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## WEEKEND SERENITY AT SIMPSON HOUSE INN

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The Simpson House Inn, built in 1874, is a magical journey of Santa Barbara past and present, enhanced with lovely English touches. Guests are delighted by the historic Victorian house

and guest houses. The main house is the central activity area of the Inn, contains 7 of 14 guest venues and withstood the earthquake of the 1920s. Guests enjoy complimentary food and beverage gatherings, cooking class visits and tourist information to enhance their stay in Santa Barbara.

Rooms have antiques and state-of-the-art accouterments, designer linens and amenities specific to guests. Rooms overlook a lovely flower/herb garden, and cottages view the house, croquet area, and gazebo. A library in the house offers a selection of movies on CD, a collection of best sellers, and historic photos and travel information.

Walking distance from historic sites, The Inn offers a convenient home base to study Santa Barbara, and each guest is given a ticket for a free antique



Trolley ride which travels throughout the city—from the Wharf to the Santa Barbara Mission to a bevy of trendy shopping venues. There are numerous festivals, musical performances as well as art shows and galleries for tourists to enjoy. City of Santa Barbara activity information can be found in the main living room of The Inn.

Spa amenities are available at nearby venues, and massage therapists will



come to the property to give guests treatments. This is a very quiet and peaceful hide-a-way—perfect for a weekend escape from a hectic lifestyle.

The property is dotted with fountains that not only give a cooling effect, but also resonate a feeling of contentment. The Inn also recommends area restaurants to guests, including the WineCask, which was a favorite haunt of the late Julia Child, who had resided in Santa Barbara. This is one of many dining spots in Santa Barbara known for presenting locally grown farm produce and excellent Santa Barbara wines on their menu. From January 9-12, life guide Rita Rivest will provide an inspiring program for guests that is focused on food, exercise and quality of life.

For a unique weekend or vacation in Santa Barbara do not miss this lovely respite. The service, facilities and one-on-one attention given here surpasses that of any major hotel. They are a Five Diamond AAA rated venue, and fully deserve it!

For reservation information:  
1-800-676-1280 or  
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