



Lodging – Historic Bed & Breakfast Hospitality

Walk back in time in the heart of Bellefonte's National Register Historic District, where stately Victorian-era homes captivate the visitor. On Linn Street, six of these masterpieces have been painstakingly restored or rehabilitated to cater to bed and breakfast guests with charm and hospitality, reminiscent of the town's glorious political/industrial past.

Guests are indulged like royalty at The Queen, an 1890s Queen Anne architectural gem bulging with hundreds of historic treasures, from Victorian clothing to ruby glass dinnerware to vintage Santa Clauses. Just down the street, an 1858 cottage known as The Barnard House offers a porch for visitors to sit and chat before setting off to shop, dine or stroll the town's historic paths. At the 1877 Bellefonte Victorian Manor, guests can savor coffee on one of three porches or linger over breakfast served right in their rooms.

A relative youngster, approaching only its 100th birthday (1908-2008), Claire's Inn on Linn offers private rooms and personal pampering. The Reynolds Mansion, a massive three-story stone manor house opulent with walnut paneling and hardwood parquet floors, has been designated the best B&B near a college or university by Arrington's Inn Traveler for the past three years. The Garret down the street predates the Civil War (1860) and is rumored to have once welcomed "passengers" on the Underground Railroad.

These hubs of hospitality extend far beyond Linn Street. On neighboring Curtin Street, another famed street in the historic district, The Annie Natt House offers the cordial welcome of two spacious suites. Country breakfasts and hometown hospitality are the specialties at the family-oriented McCafferty House. In the scenic Bellefonte countryside Selgate House invites visitors and their polite family pets to share its comforts indoors and out. A library, billiards room and manicured gardens are among the many attractions of The Inn at Walnut Acres.

Spring Creek House offers themed rooms (English, Native American and Asian) along with its 250 feet of Spring Creek frontage for a taste of the area's world-famous fly-fishing. At Riffles & Runs, a resident trout fishing expert and guide is available for angling tips after a home-cooked breakfast in the sunny dining room.

In addition to the personalized hospitality of historic bed and breakfasts, the Bellefonte area is also home to a variety of motels, campgrounds and hotels, including the 1868 Bush House hotel overlooking beautiful Talleyrand Park and Spring Creek.

Whatever their style, visitors can find a perfect home-away-from-home while enjoying the fun of shopping and exploring the fascinating history and scenic beauty of Bellefonte and its surrounding countryside.