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TripAdvisor Names 10 Of The Quirkiest U.S. Accommodations

Floating B&B, Giant Dog, and Desert Cave Among America's Most Unique Properties

NEWTON, Mass., July 25, 2013 /PRNewswire/ -- [TripAdvisor®](#), the world's largest travel site*, today announced 10 quirky accommodations in the U.S., as chosen by TripAdvisor editors. Travelers seeking a unique lodging experience can hunker down in one of these far-out accommodations, which include a larger-than-life beagle, a historic ferry and a subterranean B&B.

"For travelers who want a truly unique experience on vacation and stories to tell for a lifetime, these funky properties will surely fit the bill," said Brooke Ferencsik, director of communications at TripAdvisor.

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Caving Inn: [Kokopelli Cave Bed and Breakfast](#), Farmington, New Mexico

Located 70 feet below the ground near the Four Corners region of the U.S., this one guestroom bed and breakfast offers more than the average digs. Travelers are invited to experience the 1,650 square foot dwelling that boasts Southwestern style furniture and decor, a full kitchen, washer/dryer, and even a relaxing flagstone hot tub. "This was a once in a lifetime experience! The cave is comfortable and has many homey touches," commented a TripAdvisor traveler.

Variety Show: [El Cosmico](#), Marfa, Texas

Located in the southwest region of the Lone Star state, this 18-acre property gives travelers the option to stay in a trailer, tent or teepee. Restored trailers are complete with marine-varnished birch interiors, an eclectic collection of furniture and comfortable amenities including fans, heaters, refrigerators, and cooking supplies. A TripAdvisor traveler noted, "Two nights were not nearly enough - El Cosmico is such a charming funky place, comfortable and staffed with friendly people who want to help you have a great stay."

Ferry Tale: [Yankee Ferry](#), Red Hook, New York

Floating on the Hudson River in the Red Hook area of Brooklyn, this 1907 steel-hulled passenger vessel invites travelers to climb aboard and rest their heads in its spacious quarters. Guests can check out the boat's "Polka Dot Garden" that boasts a variety of veggies while enjoying magnificent views of Manhattan. "This is by far the most unique and amazing place I have ever stayed. It is unlike anything else, blending adventure, history, and a sense of home all in one," said a TripAdvisor traveler.

Ruffing it: [Dog Bark Park Inn](#), Cottonwood, Idaho

Travelers visiting this bed and breakfast located 200 miles north of Boise will be glad to be in the doghouse. Guests are warmly welcomed as they enter the B&B built in the shape of a giant beagle, affectionately named "Sweet Willy," and make their way to the loft room located in the pooch's head. Amenities include complimentary breakfast, air conditioning, and as a pet-friendly property, lots of tail-wagging fun. "Simply put this is the best place we've ever stayed. A noble and absurd undertaking - made with love and care - Sweet Willy was fun, silly and cozy," said a TripAdvisor traveler.

Lighthouse Living: [East Brother Light Station](#), Point Richmond, California

Situated on a strait between San Francisco and San Pablo Bay, this Victorian lighthouse offers a romantic, one of a kind stay. Following a 10-minute ferry ride, travelers will immerse themselves in the stunning scenery and lavish guest rooms, and relish the exquisite, fresh fare. "It's amazing that folks pass this hidden treasure on a daily basis and have no idea of the prospect of relaxation and solitude that awaits," commented a TripAdvisor traveler.

Back to School: [McMenamins Kennedy School](#), Portland, Oregon

Travelers will get a lesson in some old-fashioned fun at this converted schoolhouse. Fifty-seven former classrooms, still adorned with chalkboards, now house plush beds for guests to rest to their heads. Those interested in extracurricular activities can view a movie in the former auditorium or sip a beverage at the "Detention Bar." A TripAdvisor traveler commented, "Beyond comparison, this hotel transformed from a former school, had all of the imagined charm and then some."

Nature Nook: [Starlight Llama Bed and Breakfast](#), Florence, Massachusetts

Twenty miles north of Springfield in western Massachusetts, travelers can connect with nature while enjoying an off-the-grid experience. Running on solar power and recognized in the [TripAdvisor GreenLeaders](#)™ program, guests at this bed and breakfast are invited to socialize with the property's animals including emus, peacocks, and of course, llamas. "I really enjoyed my stay here, the rooms were clean and cozy, breakfast was delicious, and the animals were pretty awesome," commented a TripAdvisor traveler.

Train Spotting: [Red Caboose Getaway](#), Sequim, Washington

Located at the picturesque junction of the Olympic Mountains and the Dungeness River, this locomotive lodging offers spectacular scenery atop of tracks. Travelers can climb aboard six themed caboose cars refurbished with modern amenities including mini refrigerators, hot tubs, and a collection of train-travel movies, and later enjoy a gourmet meal at the "Silver Eagle" zephyr dining car. "The decor is charming, thoughtful, railroad-authentic, playful and well appointed," commented a TripAdvisor traveler.

Houseboat Haven: [Green Turtle Floating Bed and Breakfast](#), Boston, Massachusetts

Moored in Boston Harbor, this floating houseboat offers travelers a comfortable rest on the water. After a day of touring nearby sites along the Freedom Trail, guests can enjoy stunning views of the Boston skyline or unwind with luxurious amenities in one of two suites that offer private bathrooms, in-room kitchenettes, and Wi-Fi. A TripAdvisor traveler commented, "It was the best night's sleep I've had in months, and I felt so at ease in the comfort of this wonderful bed and breakfast."

Masterpiece Hotel: [21c Museum Hotel Bentonville](#), Bentonville, Arkansas

Located 200 miles northwest of Little Rock, this boutique hotel features its own museum for true art aficionados. Travelers will marvel at the rotating collection of contemporary exhibitions and dynamic installations, and will be equally inspired by the lodging's gracious guest rooms designed by renowned architect Deborah Berke. A TripAdvisor traveler said, "Prepare to be surprised and delighted by this intriguing hotel and museum." From check-in to check-out, no detail was too small to escape the wonderful staff."

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