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## Treat yourself to a special night at San Diego's Britt Scripps Inn

By Bob Page

The next time you've any reason at all to dine downtown why not spoil yourself and spend the night there as well. Why fight late night traffic on the I-5.

The Britt Scripps Inn is a marvelously restored 1877 Queen Anne-style mansion and the perfect choice for an evening in the city.

And what with Bertrand's at Mr. A's, Laurel and Gemelli all within walking distance of less than two blocks away, the Inn is a great getaway.

The founder behind all this luxury is Gordon Hattersley, who opened the Inn last year after putting it through a \$6 million renovation. He was the first person hired for the team which opened Rancho Valencia in 1986. He also owns the Steamboat Springs B & B in Colorado.

"We are all about romance at the Inn, and our number one goal is to set the stage for people to enjoy each other in comfort," Hattersley said.

Given the Inn's convenient Hillcrest location on Maple Street, close to the intersection of Fifth and Laurel, Balboa Park, the Old Globe and the Gaslamp quarter "make the Inn a perfect base to explore everything that downtown has to offer," Hattersley added.

Eugene Britt built the home for his family but after five years he sold the house to Edward Scripps, whose main residence was in Scripps Ranch but who wanted a city home for his family.

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service caters to our guests' every request. A butler is available day and night to assist guests in making everything from dinner reservations to theater tickets, and sightseeing adventures," Hattersley said.

Guests are welcomed upon arrival with a cocktail reception of appetizers and wine tasting.

Breakfast is a special treat as the Inn has recruited a number of San Diego's most outstanding chefs to handle the morning meal.

The Inn, in Hattersley's words, is "a place where time slows down and the guests can relax in Victorian surroundings with all of the modern amenities we have come to enjoy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

Rates at the Inn run between \$295 and \$550, depending upon the season and the room chosen.

The Inn is reachable toll free at 1-888-881-1991, 1-619-230-1991 or via its web site at [www.brittscripps.com](http://www.brittscripps.com).



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