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Go out of town for romantic end-of-year adventure

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Special Avenue Inn Bed & Breakfast in New Orleans invites revelers to come early and stay late - all the way through the Sugar Bowl if you want to.

Les Paul, Patti LaBelle, Harry Connick, Jr., and Diana Krall all have asked the musical question, "What are you doing New Year's, New Year's Eve?"

Now would be the time to start coming up with an answer if you plan to surprise your someone

special with an exciting, romantic evening out.

And just in case you haven't given it a thought yet, here are some last-minute suggestions: Avenue Inn Bed & Breakfast in New Orleans invites revelers to come early and stay late - all the way through the Sugar Bowl if you want to.

They have three packages available. All three include accommodations, breakfast, a welcome gift on arrival, a map of the city, a book of shopping coupons for the Riverwalk, streetcar passes (the streetcar stops at the inn), complimentary parking and late night snacks. Rates for the New Year's Eve Fling Package, available Dec. 30-Jan. 1, start at \$219 per couple, per night. The Go Tide Package, available Jan. 2 and 3, begins at \$229 per couple, per night. The Do It All Package, available Dec. 30-Jan. 4, begins at \$199 per couple, per night. And to sweeten the pot on this one, innkeepers Joe and Bebe Rabhan recently were chosen by BedandBreakfast.com as innkeepers of the year.

The Chattanooga hotel in Chattanooga has a New Year's Eve Package that includes overnight accommodations, New Year's Eve Dinner for two, live entertainment, a champagne toast at midnight, use of the hotel's health and fitness facilities, gratuities and service charges. Dinner on Dec. 31 includes an appetizer, a cheese tasting, an entree and a visit to the dessert buffet. After dinner, The Kathy Tucker Band will perform from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. The package rate is \$289 per couple.

A Hot Pink New Year's Eve Package is available at the Hotel Preston in Nashville.

The package includes overnight accommodations on Dec. 31, a pink champagne toast, concert tickets in the Pink Slip Lounge with live music by Groove Crew, New Year's party favors, a designated driver to shuttle you to downtown Nashville (one round-trip ticket per person), a late check-out, free parking and brunch for two. All of the members of your party must be 21 years of age to indulge in this Hot Pink New Year's Eve Experience. Rates for the package begin at \$279 per night. Lynn Edge is author of three books on travel in Alabama as well as other books. E-mail her at quicktrips@bellsouth.net

HOW TO GET THERE

To get to Avenue Inn Bed and Breakfast, take I-59 South to I-10. Take I-10 West to From Exit Business 90/Westbank Expressway, then take the Carondelet/St. Charles Avenue off-ramp. Go to the second light and turn right. Go about 1.9 miles to 4125 St. Charles Ave. It is about 347 miles from Birmingham. To get to the Chattanooga, take I-59 North to I-24. Take I-24 East to U.S. Highway 27. Take U.S. 27 North to the Martin Luther King Boulevard exit. Turn right onto Martin Luther King Boulevard, then right onto Broad Street. The hotel is at 1201 Broad St. It is 147 about miles from Birmingham. To get to Hotel Preston, take I-65 North to I-440 East. Take I-440 East to I-24 West. Take I-24 West to I-40 East. From I-40 East, take Exit 215A onto Briley Parkway. The hotel is at 733 Briley Parkway. It is about 194 miles from Birmingham.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

About The Avenue Inn, call 800-490-8542. About the Chattanooga, call 877-756-1684. About the Hotel Preston, call 877-361-5500.