

hear it, and it's just a hop, skip and a jump away. Cheerfully run by Liz and Celia Cavalli, these 10 rustic cottages are charming, spotless and affordable.

Plus, your pooch will be happy here, too. Each cottage has a kitchen and, for those of you who can't bear to miss *Will & Grace*, cable television.

The cabins are situated on three secluded acres bordered by a stream, where you'll find a great blue heron, ducks and other birds. Good restaurants are nearby in all price ranges, but grocery stores are within walking distance if you prefer to stay in your cozy cottage and cook.

The northern end of the peninsula is a fabulous wildlife sanctuary providing wonderful exploration possibilities. The area boasts plenty of quaint shops and some delightful tiny towns, each with its own great history.

The beaches on the Willapa Bay side offer their own quiet beauty and are worth exploring. Call 360-665-4000 or click over to [www.shakticove.com](http://www.shakticove.com) for more information.



## Time for a quickie

**N**eed a getaway but don't have a lot of time? Contemplate a retreat at the thoroughly charming, gay-owned Middle Creek Run Bed & Breakfast in Oregon's wine country. You'll find the inn nestled among rolling hills on 97 bucolic acres near Sheridan.

This romantic place offers old-world comfort and a respite from daily chaos. After eight years of careful renovations, proprietors John Tallarino and Marc Randall have designed their historic 1902 Queen Anne Victorian home around

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the collections of art, antiques and ethnic treasures they have acquired through the years.

The library brims with books, and the parlor invites you to relax and read at your leisure in front of the fire. There are puzzles, games and a piano for the musically inclined.

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Home-baked cookies are always on the buffet, and fresh coffee and tea are served just out-

side your room each morning before breakfast. All of the rooms have access to the veranda, which faces the rising sun and beautiful countryside.

The three-course breakfasts are designed to awaken the palate and feature fresh ingredients presented with meticulous attention to detail. Served in the elegant formal dining room, the meal is sure to set the tone for a wonderful excursion.

A relaxing place to wake up with your morning coffee or to sip a glass of wine after a day's visit to the local wineries. For reservations call 503-843-7606 or visit the Internet site [www.middlecreekrun.com](http://www.middlecreekrun.com).

## The Royal treatment

**I**f you're looking for something a bit international but very convenient, the thoroughly gay Royal Hotel in Vancouver, British Columbia, might be just the ticket for a weekend excursion. A little more than four hours from Portland and an easy drive up Interstate 5, this progressive, open-minded city has plenty of gay energy and an abundance of culture.

The hotel, newly renovated with 82 rooms, is perfectly located in the heart of Vancouver's entertainment district. Easy access to the convention center, cruise ship terminals, BC Place Stadium, plenty of world-class shopping and, of course, lots of gay night life give the Royal a lot to boast about.

The hotel sports its own gay bar with a

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## Pride in Mecca

**S**cheduled for June 23 and 24, San Francisco Pride is as close to Mecca as we're going to get. By now, securing a room is probably its own special event, but if you're already set up, here is an idea of what to expect.

Running for two weeks and culminating on the last night of San Francisco Pride is the 25th annual San Francisco International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival. It screens more than 250 movies to an audience of more than 75,000 people and is almost twice as big as any similar festival in the world. Special events this year include the much-talked-about *Adventures of Felix* and the movie version of *Hedwig and the Angry Itch*. Find more information at [www.frame-line.org](http://www.frame-line.org).

Another event during this time is the National Queer Arts Festival, running through July 4. Now in its fourth year, it promises lots of variety including literary readings and discussions, film, dance and the visual arts. Venues for these events are located all around San Francisco. For more information check out [www.queercultural-center.org](http://www.queercultural-center.org).

The San Francisco Pride Internet site is

[www.sfpide.org](http://www.sfpide.org). Everything you need to plan your trip is here, including a schedule of events and info on the parade, which steps off

at 10:30 a.m. June 24.

Predeparture warning: The number of events scheduled around San Francisco Pride defies

listing and description. You might want to consider bringing your clone or scheduling a couple of days for recovery afterward.

**Queers of every stripe celebrate Gay Pride in San Francisco**

