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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP Built in 1860, Kubli Haus is a tastefully updated version of its prior self. With generous light and Turkish linens, the rooms are cozy and luxurious. Each of the five suites has a mix of antique charm and modern amenities.

## Lodging Kubli Haus

written by Kerry Newberry

FOR KATHLEEN and Brian Dunn, Kubli Haus is more than a small town retreat—it’s an ode to history and happenstance. A few years ago, when considering a pivot from city suburb to small town life, the couple began touring properties in Southern Oregon. “When we first drove into Jacksonville, we looked at each other and knew this was it,” said Kathleen.

Steeped in history and packed with charm, the entire town of Jacksonville is designated a National Historic Landmark. It’s easy to swoon over the beautiful brick buildings and leafy neighborhoods. What the couple didn’t expect was to fall head over heels for a ramshackle but stately historic home built in 1860 that was in need of monumental TLC. “We knew it was a big risk,” said Brian. “But we also wanted to invest in the town.”

The yearslong labor of love was a family affair. They demoed the entire house with their two teens, who also became de facto experts in historic architecture. Brian leveraged his career as a civil engineer into historic remodels, and Kathleen designed and decorated all five suites, embracing a modern-meets-old-world elegance. “We wanted a stay here to feel restorative and restful,” she said.

Medleys of patterns throughout add personality, from a spiral staircase with a leopard print runner to a lush forest mural. But what sets the inn apart is an homage to the past that the couple loves to share, whether that’s stories about the town or the spirit of wabi-sabi, seen in the patina of the original wood floors and the ancient threshold that Kathleen steps over each day. “We kept these accents because that’s what gives something soul.”

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### ROOMS

Each of the five graciously sized suites combines a mix of antiques and vintage pieces (textured rugs, paintings) with modern touches (statement wallpaper, chandeliers) bringing layers of warmth and richness. For standout features, reserve Suite 3—there’s a luxe tub that stretches under a 1930s chandelier. Or opt for Suite 1, with beautiful bay windows and an opulent forest mural.

### FEATURES

A wraparound porch provides the perfect perch for morning coffee and reading books. In the summer, Kubli Haus is a prime spot for Britt Fest—the musical venue is only one block away. Come winter, bundle up and walk to the town’s Victorian Christmas, a monthlong celebration with carolers, mulled cider and a holiday trolley.

### AMENITIES

All five suites have plush Turkish linens and in-room coffee service. For extended stays, Suite 2 offers a full-size fridge, and Studio 5 is pet friendly and has a full kitchen, outdoor BBQ and private courtyard. (Three sets of guests who stayed in the studio were so smitten by the town, they eventually moved to Jacksonville.)

### DINING

Start your morning at the British-inspired Bakery at McCully, where the pastry case is stocked with quiche, sausage rolls, savory hand pies and scones. You’ll meet locals (and their pups), plus the cheery vibe evokes Stars Hollow (IYKYK). For dinner, try the veg-forward Cowhorn Kitchen & Wine or Gogi’s Restaurant for a farm-to-table feast.