

WHERE TO STAY



A view from the Captain's Quarters room.

LIFE ON THE WATER FRONT

Think Coachella Valley and you think the bright lights of Palm Springs, the sparkling sands of the desert, and some of the best golf, shopping and dining imaginable. You don't think French Chateau-style bed and breakfasts resting on the shores of a beautiful lake.

But that's what's in store at the Lake La Quinta Inn, one of the most refreshingly secluded places to stay in the greater Palm Springs area.

The 11-room inn, located in the community of La Quinta, is minutes from PGA West and a host of other top-notch courses. The inn, four-and-a-half years old, is designed for small golf groups and couples who are looking for genuine peace and quiet during their stay in the desert.

"I think a lot of golfers appreciate a smaller place to stay, somewhere where you don't have to drag your bags up and down staircases, hallways and elevators," said innkeeper Tim Ellis.

Instead, golfers park their cars in front of the inn, and are mere footsteps away from their rooms, each of which is themed around a different motif and includes high quality decorations and furnishing. The themed rooms include the woody flavor of the American Southwest (Desert Spirit), the salty flair of nautical life (The Captain's Quarters,) and the exotic allure of Asia (The Lotus). The most popular golf room, of course, is St. Andrews, which includes Scottish golf décor.

Every room has a view of Lake La Quinta, a man-made lake built for the Lake La Quinta community, and includes a fireplace. Half the rooms have outside Jacuzzis; the other half have tubs.

With such a small number of rooms, service is highly personalized.

"There's a very special feeling about bed and breakfasts," said Ellis. "It's very friendly and we're always here to assist our guests."

Breakfast is offered each morning in the dining room, which is adjacent to the salon, and is graced with a 28-foot ceiling, a comfy reading area and a piano. ■

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