



The Unique Yankee Bed & Breakfast

Visitors to picturesque coastal Maine might like to explore fishing villages, nature preserves, and art and antique galleries, then spend each night in unique serene comfort. They might enjoy a romantic cruise and overnight stay on a well-appointed yacht. Or viewing the seascape from a hilltop ocean observatory. Or reading that special book in a restful Victorian rose garden.



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The Unique Yankee Bed and Breakfast — nestled on a wooded three-acre hilltop setting above Christmas Cove, South Bristol, on the Gulf of Maine... 160 Miles from Boston

— offers a central spot for experiencing this fabled coast, and a haven from vacation hustle-bustle.

Innkeepers/owners Richard and Cheryl Munson have somewhat miraculously fashioned a state-of-the-art bed and breakfast from an unfinished, neglected — not to say “derelict” — mansion that they bought in 2003, after falling in love with coastal Maine and deciding to make it their home. They opened for business in April 2004.

“In fourteen months, we accomplished an extreme makeover,” says Richard, who’s a whirlwind of enthusiasm for the new

home that he and Cheryl are eager to share with guests. “Now we’re creat-

ing the gardens — ten unique perennial gardens on what was essentially a three-acre hilltop mess. One garden will feature 59 David Austin antique roses.”



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All guests are invited to take three-hour daytime upclose and personal, shoreline cruises, he adds.

The Unique Yankee Bed and Breakfast itself, with its open floor plan and wrap-around deck, offers yet another way to view the ocean. The windowed tower



above the second floor includes, at mid-level, a cozy sitting room, art gallery, and exercise area, and, at the top, the ocean observatory. Here, visitors view Johns Bay, Pemaquid Point,

and, on a clear day, Monhegan Island, telescope supplied. At night, the sky glows with lighthouse lights from Pemaquid Point and Monhegan. Cheryl serves coffee in the observatory for early risers, and wine and cold drinks at sunset.

The Unique Yankee offers four spacious sleeping rooms, each with a queen-size bed and a

private bathroom featuring a jetted, two-person tub and separate shower. Each room's entertainment center includes cable TV, VCR, and DVD, and is concealed in a closet, for those who, like Cheryl, "don't like looking at a blank TV screen," or who simply prefer a respite from media. All rooms are also equipped with a microwave and refrigerator.



In one room, a private entrance opens onto a small courtyard, convenient for guests who travel with their pets. (The Munsons themselves enjoy the assistance of two gracious innkeeper-golden-retrievers, whom they refer to as "the kids.")

Guests rave about the Munsons' delicious buffet breakfasts. They can take some home. Richard and Cheryl have developed a private label that includes maple syrup, Sir Richard's Peach Surprise Muffin Mix, and Lady Cheryl's Blue Cornmeal Pancake Mix.

"We like our guests to feel at home," Richard sums it up, in a masterpiece of understatement.

