



## Why Choose a Bed and Breakfast Location?

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Hotels of all shapes, sizes, and price ranges exist all over the world. You can have privacy, room service, an amazing array of amenities, and the convenience of never having to clean your room. Restaurants, shops, tours, transportation are all available right outside the lobby door, so why in the world would you choose to stay in a Bed and Breakfast?

Because a Bed and Breakfast location can also offer those same bonuses along with a truly amazing and historical place to stay – not to mention a fabulous breakfast included in your rate. We have stayed in Bed and Breakfast locations all over the United States and find that we often enjoy them much more than a hotel stay. Here is an array of vastly different locations we have visited that you might want to add to your travel bucket list.

## The Villa D'Citta in Chicago, Illinois

A lovely, historic greystone mansion located in the prestigious Chicago neighborhood of Lincoln Park which has been remodeled and furnished like an elegant Italian villa, this Bed and Breakfast is truly one of the most luxurious places we have ever stayed. With a beautiful, outside grotto and large hot tub, they have plenty of room for relaxing and even host cookouts in the summer. The back door leads into a nicely furnished and very comfortable lounge area with a fireplace which adjoins the dining area and the large, state of the art kitchen. The beautifully decorated living room is furnished with comfortable furniture for guests to gather and get to know one another. The Grand Tuscan Suite, where we stayed, is over 1,000 square feet and offers a flat screen television, fireplace, French doors out to a tiny but perfect terrace, and lovely hardwood floors. In addition, there is a huge bathroom with twin sinks, a marble soaking tub and a full steam shower. There is also another small bedroom with two twin beds which would be perfect for kids or another couple. Of course a full, hot, and delicious breakfast is served every morning and fresh fruit and freshly baked cookies are available every day, but the kitchen is also kept stocked for guests and you are free to help yourself. The fridge is full of cold tea and lemonade, as well as the makings for paninis, pizzas, and waffles. A Panini maker, pizza oven, and waffle maker are just part of the incredible service here. You are also free to use the kitchen to prepare meals or to store takeout in the fridge. *It's the perfect place to stay when visiting Chicago.*



## The Inns at El Rancho Merlita, Tucson, Arizona

Have you ever heard for Merle Norman, the cosmetics queen? Did you know she had a winter hideaway in Arizona? Well, yes she did. And that hideaway has turned into an amazing Bed and Breakfast location tucked away in a neighborhood on the outskirts of the city. Drive up the driveway that winds through the desert and through the lovely gates and peace and quiet envelops you. Pretty soon, you find that the history of this gem of a bed and breakfast location is just as fascinating as the peacefulness. In the 1950's when Tucson was a quiet, small town in the middle of the desert, Merle Norman bought a big tract of land off an old cattle trail. She then commissioned her brother to design a wonderful 1950's ranch house that would be low and sprawling so it would stay cool in the desert heat and would have brick walls and a red tile roof, huge picture windows displaying the gorgeous views of both the desert and the mountains that surround Tucson. A long verandah would stretch across the front of the house and overlook a huge lawn and a beautiful swimming pool. He designed it exactly like that and that is just what you see when you pull in through the ornate, iron gates. There are actually two inns on the property; the Ranch House Inn and the Arroyo House Inn. The Arroyo House Inn is the estate's original guest house and has four rooms and suites, each with unique decor and luxury accommodations and amenities. All the rooms include luxurious linens, robes & slippers, lovely bath products, wife and direct access to the outside patios. We stayed in the Ranch House Inn in the Spanish Colonial room and the gorgeous furnishings in this room were obviously influenced by Spain's colonial influence on Arizona. The huge bathroom and equally huge tub and a large walk-in closet were very nice additions to our room. The back yard of the inn is completely different from the front with its green grass lawn and has been maintained in a natural desert state. The inside of the Ranch House Inn is just as lovely as the rest of the property. It truly seems like a home and you are welcome to relax in the comfortable living room, with its Western theme. There is also a study with more very comfortable furniture and a TV, although there are also TV's in every bedroom. The breakfast at the Inns at El Rancho Merlita was wonderful – and we also enjoyed the freshly baked cookies in the dining area every afternoon. *It's the perfect place to stay when visiting Tucson.*



## The Red Coach Inn, Niagara Falls, New York

One of the best things about this charming, historic (they opened for business in 1923!) Bed and Breakfast Inn, aside from the amazing suites, the incredible breakfasts, and the lovely neighborhood, is the fact that it is located just a few feet from the Upper Rapids which lead to Niagara Falls. The Inn was built in the architectural style of the old English Tudor period



and was named for General Lafayette's famous red carriage and is actually considered a Bed and Breakfast Hotel, which is why they include the wonderful breakfasts. We enjoyed everything from hot oatmeal to freshly baked waffles each morning ordered off the menu and included in our rate. Our quite fabulous Sheffield Suite was actually located out the front door of the beautifully furnished lobby and down a brick sidewalk in another part of the Inn. An impressive foyer with burgundy carpet was, surprisingly, part of our suite with doors leading to a bedroom and our bathroom which had a fabulous Jacuzzi tub. The bedroom had gorgeous, antique furniture including a comfy king-size bed and a nice desk, a cozy gas fireplace and a little kitchen area with a fridge, microwave, coffeemaker and toaster. You could easily make your own breakfast here but why would you when a full breakfast is included in your rate? There was a telephone with voicemail and free long distance anywhere in the United States, a Bose stereo, a television, free wireless Internet, plush terrycloth robes, hair dryer, and Gilchrist and Soames amenities from England. The restaurant is a very nice place to relax and enjoy a meal, with a beautiful natural stone fireplace for winter and a patio for summer. *It's the perfect place to stay when you visit Niagara Falls.*

## Pelican Cove Inn Bed and Breakfast, Carlsbad, California

Located just two blocks from the beach and three blocks from the lovely village of Carlsbad, this beautiful, large beach house has been converted into a very comfortable Inn with 10 differently configured rooms. All the rooms have a private bath and private entrance, along with a feather bed and fireplace. Huge, fluffy, and placed on a bed so high we had to use a stool to get in it, the feather bed was pretty darn fabulous. Our suite was huge with a nice bedroom, sitting area, a big walk-in closet and bathroom. We were in the Santa Barbara room but each room is equally lovely and decorated beautifully, so any of the rooms would be a great choice. The



thoughtful touches, like a full bowl of candy on the mantle in our room made our stay truly special. There is plenty of off the street parking and you are welcome to relax in the charmingly furnished living room. You can have breakfast in the parlor, the sun porch, or on the patio, or they will even make a tray to take to your room. There is plenty to do in nearby Carlsbad from shopping in the many local shops, dining at a variety of restaurants, or even hopping the Coaster train into San Diego, which is close by. *It's the perfect place to stay when you visit Carlsbad.*

## The Inn at Aberdeen, Valparaiso, Indiana

This beautiful, historic Inn, hidden away in a neighborhood of Valparaiso, is an 1850's home that was completely remodeled in 1995 into 11 fabulous suites with king or two queen beds, two person Jacuzzis, fireplaces, patios or balconies, large private baths, and free Wi-Fi. They even have a kitchenette suite available for longer stay. Each suite takes on a name from Scottish history. The beautiful entrance foyer is enhanced by the gorgeous staircase spiraling up to the suites from the lobby. To the right of the lobby area is a lovely solarium furnished with comfortable furniture to enjoy the sunshine. The solarium is equipped with a snack area with ice, drinks, snacks, and a refrigerator which is stocked with cheesecake! Guests are encouraged to gather in the solarium for an evening dessert, beverage, and some conversation. The Bannockburn Suite is a large, luxurious expanse with a fireplace, sitting area, desk, balcony overlooking the property, and a large Jacuzzi tub in the bathroom. There is also an 18-hole championship golf course which surrounds the Inn, as well as a salon spa and restaurant in the nearby shopping area which is just a short walk away, and beautiful Indiana Dunes State Park right on Lake Michigan is just a short drive. *It's the perfect place to stay when you visit Valparaiso.*

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