

STOCKENBRIDGE BREAKS



Grosvenor House Hotel, Stockbridge

Monday 3rd February — Friday 7th February 2025

A Winter Bridge Break with the Stockens in a luxury historic hotel in the heart of Stockbridge, Hampshire.

from £1161 pp* including:

* with 10% Loyalty Discount

4 nights' stay in this fabulous, newly renovated 4-star hotel

Half board in the hotel's acclaimed restaurant including:

- breakfast with an array of hot and cold options including full English
- afternoon tea with freshly made cake
- delicious three-course dinner with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines

Refreshments available during bridge play

Reception with aperitif on the first evening

All bridge tuition and course notes

Very special bridge holidays

The Grosvenor Hotel

Stockbridge is officially England's 'smallest town', the heart of fly fishing country with the River Test meandering through. Its wide high street was once a drover's road where vast flocks of sheep used to pass through en route from Wales. The Grosvenor sits in pride of place in this pretty Georgian town surrounded by beautiful countryside.



Traditional yet colourful, the hotel has been completely renovated to a very high standard by new owners, Simon and Teresa Henderson, with both the interiors and the fabulous courtyard garden designed by Lottie Keith. The bedrooms each have a warm, individual character, the food is contemporary and fabulous with excellent reviews. Dogs are very welcome too. StockenBridge in Stockbridge – it's meant to be.

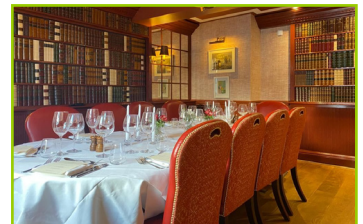


Fine dining at The Grosvenor

We will use two dining areas, the larger River Room and the Library, a private dining room for twelve. Chef Viraj Athukorala came from Clos Maggiore in Covent Garden and is influenced by French cuisine and fine dining. Lunch is not included in the holiday but guests can enjoy a delicious lunch at The Grosvenor or check out local options a short walk away.



At breakfast, a round table groans with fresh fruits, creamy yoghurts and warm pastries; from the extensive cooked menu, order full English, fresh or smoked trout - and more!



For more information and pics, see: www.thegrosvenorstockbridge.com

a SAMPLE MENU at THE GROSVENOR

*Scallop Tartare, White Soy, Mango, Pomegranate, Radishes
Rosary Goats Cheese Croquette, Beetroot Salad, Pesto & Gordal Olives
Game Terrine, Duck Liver Parfait, Pistachio, Toasted Brioche, Red Onion Jam
Asian Duck Salad, Smoked breast, Shanghai sauce, Mango, Pomegranate, Sesame
Smoked River Test Trout Filo Tart, Garden Peas, Caviar, Pea Shoot Tendrils
Chilled Gazpacho, Isle of Wight Tomato Salad, Edemame Beans, Lemon Oil*

*Salt Aged Hampshire Lamb, Garden Peas, Broccoli, Dauphinoise Potatoes
Butternut Squash Ravioli, Wild Garlic Pesto, Rocket, Almond Cream
Pan Fried Chalkstream Trout, English Asparagus, Sea Purslane, Jersey Royals
Corn Fed Chicken Breast, Pancetta, Gratin Dauphinoise, Chard Wild Mushroom
Dry Aged Short Horn Steak, Bone Marrow Crumb, Wild Mushrooms, Fries
Wild Mushroom & Tarragon Gnocchi, Wilted Rocket & Pine Nuts*

*Mango Panna Cotta, White Chocolate, Passion Fruit Foam
Pistachio Pudding, Bitter Chocolate Sorbet, Griottine Cherries
Manjari Chocolate Mousse, Dark Cherry Panna Cotta, Amaretti Biscuit
Macaroon Mess, Macerated Strawberries, Mint Meringue
A selection of English Cheeses, Fig Chutney, Quince Paste, Crackers, Truffle Honey*



Please Note

Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person.

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce.

There will be a choice of 3 dishes for each course, ordered in advance.

Any special diets can be catered for.

Accommodation

The Grosvenor has 31 bedrooms, 18 in the main building plus 13 garden rooms in the annex, one of which is the superb Hayloft Suite. Beautifully styled rooms feature bright modern fabrics, statement headboards, and pretty ceramics. All rooms have delightful en-suite bathrooms - most with showers, some with baths and some both. All rooms have king or super king-sized beds, except the single and 4-poster rooms. Rooms all have television, hairdryer and Nespresso coffee machine.



PLEASE NOTE: The hotel does not have a lift, but none of the stairs are particularly steep and there are handrails. The ground floor garden rooms are accessible and dog-friendly. There are no steps anywhere on the ground floor of the hotel with the exception of one step at the front door where a ramp can be put down.



Please see website or contact us for further details about the rooms and bathrooms, as they are all different! NB There is free wifi throughout the hotel.

Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is at 11am.

Room Type	Cat.	Floor	Where?	Description - see website for full details
House Single	♣	1st/2nd	Main	Large single or small double bed. Overlooking the high street. Shower
House Double	♦	1st/2nd	Main	Overlooking the high street or garden. One twin. Shower or shower over bath
Upper Test Room	♦	1st	Annex	South facing rooms above the garden rooms and overlooking the walled garden. Shower
Garden Room	♥	Ground	Annex	South facing rooms opening onto the walled garden. Shower or shower over bath. One twin
Mayfly, Bibury, St Peter's, Cannon	♠	1st/2nd	Main	4 stunning rooms. Mayfly has a 4-poster bed. Overlooking the high street. Shower and/or bath
Hayloft Suite	NT	1st	Annex	Master suite overlooking the garden. Sitting and dining area as well as 'cook's corner'. Walk-in shower; free-standing bath in bedroom

Other things to do around and about

There are no bridge sessions scheduled for the afternoons, so this would be the perfect time to explore the wonderful local surroundings.

Walking

Less than 100 metres from the hotel, dogs and their owners, walkers and runners can access the 100 acres of Stockbridge Marshes, that sit just behind the High Street and run along the River Test. An area of outstanding natural beauty, the Marshes provide wonderfully easy access to Hampshire's great outdoors.



Stockbridge

Head along the wide Georgian High Street to visit the town's galleries, artisan food shops, independent boutique stores and craft shops.



Mottisfont Abbey & Gardens (10 min drive)

This National Trust medieval priory with rolling lawns and famous walled rose garden offers something for everyone - woodland walks, art exhibitions, gallery and a shop and plant centre.



Leckford Estate (10 min drive)

The garden and woodland walks are part of the John Lewis Estate, with the Arboretum, Water Garden, farm shop, café and nursery.

Winchester/Salisbury (20 min/30 min drive)

Historic cities with wonderful cathedrals.



Massage and Beauty Treatments

The hotel's Treatment Shed offers a perfectly petite menu of classic pampering. Book in for a Swedish massage, a full body massage with a detoxifying facial, a knot-untangling sports massage or a concentrated pummelling!

Bridge with the Stockens

Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.



Claudia – Zeb's sister – will ensure the smooth running of your holiday and their mother, Dinah will be joining the group to supervise and partner guests if needed. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate or teams – all played in a fun and friendly environment.

The tuition sessions will use Compass Cards (set deals) and a fun topic tailored to the group. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. Water, tea and coffee will be available during play.



It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that. No partner is needed on a StockenBridge holiday.

Bridge Schedule

Monday

Supervised play *3.30pm - 5.30pm*
After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Bridge tuition *10am - 12.30pm*
Teams or duplicate *5pm - 7.15pm*
After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

Friday

Bridge tuition *10am - 12.30pm*

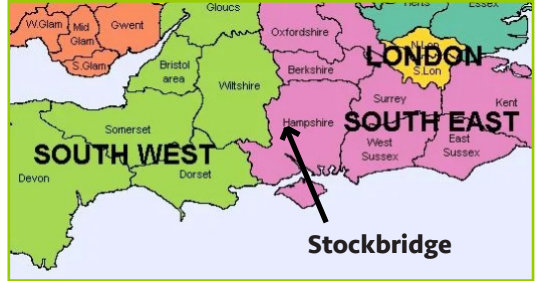


Travel Details

The Grosvenor Hotel is in the centre of Stockbridge, 10 miles northwest of Winchester in Hampshire.

Travelling by car:

Stockbridge is about 40 minutes north of Southampton and about 90 minutes from west London (*down the M3, A303, A30*). The hotel has its own car park located at the back.



Travelling by train:

There are regular, direct services from London Waterloo to Winchester which takes just over an hour. We can arrange for you to be picked up from Winchester station by taxi, just 9 miles away (*20 minutes drive - approximately £30*)

Address: The Grosvenor Hotel, High Street, Stockbridge, Hampshire, SO20 6EU
Telephone: +44 (0)1264 810606







“A boutique, historic hotel for a boutique, historic town” - *Country Life*

“You’ll fall hook, line and sinker for this Hampshire hideaway” - *Mr & Mrs Smith*

“One of the best newcomers of 2022” - *Daily Telegraph*

Prices Per Person (*based on two people sharing)

					NT
Full Price*	n/a	£1290	£1440	£1550	£1650
With 10% loyalty discount*	n/a	£1161	£1296	£1395	£1485
Single occupancy	£1660	£1770	£1890	£1990	n/a
Single occupancy with discount	£1494	£1593	£1701	£1791	n/a

Loyalty Discount

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for all previous StockenBridge Breaks guests, provided that the holiday is booked before the 31st August 2024.

If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to StockenBridge Breaks, the discount will apply to them too.

How to Book...

To book your holiday, please first email Claudia (see below) to check availability. Then fill out and submit the on-line booking form - contact us for the link or see the Grosvenor holiday page of our website. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. Please also pay the deposit of £200 per person by bank transfer. Please see our website or contact us by email for payment details. The full payment will be due by 30th November 2024.

See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you.

Financial Protection Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.

For more details:

website: www.stockenbridgebreaks.com

email: claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com or zeb@stockenbridge.co.uk

telephone: +44 7951 060092 (Zeb - UK) or +33 663999289 (Claudia - France)

Stockens Limited - Company number 8970204. Incorporated in England & Wales

Business Address: **124 City Road, London, EC1V 2NX**

