



Sweet Escape
ENDICOTT GARDENS

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There are places you stay, and there are places that stay with you. Endicott Gardens is an elegant Italian-style agriturismo just inland from Oregon's Southern Coast. Surrounded by an acre of blooming herbs, fruit trees, old-world charm, and restorative calm, it's the kind of retreat that invites you to breathe deeper and savor each moment.

Our Private Villa Above the Garden

Steve and I stayed in the Tana Dolce Suite, a luxurious private residence tucked into the charming building above the tea room. “Sweet Den” is a fitting translation—every detail felt warm and welcoming, yet refined. The suite includes two beautifully appointed bedrooms: one with a king bed overlooking rows of lavender and the other with a queen bed tucked into a serene alcove. A full kitchen, dining room, living room, and spa-style bathroom with a walk-in shower made it easy to settle in. Thoughtful extras like a makeup and dressing area, private entrance, and climate control made it feel more like a private villa than a guest suite.

A Garden Designed to Heal

Endicott Gardens is undeniably elegant, but its soul lies in the lush, expansive gardens that surround each building on the property. Designed with intention and whimsy, the landscape bursts with texture and color—winding stone paths, water features, artful plantings, and the constant hum of pollinators. Beds of marshmallow, comfrey, lavender, lemon verbena, and stinging nettle aren’t just decorative—they’re the foundation for the botanical wellness that defines this retreat.

The Herbalist’s Touch

Kim and Wes, the owners, live and breathe the land. They love God, people, gardening, cooking, traveling, hiking, and sharing the beauty of Oregon with others. Kim, a master herbalist, welcomed me into her world of botanical care. My time with her was a highlight—she walked me through the gardens and explained how each herb supports her handcrafted tinctures, creams, teas, and therapeutic salts. Inside the K Cherie Spa, I watched her prepare healing blends rooted in the belief that the body thrives when supported by what God has created in nature.

Sanctuaries for Every Guest

Guests at Endicott have a range of beautifully appointed rooms to choose from beyond the Tana Dolce Suite. The main house features four serene guest rooms, each designed with calming hues, plush beds, and timeless charm. Antique accents, fresh flowers, and textured linens create a mood of quiet sophistication. Modern comforts—luxury spa robes, herbal bath products, and curated local teas—are standard throughout.

Just steps away, the Suite Syrene Guest House offers the ultimate private hideaway. French doors open to views of the Gazebo Garden, while inside, guests enjoy a king bed with plush pillows, a 5-foot mermaid soaking tub, a walk-in shower, and a kitchenette stocked with thoughtful touches. A loveseat, dining table, and a private patio with a bistro set complete the experience.

Although Steve and I stayed in the Tana Dolce Suite recently, we stayed in the Syrene Guest House two years prior and vowed to return.

Where Tea, Sunlight, and Stillness Meet

The tea room below our suite was another favorite space—part apothecary, part sunroom, part sanctuary. It’s where guests gather for quiet moments with a curated mug of herbal tea, a class on herbalism, or a little party. Shelves and cupboards brim with glass jars filled with dried herbs, most of them harvested just steps away. The light is soft, the pace unhurried, and the invitation is always the same: to slow down and be present.

Mornings Worth Waking Up For

Breakfast at Endicott Gardens is a daily celebration of wellness, beauty, and local flavor. On our first morning, we enjoyed broiled grapefruit dusted with ginger and mint sugar, followed by a layered parfait of yogurt, flaxseed, blueberries, green apple, lemon zest, and blackberry sauce. A warm sourdough English muffin—made with ancient Einkorn grain—came topped with avocado, lime, and tomato seasoning. The finale: nitrate-free bacon, house-made waffles, organic maple syrup, whipped topping, and sprigs of fresh mint.

Our second breakfast was equally memorable: Zoi honey yogurt with jasmine cream, lemon turmeric, and a medley of berries and seeds paired with baked organic apples and oats. The main course, a roasted tomato, black olive, and Parmesan frittata, was served with a sweet potato and sausage medley. These meals weren’t just nourishing—they were crafted with care, inspired by the same herbs and intentions that shape everything at Endicott.

Evenings in the Garden

As the sun dipped behind the trees, Steve and I returned to the garden each evening with a glass of wine in hand. The fragrance of herbs lingered in the air. The wisteria on the pergola was in full bloom. The garden changed colors at dusk, softening into twilight. There’s no rush

at Endicott—only space to linger, to breathe, and to be still.

A Place Where Wellness Takes Root

Our stay was short, but the calm stayed with us. Endicott Gardens isn’t just a luxurious retreat—it’s a living philosophy where nature, hospitality, and holistic health converge. In the Tana Dolce Suite, surrounded by intention, bloom, and beauty, we found more than rest; we found renewal.

