

# HOLIDAY HAVENS

A quartet of close-to-home luxury getaways indulge guests with hospitality, style and pampering.

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The Buhl Mansion, a castle fit for a couple escaping the holiday hustle, photo credit: Jim Mendenhall.



**O**f course, this is the most wonderful time of the year. But last-minute shopping, party planning and extended family visits can take some of the happy out of the holidays. A brief stay at a lush retreat may be the perfect gift to yourself and recharge the season's spirits.

## CASTLE KEEPER

Cruise along I-79 north to I-80, make a left towards the Ohio border, and soon you'll arrive in Sharon. Within the heart of this old industrial village, a Richardsonian Romanesque castle rises from a leaf-strewn lawn. The Buhl Mansion is open to affairs of the heart.

Built in 1890 by steel magnate Frank Buhl as a gift to his beloved wife, the home fell into deep disrepair by the time Donna and Jim Winner – owners of the nearby Southern-living inspired Tara country inn – bought it in 1996. Now completely restored, the Buhl's accommodations include 10 guest rooms and a full-service spa, complete with soothing “monsoon” showers and sauna. The well-appointed rooms include spacious whirlpool baths, cozy fireplaces and all the right ingredients for a romantic rendezvous.

On call day and night, the staff promptly caters to every whim so that guests can enjoy breakfast in bed, roam about the sensual gardens and breathe in the essence of a bygone aristocratic age. Open year-round, the full-service bed and breakfast offers Castle Escape packages that include dinner at Tara.

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