

Labor Day Rest & Relaxation in NW Iowa

Bed and breakfasts are a common luxury in NW Iowa towns. B&B innkeepers in the northwest section of Iowa know what R&R for Labor Day is all about.

Aug. 16, 2008 - [PRLog](#) -- 1. Okoboji Country Inn: Unlike the typical Victorian bed-and-breakfast, the Okoboji Country Inn just blocks away from Arnolds Park has an updated twist and provides guests with a luxury experience in a restored farm house, according to host Donna Muilenburg.

"We generally have guests who are looking for a quiet lake experience," said Muilenburg. "We try to be very lake luxury-oriented with everything we do at the B&B as well as at our gift shop: The Wash House."

Muilenburg and her daughter, Ann Muilenburg, are entering their second Year as owners of the Okoboji Country Inn, which has five themed bedrooms and one spacious suite that features its own sunroom.

Double-occupancy rates range from \$135 to \$230 per night depending on the room type, time of year, holiday and special events, and includes breakfast.

Many Iowa Great Lake enthusiasts and people who want to be in the center of everything Okoboji choose to stay at the Okoboji Country Inn. For more information go to okobojicountryinn.com or call (712) 332-2358.

2. InnSpiration Bed and Breakfast: This is a new country bed and breakfast that overlooks a two acre pond and is adjacent to 360 beautiful wooded acres that run along side the Little Sioux River. The pond and the Little Sioux River offer guests swimming, fishing, hiking, canoeing, snowmobiling, cross country skiing, bird watching, and more. This sportman's paradise also offers special hunts for deer, turkey and pheasants, in season.

InnSpiration B&B features 4 guest rooms with private baths. Rates run from \$65 to \$120 and images of this very country lodging facility can be view online at InnSpirationbandb.com or you can call the innkeepers at 712-296-4966.

3. The Living Vine Bed and Breakfast: According to innkeeper s Norine and Ron Powell, our bed-and-breakfast is very calming and feels like you are an honored guest in someone's home. The Living Vine is located West Bend, Iowa, the home of the famous Redemption Grotto.

The Grotto is open year round and is very popular over the Labor Day holiday with guided tours given from May 1 – October 16. Daily tours are every hour from 10 AM – 5 PM. The Living Vine is an excellent lodging choice for Grotto visitors.

The Living Vine is a 1917 Bungalow Craftsman Style Home with 4 bedrooms and 2 shared bathrooms. Sorry, they don't allow smoking or pets. A delicious breakfast is always included. For more information contact Ron or Norine Powell at 515-887-2535.

4. The Hartwig House: For a true Victorian bed and breakfast experience, the Hartwig House in Denison, Iowa, is the destination when planning a Labor Day trip in northwest Iowa.

The Hartwig House was built in 1892 and since that time has only been in the ownership of two families. This Victorian gem is huge and guests will enjoy large bedrooms and private bathrooms with tub and

shower. The inn is unique in that the “Inn” is quite private from the Innkeeper and staff’s part of the house.

Hartwig House is situated four blocks from downtown Denison so you can stroll downtown in just minutes. Rates are \$75 -\$135 depending on the type of accommodation selected and breakfast is always included. You can view this antique treasure online at hartwighouseinn.com or call 712 263 2540 for more information.

There is such a wide variety of activities and events in the northwest Iowa area for travelers planning a Labor Day getaway. Attractions like the Iowa Great Lakes Maritime Museum located next to beautiful West Okoboji Lake, a natural glacial lake created by the Wisconsin glacier some 12,000 years ago. The Maritime Museum and excursion boat the Okoboji Queen II are located adjacent to the Arnolds Park Amusement Park in Arnolds Park, Iowa.

The Grotto of the Redemption at West Bend, Iowa is the largest Grotto in the world. It is frequently considered 'the Eighth Wonder of the World.' The Grotto includes the largest collection of precious stones and gems found anywhere in one location. The Grotto has an estimated geological value over \$4,308,000.

These and more outstanding attractions and adventures await NW Iowa visitors.

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