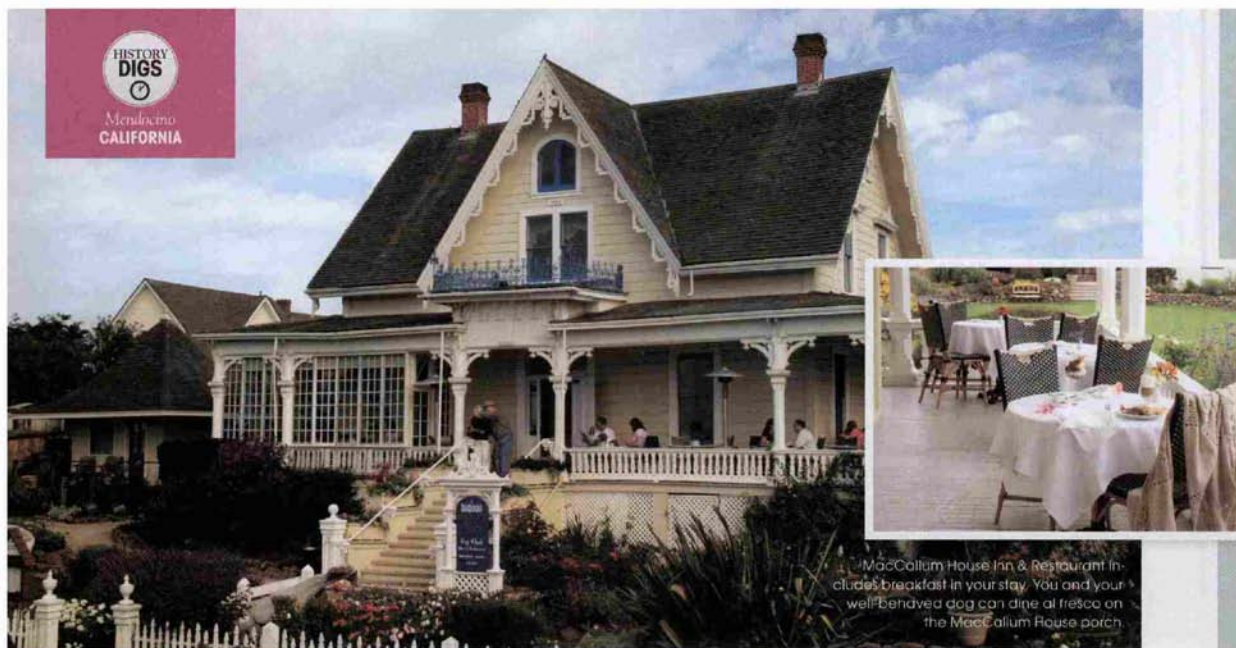




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HISTORY DIGS
Mendocino CALIFORNIA

MacCallum House Inn & Restaurant includes breakfast in your stay. You and your well-behaved dog can dine al fresco on the MacCallum House porch.

Wipe Your Paws

Luxury accommodations and fine dining in the heart of Mendocino Village.

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Historic MacCallum House Inn & Restaurant is located on the beautiful Mendocino coast, and it is the ultimate getaway for both you and Fido. Built in 1882, the home has lost none of its charm and offers several types of accommodations, from private rooms to cottages and even a barn.

My husband and my dog Junior and I opted for the MacCallum Suites, which is four blocks from the main guesthouse. Our room—the Spa Suite—was a perfect place to call home while in Mendocino, as it had a private deck with a Jacuzzi and a gated fence for taking Junior out at night for his evening constitutional.

This suite is one of the grandest rooms in all of Mendocino. The luxurious bathroom is a mini spa tiled in granite and marble, complete with a jetted tub for two and a two-person (five-feet by five-feet) cedar sauna. The bedroom boasts a hardwood floor, a king sleigh bed, a gas fireplace and a cozy couch for those extended afternoon naps. All rooms at the MacCallum Suites include a gourmet breakfast served at the MacCallum House from 8–10 AM Monday through Friday and 8–11 AM Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

Junior enjoyed dining *al fresco* for our morning meals out on the porch with other friendly Fidos. There were many guests accompanied by their canine companions each day, and Junior made a few new friends. The menu is varied and the food was delicious. We walked to town after our meal and enjoyed a stroll past shops while taking pictures of the beautiful Mendocino coast.

The innkeepers will assist in making reservations for local wine excursions by limousine (where Fido is allowed with prior notification), the Skunk Train, or the awe-inspiring Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens where well-behaved dogs are welcome.

Dinner is not included in your stay, but it is a definite must, as you will enjoy local gourmet cuisine. Top it off with a dessert to go, and the pack can high tail it back to the cozy digs for a well-deserved snooze by the fireplace. ☺

IF YOU GO

STAY MACCALLUM HOUSE INN & RESTAURANT

All rooms at the MacCallum Suites include a gourmet breakfast served at the MacCallum House. Also included: Food & Wine On The House—for each room, two \$7 dining credits are available every evening in the Grey Whale Bar & Café or the Dining Room on the Main Property. Credit can be put toward dinner, desserts or for a house specialty cocktail or glass of premium local wine. Room rate: \$179+; Pet fee: \$40 per night. Mendocino, CA 95460; (707) 937-0289; www.maccallumhouse.com.

PLAY MENDOCINO COAST BOTANICAL GARDENS

Well-mannered dogs on leashes are always welcome and enjoy free admission. Upcoming event: August 7, 2010 Art in the Garden; the 19th annual celebration of fine art and fine craft featuring local musicians and Mendocino County vintners pouring their best wines. Gourmet picnic baskets and a variety of foods are available for visitors to purchase and enjoy. www.gardenbythesea.com.

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