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Easy Rider: California B&Bs Cater to Touring Motorcyclists

SACRAMENTO, CA [June 30, 2010]— While motorcycle chrome and leather may seem out of place at a bed and breakfast filled with antiques and featherbeds, the two pair well for riders touring California's scenic back roads and coastal highways. Many California innkeepers pride themselves on catering specifically to motorcyclists with amenities such as touring maps, bike rags, secure parking and special deals. Some innkeepers are also avid motorcyclists themselves and are keen to steer fellow riders with insider tips on favorite routes and little-known watering holes.

At the **Hillcrest House B&B** in San Diego, motorcycle enthusiast and innkeeper Ann Callahan welcomes riders with a 'Bike Wash Kit' that includes soft rags, soap, glass cleaner and leather protector to spiff up bikes in between rides. She even has grease for the bike chain. Callahan has been riding for 10 years and can provide a local's perspective on scenic back roads and best places to grab a burger and a beer. Guests also appreciate the inn's road maps, secure parking and guest room amenities that include toiletries, blow dryers, irons and robes to keep packing to a minimum.

Located just off Highway 88/12 in Lockeford, **The Inn at Locke House** is a haven for touring motorcyclists. Guests will find safe parking for their bikes, amenities to lighten their load, a three-course breakfast, complimentary laundry services and a barn workshop where they can tinker on their bikes. The innkeepers, Richard and Lani Eklund, have a son who races motorcycles, so they know firsthand what riders appreciate. From the inn, motorcyclists can either tour the Sacramento River Delta or wind their way through the Sierras Foothills and onto Lake Tahoe or Yosemite.

From its coastal perch south of Mendocino the **Elk Cove Inn & Spa** serves as something of a beacon for motorcyclists traveling the legendary Highway One. The inn offers a last-minute special for motorcyclists of 25% off midweek room rates or 15% off on Saturdays. To receive the special, riders simply call in the morning or pull in the driveway and ask what's available. The rate includes a gourmet breakfast, afternoon wine and appetizers and a welcome basket with homemade cookies and fruit. Guests also receive a 10% discount for all treatments at the inn's full-service European day spa.

Another motorcycle-friendly inn is the **Solvang Gardens Lodge**, which is located in the charming Danish village of Solvang—a popular place for showing off bikes—and across the street from the Solvang Vintage Motorcycle Museum.

At the **Sea Gull Inn Bed & Breakfast** in Mendocino, innkeepers Jim and Ayla Douglas have been riding motorcycles for 25 years and can share the best routes in the area through redwood forests, vineyards and along the coast.

Further north in Ferndale, the **Victorian Inn** welcomes motorcyclists with rags to wipe down their bikes and touring maps of popular rides along the Avenue of the Giants, the Lost Coast, Highway One and Highway 36.

For touring the Bay Area and Highway One south of San Francisco, the **Cypress Inn in Half Moon Bay** and **Pacific Victorian Bed & Breakfast** both offer an ideal respite on the beach in Half Moon Bay.

The innkeepers at **The Gingerbread Cottages B&B** will offer up rags for wiping off bikes and boots, gated parking and share some of their own favorite rides for motorcyclists cruising Lakeshore Road around Clear Lake.

High in the Sierra Nevadas, the **High Country Inn** is a motorcycle-friendly inn ideal for exploring the Sierra's winding mountain roads.

There are nearly 300 inns in California certified by the California Association of Bed & Breakfast Inns (CABBI) to ensure high levels of customer service and quality amenities. For more information and to search among the motorcycle-friendly inns in California, please visit www.cabbi.com.

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