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# The Doublejack Guesthouse

## Mile-high Bisbee offers something for everyone

Looking for an inexpensive yet fabulous weekend getaway? Tucson Magazine named Bisbee the "Best Place to Get out of Town" for 2009. Bisbee is a friendly and accepting community which offers everything from fine dining to old-west saloons, mining history, Victorian architecture, great hiking and world-class birding opportunities.

Bisbee proudly displays her history like a countess showing off her heirloom jewels. Visual drama is common in Bisbee — one sees Victorian-style homes perched on yards blasted out of sheer bedrock, and the older she gets the better she looks.

As much as 20 degrees cooler than her Arizona neighbors Tucson and Phoenix to the north, Bisbee's temperatures rarely exceed 90 degrees in the summer and the occasional snowfall in winter is gone by noon.

Bisbee is steeped with history of the Old West. Copper was discovered in the area in the 1880s and Bisbee grew to be the largest city between St. Louis and San Francisco by the turn of the 20th century. The population at the time grew to more than 20,000, and Bisbee sported 47 bars and saloons as well as many houses of ill repute — some still standing today!

It was a wild place

where Americans, Serbs, Fins, Swedes, Mexicans, Chinese, etc., came with hopes of making money and left a permanent mark of cultural diversity and acceptance. This legacy of diversity and acceptance continued with the arrival of the hippies when the mines closed in the mid-1970s. Over the past 30 years Bisbee has come to be known as the most liberal town in Arizona with a population of about 6,000 people. Here, people really do know their neighbors!

Bisbee is a gay-friendly and supportive community. In 2008 Out Traveler magazine voted Bisbee as among the top 5 rural prides in the country and 2009 will see the fifth annual Bisbee Pride Festival, an event which now attracts more than 1,000 people to town over Father's Day weekend.

Among the gay-owned and operated local businesses is the Doublejack Guesthouse, opened in November 2008 by Bob Klein and Jeff Trujillo, transplants from New Mexico who came to Bisbee to reinvent themselves. Part of this process was a 5-year odyssey to bring one of Bisbee's original miner's shacks back to life. With an interest in sharing this bit of Bisbee history with others, the Doublejack Guesthouse



was born — visit the Web site at <http://www.DoublejackBisbee.com>.

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This guesthouse offers dramatic panoramic views of historic downtown Bisbee and Mexico. Built sometime before 1900, this fully restored and charming

one-bedroom miner's cottage is located along an old mule path turned staircase above street-level public parking — accessible via just enough stairs to feel healthy. Walk to fine dining, arts, museums, galleries, evening entertainment and historic attractions; watch great birding; access hiking trails right above the house; and relax and enjoy gorgeous sunsets and stargazing from your private deck.

The Doublejack Guesthouse offers king-sized bed accommodations, a fully-equipped kitchen, standard-size refrigerator with icemaker, central air conditioning and heating, claw foot bathtub and walk-

in double shower, flat screen monitor with DVD/VCR player, movie library, wireless high speed internet (WI-FI), and complimentary locally roasted coffee and fixings for breakfast.

The Doublejack Guesthouse is perched on a hillside above historic Bisbee at downtown Main Street and B-Hill.

Rates: \$100/night, \$600/week. Contact Bob Klein, Doublejack Guesthouse, [stay@DoublejackBisbee.com](mailto:stay@DoublejackBisbee.com) or 559-6708.

Whether you come for a weekend or spend a week, you won't run out of things to do or places to eat. Come with your sense of adventure and leave with a renewed spirit!

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