

Our Favorite Midwest B&Bs

Blissful B&Bs

Think you know B&Bs? We did, too--until we stayed in some that took the concept and elevated it to pure bliss.

In these 44 Midwest B&Bs, you won't find small beds, shared baths, frumpy decor, overzealous innkeepers or too much lace. What you will find: luxurious linens, expertly prepared food from nearby sources, exquisitely maintained properties and modern amenities. (Not to mention hosts who balance gracious hospitality with a respect for privacy.) They also offer a variety of settings, whether you're looking for small towns, foodie flourishes, urban neighborhoods or countryside views.



Vrooman Mansion, Bloomington, Illinois

Spend an evening in this 1869 home and imagine the visits from Eleanor Roosevelt and Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan. Breakfast stuns: a menu of seasonal fruit sprinkled with crystallized ginger, whole-grain waffles and eggs baked in a slew of herbs. From \$100 (877/346-6488; vroomanmansion.com).