



Whistling Swan Inn

Stanhope, New Jersey



Bed & Breakfast

And vintage home it is. Built in 1905 by Justice of the Peace David Best, the Whistling Swan Inn has been a bed and breakfast establishment for about 20 years. The shuttered, white frame Victorian structure with turret yields nine guest rooms with private baths and queen-size featherbeds. All of the modern amenities such as TV/VCRs and telephones, dataports and wireless DSL connections are available in each room for business travelers. The Whistling Swan also houses an extensive video and board game collection for low-key amusement and a step back into the past.

Florals of every size and description adorn the two floors at Whistling Swan Inn. Windows are draped or swagged for an elegant and warm look, there are rugs scattered upon carpet throughout, and oversized chairs allow curling up or spreading out—guest choice.

In the Walnut Valley Suite there is a custom-tiled whirlpool tub for two near a cozy sitting area warmed on cool

evenings by a gas fireplace with mahogany mantle. The canopy bed is “dreamy,” especially since the suite is located in a peaceful corner of the inn.

Each room has a view of the gardens or the neighborhood, but the High Point Suite offers a more expansive alternative. This two room, six-sided accommodation is housed in the inn’s Victorian turret, so it is both lofty (on the third floor) and private.

Then there are the nostalgic rooms...1920s antiques like a bird’s eye maple chifferobe and matching head and foot boards in the Great Meadows Room, and 1940s era radio, etched mirror vanity and old-fashioned tub in the Stillwater Room under the eaves. These are especially popular during June’s annual Stanhope Days when the inn is open for tours and the staff is dressed in period attire.

Travelers on business trips will appreciate the amenities of a fine hotel within the surroundings of a secure home where personal attention is a watchword. Laundry and dry cleaning service, flexible check in, check out and “take along” breakfasts, as well as copies, light typing, fax service and ben-



efits like a frequent stay program are available at the Whistling Swan Inn. And if the boss is in town, Liz will arrange the parlor, dining room and veranda for meetings of 5-20 people, provide breakfast buffet and lunch and audiovisual equipment as needed.

In addition to flexibility, the common rooms offer a comfortable gathering place with a 24-hour hospitality bar for homemade cookies, snacks and beverages. Guests may want to lounge in the parlor in front of the original 1905 Victorian fireplace or sit outside, weather permitting, on the large wraparound veranda with its inviting wicker furniture. Liz will work with a wedding planner to organize all aspects of a small, romantic wedding either in the parlor, on the veranda or in the beautiful Victorian garden that is accessed through a lovely, vine-covered arbor.

Liz serves a buffet breakfast each morning so guests can leisurely eat at their own pace. Freshly ground gourmet coffee, a large selection of fine teas, seasonal fruits, homemade granola and juices accompany the hot entrée. Full country breakfasts may include Liz's signature pumpkin bread pudding with caramel sauce, ham and wild rice quiche or perhaps a spinach cheddar quiche. Fresh breads like ricotta cheesecake bread or cinnamon walnut streusel cake are often on the menu. Since Liz was formerly employed as a nutritionist, she can accommodate special diets, and makes those guests an extraordinary meal with advance notice. On occasion, Whistling Swan Inn offers cooking classes and a meal prepared by visiting chefs.

To work off those calories, guests can avail themselves of a fitness center, biking and hiking trails, golf course, tennis courts and ski slopes nearby.

Big cities like New York are nice, but you "can't always get what you want" there. As far as superior service and quiet, comfortable surroundings go, you can count on the Whistling Swan Inn just a short distance away.

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