

## HOST OF THE MONTH

# Fly away with Alexis Park Inn & Suites

*Sixteen of the suites at Alexis Park Inn are one-of-a-kind rooms modeled on a unique period or aircraft in aviation history. The suites are jam-packed with memorabilia, and the hotel offers an atmosphere and experience that no other hotel can match.*

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Alexis Park Inn & Suites is the Midwest's only aviation-themed, all-suites hotel. Self-described "aviation nuts," Jay and Mary Honeck bought and began remodeling the hotel in 2002. "We've created a hybrid – not really a hotel, not really a bed and breakfast," said Jay. Alexis Park provides a number of unique and remarkable amenities, and the couple is extremely proud to offer personalized service at a remarkably low price.

Each room in Alexis Park Inn is a suite, and each suite has a full-sized kitchen with full-sized appliances. Every day a personalized continental breakfast is delivered to every door, along with the morning paper. The hotel also offers free wireless Internet, a 180-volume aviation library, poolside propane grills and free washing machines. In addition to their gym and outdoor pool, Alexis Park also features the in-house services of Antoinette Pinault, a massage therapist and registered nurse with 18 years of experience. "People who stay here walk out happy, because they got something they never expected. You get something here you just don't get anywhere else," said Jay.



A view from the kitchen of the Pan Am Clipper Suite at Alexis Park Inn & Suites

Of the 27 original suites, 16 have been renovated with aviation motifs, from the Wright Brothers' classic flight to the 590

square-foot Reno Air Race Honeymoon Suite. The suites are jam-packed with memorabilia and period pieces. The new SR-71 Blackbird

suite features a real pitot-static probe from a Blackbird, a titanium and stainless steel implement built in 1963 to the tune of \$35,000, along with autographed pictures of the pilots who set the Blackbird's trans-Atlantic record in 1974 – a record that still stands.

"We fly as often as we can, and when we're not flying, we're thinking about it," says Jay.

Alexis Park is 30 seconds from the Iowa City Airport, which both fits the mood and offers up some great perks. The hotel has partnered with Jetair to offer 30-minute plane rides for up to three people for \$75. Passengers can even take the controls, and the time can be logged toward obtaining a pilots license!

Repeat business at Alexis Park is incredible, and for good reason. Within a mile of the University campus and 57 downtown Iowa City restaurants, the hotel is almost sold out for the 2006 Hawkeye football season already, though the games don't begin until September.

For more information on Alexis Park Inn & Suites, and one of the most impressive collections of historical aviation video on the Internet, visit [www.alexisparkinn.com](http://www.alexisparkinn.com), or give them a call at (319) 337-8665.

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