

In-Town Sleepover

A GALLON OF GAS MAY NOT TAKE YOU 100 MILES AWAY, BUT IT CAN TAKE YOU TO ANOTHER CENTURY. WITHIN 20 MILES OF THE CITY CENTER ARE **BED AND BREAKFASTS** THAT WILL TRANSPORT YOU TO ANOTHER WORLD. HERE'S A SAMPLING:

1 THE WILLIAM MILLER HOUSE

This 1869 Greek Revival home on Floyd Avenue in the Fan was built by the owner of Rogers & Miller Marbleworks, William Miller. The original marble mantels and architectural details have been preserved, and the house is a regular stop on the neighborhood's holiday house tour.

With only two suites, advance reservations are a must for this B & B (1129 Floyd Ave. 254-2928 or ourfanhomes.com) that is known for its sumptuous breakfast.

Co-owner Mike Rohde is the morning chef, and he serves up European favorites including crêpes, eggs with Boursin cheese, foie gras and fresh fruits in the elegant formal dining room. In-room amenities include plush robes and fine bath products, and the room rate includes a beverage tray with handmade chocolates and an evening wine buffet.

Rohde also offers a breakfast cooking class for men. And being within walking distance of the Fan's art galleries and museums, the First Fridays Artwalk package sells out far in advance of each event.

2 HISTORIC MANKIN MANSION BED & BREAKFAST

Just a few miles east of downtown Richmond on a winding country road in Henrico County, Mankin Mansion

(4300 Oakleys Lane. 737-7773 or historicmankinmansion.com) feels like it's a million miles away. The sprawling 7,000-square-foot brick home, which is on the National Register of Historic



3 MAURY PLACE

If you've always wanted to live in one of the 19th-century mansions on Monument Avenue, you'll get your chance this fall. Set your phones to speed dial for the highly anticipated opening of the only guest house with rooms overlooking the city's historic statue-lined street. Built in 1916, Maury Place (3101 W. Franklin St. 353-2717 or mauryplace.com) faces the Matthew Fontaine Maury Monument, and is a stone's throw from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, the Virginia Historical Society and popular Museum District restaurants including 1 North Belmont and Zeus Gallery Café.

Each of the four luxurious suites feature original maple floors, exquisite linens, 36- to 42-inch flat screen televisions, heated tile bathroom floors, spa robes, and Gilchrist & Soames bath products. Three of the four suites also have original ornate fireplaces and mantels, and the largest suite, The Pathfinder, runs the entire length of the house.

MY RICHMOND



"I think a [B&B stay] is more like staying with friends. People seem to really enjoy the wine and cheese in the evenings and breakfast in the mornings."

—ANNA CURRENCE
Innkeeper at
Museum District
Bed & Breakfast