

# Idyllic getaway lives up to its name

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We are a crazy-busy couple, my husband and I, as well as the inhabitants of a small apartment in what we call “the cement jungle.” Working, going to school and mentoring inner-city youth keeps us in town and scheduled tight much of the time. We treasure our getaways when we get them, and we revel in sampling a variety of accommodations — our homes away from home. So naturally we were delighted to visit Spot’s friend, Susy Wolfson’s beach house near Pacific City on the Oregon Coast.

Lovingly dubbed the Idyllic Beach House by Wolfson, this is where rustic meets decadence. It is a pooch-friendly rental in the tiny town of Tierra Del Mar that sleeps six (including a bunkhouse for kids), or 10 with extra hide-a-bed-type gear. The single bathroom suggests greater comfort in smaller numbers.

Hidden in the woods, yet just a block from the beach, the house was a surprise from the first moment. Opening the front door revealed so much space and light we immediately felt that sense of “Ahhh” that happens as

tension gives way to calm.

A huge deck with benches wraps around the back, and the small front yard is a favorite of deer that linger near the front windows. Like the bedroom, the living, front



and dining rooms are brilliant with natural light from endless windows and skylights. The kitchen comes fully stocked; just add groceries. The fireplace provides warmth and romance, and beautiful artwork adorns the walls.

## *Good morning!*

We awoke to an amazing view. Deep woods on three sides. Walls of windows soaring to vaulted ceilings. Skylights pouring light from every angle. From the bed there is so much to take in — none of it human. This is pure sanctuary. It was our second day, and we were still in awe.

During our stay, we experienced every space — from five different sitting areas to the floor before the fire — reading, doing homework, gazing into the woods, watching movies. It’s heavenly after a rainy walk on the beach to get warm by

the fire, hot chocolate in hand. Our three days felt like a revitalizing week.

Susy’s second home, the Pier Street House, sits closer to the beach. More of a traditional beach house, here there are vaulted ceil-



ings, two upstairs bedrooms, a covered deck, and a loft overlooking a great room. The open floor plan makes socializing and meal prep fun; the fully-equipped kitchen makes it easy. A large bedroom on the main floor has four bunk beds.

Each home is pet-friendly and -smart: complete with an indoor space of their own to get warm and dry. Pier Street is fenced, with a doggy door accessing the large laundry room. By contrast, the Idyllic House has a large wooded yard with no fences, but a place to tie the dog if needed.

Both properties have paths leading to sand and sea, with rock formations to the south. Cape Kiwanda is nearby, with huge sandstone cliffs where waves splash through crevices, plus a natural land bridge on which waves dramatically break. Those with a heightened sense of adventure can climb the Cape and

peer into Pacific City to watch the Dory boats land. One of the least populated sections of beach on the Oregon Coast, our daily two-hour walks crossed paths with just a handful of people and a few well-behaved dogs.



Wolfson rents her beach houses nightly and weekly with a three night minimum in summer and during holidays, a two night minimum October-May. Rates vary depending on the season. Currently there is a mid-week 3<sup>rd</sup> night free special. The holidays are popular with guests, so if it’s on your wish list, don’t delay your reservation. To see these truly idyllic accommodations yourself, visit [IdyllicBeachHouse.com](http://IdyllicBeachHouse.com).