

# **“Bed and Breakfasts in Atlantic County”**

Atlantic City has become synonymous with big casinos with dazzling lights and the sweet cha-ching pitter patter that follows. But what if big and flashy wasn't your thing? Perhaps you would prefer more personal attention when getting away. Why not consider a bed and breakfast? When you stay at a bed and breakfast, you get a comfortable room in addition to many free extras. The large majority of B&Bs now offer Wi-Fi, and nearly all offer free parking and snacks. One of the best perks of a B&B is the included breakfast, which is usually a delicious home-cooked meal. Some inns also offer discounts on local attractions and events. Staying at a bed and breakfast is the perfect choice of lodging when you need a relaxing escape. From personalized attention to delicious food, there are many reasons to choose a bed and breakfast over a hotel. Atlantic County has a handful of cozy B&B's you may want to pay attention to.

Carisbrooke Inn, located in the historic Ventnor community, just minutes from Atlantic City Hotels and Casinos, offers wonderful visual details, like dramatic front doors, high ceilings, ornate moldings and a commanding center staircase. Located just a few steps from the pristine Ventnor beaches the inn is eclectically decorated with themes from the Victorian era as well as English and French cottages. After enjoying a magnificent multi-course homemade breakfast in their beautiful parlor, you may choose to soak up the sun on their ocean view front deck, relax in the serenity of the back patio, or cool down with a dip in the Atlantic Ocean. Return to the sun drenched Main Parlor for their very well known popular Evening Wine and Refreshments, which is served fireside in the winter months and on their ocean view deck in the summer.

What better way to experience Atlantic County than to stay in the home of where it all started? After all none of this would technically be here if it weren't for Dr. Jonathan Pitney back in the 1800's deciding Absecon Island was a healthy resort area. His award-winning historic home is located on North Shore Road in Absecon! The home was built in 1799, added to in 1848 and beautifully restored in 2015. Jonathan Pitney house has 8 period-appointed rooms and 6 suites, all with private baths, gas fireplaces, air-conditioning and decorated from the early 1800's and Victorian era. Close by is Historic Smithville, Historic Renault Winery, Forsythe Wildlife Preserve and numerous golf courses and just a 15 minute car ride away you'll find all that Atlantic City has to offer.

"Welcoming the weary traveler", The Colonial Inn is located just 20 minutes from Atlantic City and is the perfect location for a relaxing retreat and a little fun! In the heart of Historic Towne of Smithville with its over 60 unique shops, 7 eateries, paddle boats, and over 30 free weekend events the Colonial Inn offers cathedral ceilings, free wifi, luxurious high-quality linens, private bathrooms, electric fireplaces, and picturesque views of the lake. The village offers much to do and all within walking distance of the Colonial Inn rooms. Historic Smithville N.J. is 12 miles from the excitement of Atlantic City, 40 minutes from Ocean City, N.J., and just 1 hour from Philadelphia.

The Inn at Sugar Hill, located in Mays Landing, is an authentic, quaint country inn. For over 170 years this Federal style colonial, with added gingerbread laced riverside veranda, sits perched on the high bluff overlooking the Great Egg Harbor River. The Inn features six comfortable, nicely appointed guest rooms all having private baths with premium amenities, fireplaces, flat screen TV's, free WIFI as well as secure hard wired internet access, and air-conditioning. Overnight guests have unlimited access to the second floor butlers pantry with complimentary snacks and beverages. So for any of you who get the midnight munchies, rest assured your needs are met at The Inn at Sugar Hill! Their first floor veranda boasts a romantic sitting area off the tavern that offers river views, fireplace and board games. In season, their riverfront boathouse and dock offers a private deck with wicker furniture for guests to take in the best river sunsets in the county.

Please don't misconstrue what I'm saying. Staying at any one of the beautiful hotels in Atlantic County is absolutely a treat, but the experience of staying at a bed and breakfast is unique. It's almost like coming home from college for a long weekend, getting all the attention you could ever ask for, people doting on you, offering complimentary snacks and amenities left and right and then you leave, going back to your reality, refreshed and relaxed. If you get a chance to take a weekend and check out a bed and breakfast, please do! You genuinely will not regret it.

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