

## PERTH MANOR

When you walk into the lobby of the 1878 brick house and hear the big band music, it is easy to be transported to another era. One of Perth's most stately homes, this Italianate yellow-brick Victorian was once the home of cabinet minister J.A. Stewart, whose wife built the town's beautiful riverfront park in his memory. Now a six-guest room inn, the grand old house retains many of its original architectural details, like the plaster mouldings and leaded windows. A 1920s conservatory, with a massive carved limestone hearth and a view of the sunken gardens, is now a chic bar for guests. Proprietors Michael Dwyer and David Marshall, who purchased the house in 2002, have brought style to the historical decor, and added modern luxuries, too, such as ensuite baths and wireless Internet. One of the most interesting suites is the Robert Lyon: its four-poster canopy bed is draped with retro fabric patterned with lilies of the valley. Oriental carpets soften the oak floor, and a pair of worn velvet armchairs exude shabby chic. Rideau River boaters can be shuttled from the Tay Basin in Perth or the lock at Beveridge.

**Driving Time:**

four hours.

**When:**

year-round.

**How Much:**

\$120-\$135 (includes breakfast).