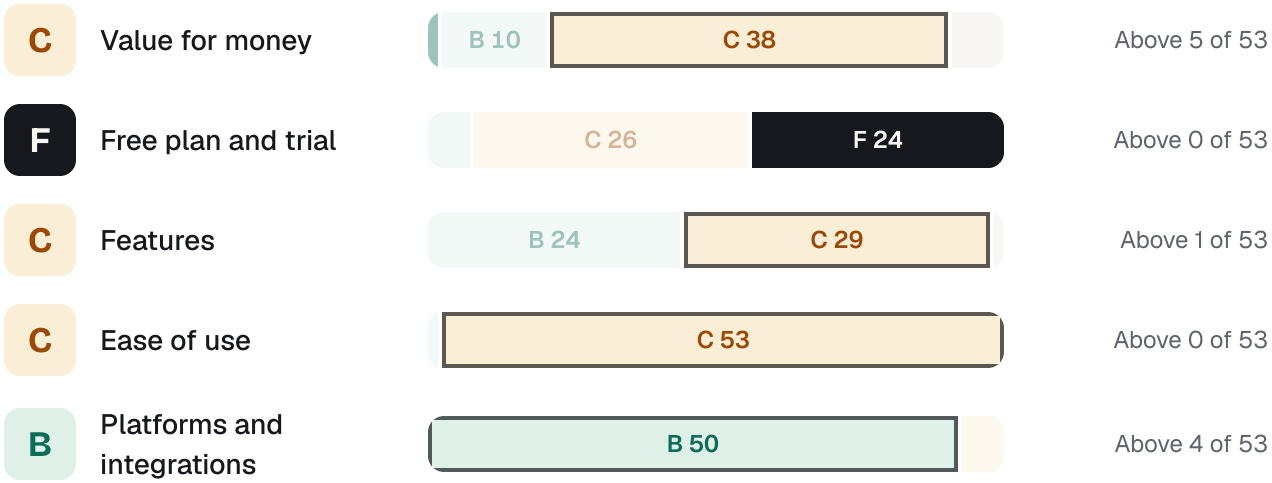
It stands best on platforms and integrations (B, above 4 of 53) and worst on free plan and trial (F, above 0).

Its paid plans start at $34.99 a month, against a middle price of $19.99 for the category: 28 of the 35 others that charge start lower.

On features, ease of use and platforms it scores 2.3 out of 4. 11 tools score higher and cost less.

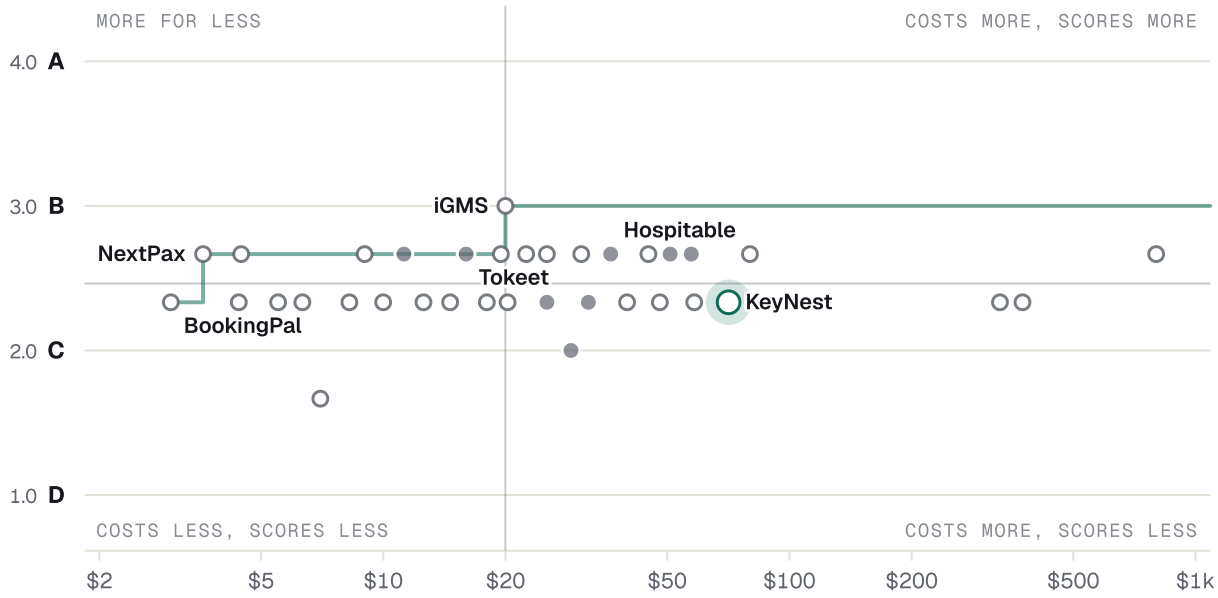
Each grade against the category

Every bar is all 54 vacation rental tools we grade, cut by the letter each got. KeyNest's own letter is outlined.



Price against what you get

Each dot is one of 36 vacation rental tools. Further left costs less; higher up scores better on features, ease of use and platforms. KeyNest is the marked dot.



What paid plans start at, a month (each step along is roughly double)

Keep it, or make your own?

Whether this is something you could build for yourself with an AI app builder, and what you would give up.

Keep it

To replace KeyNest you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change. That is not a weekend's work, with an AI app builder or without one.

That makes this kind of software worth paying for, not this one in particular: 40 of the 53 other vacation rental tools grade higher. It costs $419.88 a year.

What you could make

- Tasks: an app builder makes this well.

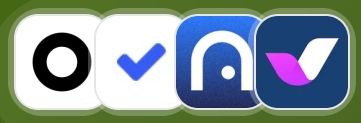
What you could not

- Connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.
- A real app for iOS and Android. Something home-made would be a web page.

What this rests on. KeyNest's listing: what it does, where it runs, what it plugs into and what it costs. It is a judgement about the kind of software this is. We have not built a replacement for it, and making your own means looking after it too. How we decide, and every tool's verdict.

The alternatives

The tools it is most often weighed against, side by side



Operto, Chekin, Enso Connect and Autohost

The 4 tools KeyNest is most often weighed against, with where each one differs from it.

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Operto

Paid

Guest access, messaging and housekeeping for rentals and hotels.

- Only KeyNest lists iOS and Android apps.
- KeyNest also covers workflow automation.
- Operto also covers shared inbox, time tracking and inventory.

KeyNest and Operto compared in full

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Chekin

Free trial · from €3.95/mo

Online guest check-in, ID checks and legal reporting for rentals.

- Only KeyNest lists iOS and Android apps.
- KeyNest also covers tasks and workflow automation.
- Chekin also covers shared inbox and invoicing.

KeyNest and Chekin compared in full



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Enso Connect

From $16/mo

AI guest messaging, check-in and upsells for rentals and hotels.

- Only KeyNest lists iOS and Android apps.
- KeyNest also covers tasks and workflow automation.
- Enso Connect also covers shared inbox, AI support agent, whatsApp messaging and chatbots.

KeyNest and Enso Connect compared in full



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Autohost

Free trial

Guest ID verification and fraud screening for rentals and hotels.

- Only KeyNest lists iOS and Android apps.
- KeyNest also covers tasks and workflow automation.
- Autohost also covers forms.

KeyNest and Autohost compared in full

Quick answers

The questions people ask about it, each answered in a line or two

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Questions, each answered in a line or two

The short version of everything above, for when you only need the answer. Each one is told in full in its part of the guide.

Is KeyNest free?

No. KeyNest is a paid product, starting at $34.99 per key per month, billed annually (ex VAT).

How much does KeyNest cost?

KeyNest lists 3 plans. Pay as you go: $9.99 per key collection, ex VAT.

What platforms does KeyNest work on?

KeyNest is available on Web, iOS and Android.

Does KeyNest have a Windows app?

No Windows app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. KeyNest is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Does KeyNest have a macOS app?

No macOS app was listed when its pages were read on Nov 13, 2026. KeyNest is listed for Web, iOS and Android.

Is KeyNest open source?

KeyNest is not described as open source on its own site, as read on Nov 13, 2026.

What does KeyNest integrate with?

KeyNest's listing names Airbnb. A listing names up to eight integrations, so it may connect to more.

Who makes KeyNest?

KeyNest is made by a company of the same name.

What are the alternatives to KeyNest?

The closest alternatives to KeyNest in our directory are Operto, Chekin, Enso Connect and Autohost.

How does KeyNest compare with other vacation rental tools?

KeyNest's GPA of 1.8 is higher than 3 of the 53 other vacation rental tools we grade, and level with 10.

Is KeyNest good value for money?

ToolGPA grades KeyNest C for value for money. Its paid plans start at $34.99 a month, against a middle price of $19.99 for the category: 28 of the 35 others that charge start lower.

Could I make my own version of KeyNest?

To replace KeyNest you would be making connections to other products, each kept working as those products change.

Where this guide comes from

The prices, plans, platforms and features were read from KeyNest's own pages on Nov 13, 2026, and the grades were given on Nov 13, 2026. Graded from this listing, whose facts were read from KeyNest's own pages on 13 November 2026. Not based on using the product, and shorter than our full reviews.

Every tool we list gets five grades, A to F, each with its reason, and a GPA that averages them. How each is decided is at toolgpa.com/grades. This guide is ToolGPA's own work; it is not made, paid for or approved by KeyNest. Prices change, so check keynest.com before you buy.

keynest.com/us/airbnb-key-exchange

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About ToolGPA

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Tools graded, in 95 categories

ToolGPA grades software the way a school report grades a pupil: five subjects, a letter for each with the reason written beside it, and a GPA that averages them. Prices, plans and platforms are read from each maker's own pages and dated, so you always know how fresh a figure is.

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7,721	95	739	579
tools graded	categories	price changes on record	apps priced in 12 countries

What else is on toolgpa.com

KeyNest, kept up to date

Everything in this guide, with prices and grades as they are today

toolgpa.com/tools/keynest

How grades are given

The rules behind every letter and every GPA

toolgpa.com/grades

Value charts

What each tool costs against what it scores, for every category

toolgpa.com/charts

Compare

Any two tools side by side, plan by plan

toolgpa.com/compare

Price changes

Every price rise and cut on record, each with its source

toolgpa.com/price-changes

Prices by country

What apps cost on the App Store in 12 countries

toolgpa.com/prices-by-country

Pay less

Every public discount: yearly billing, students, nonprofits

toolgpa.com/save

Keep or make

Which tools are worth paying for, and which you could build yourself

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Vacation Rental Software Insider's Guide

Every one of the 54 vacation rental tools we grade, compared

CiiRUS Insider's Guide

Vacation rental PMS with trust accounting for professional managers

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Hospitable Insider's Guide

Guest messaging, channel sync and operations for short-term rentals

2.6 GPA

Hostex Insider's Guide

Low-cost channel manager and PMS for short-term rentals

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