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Top Five Chicago Bed and Breakfasts HOTELS — BY ADAMGAUZZA ON DECEMBER 1, 2011 AT 3:09 AM

Staying in a bed and breakfast is a great way to get to know the local culture and see the residential parts of the city since most are located outside of the downtown area. Here are five favorites.

Margarita European Inn- Just north of the city line, the Margarita offers breakfast in the Grand Parlor and welcomes guests to enjoy the rooftop deck. You'll find a variety of room styles with shared and private bathrooms as well as access to a cozy library, wireless, and the in-house Zagat-rated Italian restaurant, Pensiero Ristorante.

House 5863- If you're seeking the coziness of a B&B but yearn for privacy, Edgewater's House5863 has a sleek, contemporary room waiting for you. You might not even meet the proprietors who leave instructions for key retrieval upon your arrival. With only five stylish rooms meant for two (some can accommodate more) and a set of shared spaces including the self-serve kitchen, this inn acts like a country home in the city.

Harvey House Bed and Breakfast- Known for exquisite furnishings and attention to detail, Oak Park's Harvey House has a variety of rooms with luxury amenities. If it's available, check into the sophisticated Oak Park Suite, where Victorian style meets Frank Lloyd Wright. You choose the time and location (ie in your room) for breakfast!

Welcome Inn Manor- Located in Bronzeville, the Welcome Inn Manor is just minutes away from the McCormick Convention Center. The suites in this beautifully decorated Romanesque Queen Ann home can accommodate individuals and families alike. You can also set up free shuttle services to and from many of the city's most popular destinations within 12 miles of the inn.

Villa D'Citta- Hidden behind a greystone facade in Lincoln Park, Villa D'Citta offers guests luxury furnishings with Italian style. With several options for food in-house, this is a great destination for both romantic getaways and hectic business trips. The entire mansion can be rented for family gatherings, complete with kitchen staff 365 days a year.