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### ***North Coast inn does all the right things by Yvonne Baginski***

In our search for out-of-the-way places to stay, we have come across a bed-and-breakfast gem, **Rose Court Cottage** in Arcata, Humboldt County.

Christy and Aldaron Laird magnificently transformed an addition to their 1930s Tudor-style home into a cottage that belongs in the English countryside. Their attention to detail includes fresh flowers, home-baked cookies and chocolates at bedtime.

There is also a complete kitchenette, private bath and cozy outdoor table where guests can enjoy the afternoon before walking a block or two to any downtown restaurant for dinner.

The queen-size bed's memory-foam mattress, down featherbed and luxury cotton sheets made it difficult to get out of bed in the morning to start our sightseeing hike. The nights were quiet and serene, and we had every technological diversion from television to Internet access to a video, CD and book library.

The Lairds live on the premises, and they were both extremely gracious with suggestions and offers of support with activities and sightseeing tips. Christy prepares a breakfast rivaling a four-star restaurant, tailored to accommodate dietary preferences, and provides gourmet coffees and teas to start the morning.

The rate is \$155 a night, including breakfast, afternoon cookies and bedtime chocolates. A sofa bed can accommodate two additional people at \$20 apiece. We will make this a regular stop whenever we travel north on Highway 101.