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LIVING HISTORY IN FLAGSTAFF, ARIZ.

By Anne Z. Cooke, Tribune Media Services, World's Fare

The pretty house with the grassy lawn and stone wall looks every bit the B&B. Built in 1894, with two later additions, the Inn At 410 in Flagstaff, Ariz., feels like the home it once was, complete with covered front porch and turn-of-the-century oak furniture. There's also a comfortable living room with a cozy fireplace and framed photos of Flagstaff's early days lining the walls leading up to the second floor. Every guest room is uniquely furnished, and breakfasts, served at individual tables inside or in the garden, include a hot dish, juice, fresh fruit and home-baked muffins.

But this award-winning property, in Flagstaff's historic residential district, is a convincing argument for calling an inn "an inn," and not a B&B. The former are actually small hotels; the latter, private homes with an extra bedroom or two that are usually run by enthusiastic amateurs. And there is a difference.

Why should anyone care which is which? So that travelers know what they're getting when they book a room in a B&B. The Inn At 410, for example, has seven spacious rooms and three lovely two-bedroom suites, each with its own bath; the typical B&B has fewer smaller rooms, sometimes with a shared bath.

The typical B&B may or may not supply television with cable stations: the rooms at the Inn At 410 can boast most of the

conveniences you have at home: not only the usual TV, hair dryer, coffeemaker and mini-fridge, but a desk, table and side chairs, a gas fireplace, an ironing board and iron, wireless Internet access, a DVD player and a free movie library with 650 films.

In many B&Bs, there's little or no common seating area; guests are expected to spend most "indoor" time in their rooms. At the Inn At 410, the living room has been furnished for guests, with a conversation area in front of the fireplace, tables and chairs, an Internet station and an all-day "tea service," -- coffee, tea, cider, trail mix and home-baked cookies -- laid out on the buffet.

The bookcase holds a collection of Arizona tour and travel books, along with brochures listing Flagstaff highlights, maps of outdoor destinations and menus from local restaurants. Owners Gordon Watkins and Kim McCasland, enthusiastic hikers, often suggest trails in the San Francisco Peaks, north of town, and can supply driving

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Most telling is that Watkins, formerly an executive in the hotel industry, brings 25 years of professional know-how to the job. His experience and skills are the biggest reason that most guests give the Inn a top rating. "When you've worked for two big hotel corporations, you learn what people need when they're away from home, sightseeing or working and tired at night. I've been able to use that here."

Each room has a signature theme, played out in detail, from authentic period furniture and patterned fabrics to period colors, artwork and accessories. Our bedroom, named "Canyon Memories," seemed lifted from the El Tovar hotel, which opened at the South Rim of the Grand Canyon in 1905. Antique rockers and side tables, an oak dresser and desk and a contemporary Stickley bed complimented framed prints of the Grand Canyon, and similar Arizona destinations.

For my money, the Inn At 410 is a gem, with the conveniences of a luxury inn and the intimacy of a house. You couldn't find a better place to stay in Flagstaff.

If only all B&Bs could equal it.

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STAYING THERE: The Inn At 410 is four blocks from Flagstaff's historic downtown district, within walking distance of restaurants, shops and sightseeing. There's parking for 12 cars on the side. Rooms range from \$170 to \$300 per night. The Conservatory Suite has two bedrooms and a fully equipped kitchen. For reservations or directions, e-mail info(at)inn410.com or visit www.inn410.com. Write to 410 N. Leroux St., Flagstaff Ariz. 86001, or call 1-800-774-2008.

DINING: Brix, one of Flagstaff's top-rated restaurants is next door to the Inn At 410. The menu ranges from grilled pork chops and golden beet ravioli to salmon. Soups and salads rely on fresh local greens, onions, fruits and mushrooms. Entrees from \$24, salads from \$8.

(Anne Z. Cooke and Steve Haggerty explore the world from Venice, Calif.)

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