
StockenBridge

THE RECTORY HOTEL, WILTSHIRE

A Country House Bridge Break in The Cotswolds with your hosts Zebedee and Claudia Stocken.

from £414 pp including :

- 2 nights' stay in this charming Country House Hotel
- Full breakfast and 3-course dinner with wine
- Refreshments available during Bridge play
- Reception with sparkling wine and canapés on the first evening
- All Bridge tuition and course notes



Friday November 11th - Sunday November 13th 2016

Our previous visits to The Rectory

We have already had many wonderful weekends at The Rectory and it is becoming a firm favourite. Guests love the friendly hotel ambience and good food.



‘Thank you all very much for such a splendid weekend. I really was impressed with the way your organised it so that everyone had a wonderful time. The Rectory is a total winner, so friendly and relaxed and great food’

Minty Clinch, Freelance Travel Journalist, November 2013

The Rectory Hotel



The Rectory Hotel offers the perfect country escape plus a real foodie treat. With its pretty Victorian walled gardens, it is situated in the village of Crudwell in the beautiful Cotswold triangle of Tetbury, Malmesbury and Cirencester.

This hotel has been tastefully restored with a contemporary feel. The sitting rooms have comfy sofas in front of open log fires; the bedrooms all have a view over the gardens and are decorated in pale, soothing colours.

‘The Uk’s 20 Best Restaurants with Rooms’ (Sunday Times)

‘A real find: a new hotel that’s as soothing as it is professional’ (Sunday Telegraph)

‘Unstuffy and relaxed...first-rate modern British food’ (Square Meal)

‘The Rectory is simple and homely, yet stylish and modern’ (The Week)



For more, see www.therectoryhotel.com

Bridge with Zeb & Claudia



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 be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your weekend and, as a keen and experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate – all played in a fun and friendly environment.



We will be playing bridge in the conservatory, on the ground floor with doors leading directly on to the landscaped gardens, providing a peaceful and secluded setting. The tuition sessions will use CompassCards (set deals) and a fun topic tailored to the group.

During bridge play, there will be tea and coffee breaks to include home-made biscuits, water and cordials. 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.

Non-Residents

If you live locally, you are more than welcome to join in some or all of our bridge sessions. Please contact us for details and prices.



Other things to do around and about

There are no bridge sessions scheduled for Saturday afternoon, so this could be the perfect time to explore the local surroundings.

The Cotswolds are famous for fine landscapes, gently undulating hills, picturesque villages with mellow buff stone cottages and an abundance of rivers and streams. There are some great local walks (maps and wellies are available at the hotel) or you may prefer to travel further afield.

Here are a few ideas of places to visit and things to do in the area:

Tetbury: A delightful market town, also houses Prince Charles' Highgrove shop (8 miles).

Nailsworth: A fair-trade Cotswold town lying in one of the Stroud Valleys (12 miles).

Cheltenham: England's most complete Regency town (25 miles).



Westonbirt Arboretum (left): One of the most spectacular tree collections in the world (10 miles).

Cotswold Water Park: 150 lakes set in 40 square miles of countryside (8 miles).

Bath: Designated a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Bath is a unique experience, with stunning architecture, great shopping and iconic attractions (28 miles).

Fine Dining

You can't fail to enjoy James Dobson's modern British menu of fresh, seasonal produce. The breakfasts are an absolute treat as well, with a huge choice from the buffet and a range of delicious hot breakfasts made to order.



Here are some examples of dinner menus:

*Fried duck egg, Duck Rilette, Leek and Bacon Puree, Girolles
Crab cannelloni, Saffron sauce, wilted Spinach
Salad of poached Autumn Pear and Roquefort, Caramelized Walnuts*

*Seared Sea Bass, crushed potatoes, Mussel Veloute
Goats Cheese Polenta Cake, Wilted Spinach, Roasted Root Vegetables
Pan fried Venison, swede and carrot dauphinoise, blackberry jus*

*Vanilla and tarragon panna cotta, poached plums
Dark chocolate truffle terrine, Honeycomb Ice Cream
Ginger and Saffron Crème Brûlée, Gingerbread Ice Cream*

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



Lunch on Saturday and Sunday is not included, but we highly recommend The Potting Shed (left) which is just across the road and is the sister pub to the Rectory.

From sandwiches to their à la carte menu, the locally-sourced, seasonal food is absolutely delicious, served in a fun and convivial atmosphere.

The pub was voted 'Wiltshire Dining Pub of the Year' 2014 by the Good Pub Guide and has had very good reviews (booking required). Alternatively we can organise a lunch at The Rectory (approx £13.50 for 2 courses).

Accommodation

The 12 bedrooms at The Rectory are all individually designed and feature an eclectic mix of antique finds, updated with more contemporary pieces. All rooms come with Roberts retro radios, iPod docking stations, television and organic Bamford products. The six rooms below are on the first floor:



Laverton (double + shower) ♦
A light and airy double-aspect room overlooking the front lawn.



Nimlet (double + bath) ♦
This room enjoys side views of the garden from the window seat.



Cleeve (king/twin + bath) ♥
A lovely light room with window seats which have views to the side of the hotel.



Sudeley (double + bath) ♠
This newly decorated room overlooks the Victorian Baptism pool at the rear.



Pennsylvania (king/twin + bath) ♠
This is a large light room overlooking the lawns at the front of the hotel.



Leckhampton (king + bath) ♠
A bright airy room with window seats and lovely views. Plus separate shower.

Together with hand sprung mattresses, fine Egyptian linens, bathrobes, deep baths and power showers, you can be sure of a relaxing stay. All rooms have en-suite bathroom facilities. The six rooms below are on the second floor:



Nibley (double + bath) ♣
Small but cosy, this room has original beams and a view of the village church.



Cam Peak (double + bath) ♦
Overlooking the croquet lawn, this room has lovely views over the front garden.



Nympsfield (king/twin + shower) ♦
This room is light and bright with views over the front and side gardens.



Belas Knap (king/twin + bath) ♥
This comfortable and cosy room has original beams.



Randwick (king/twin +bath) ♥
Original beams give this cosy room plenty of character.



Crickley (king/twin +bath) ♥
Double aspect windows make this room light and bright with views of the village.

* All rooms with baths, apart from Cam Peak, have showers over the baths, or separate shower. Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is 11am

Daily Schedule

Friday

Duplicate or supervised play 3.30pm - 6pm
Welcome drinks and canapés from 7.15pm
Three-course dinner
After dinner supervised bridge

Saturday

Bridge tuition 10am - 12.30pm
Bridge tuition 5pm - 7.30pm
Three-course dinner
After dinner supervised bridge









Sunday

Duplicate or supervised play 10am - 12.30pm

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 30th April 2016.

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

<u>Price per person</u>	 twin	 single	 twin	 single	 twin	 single	 twin	 single
Full Price	£460	£570	£490	£600	£520	£630	£550	£660
With 10% discount	£414	£513	£441	£540	£468	£567	£495	£594

Travel Details

Travelling to The Rectory Hotel is very straightforward. It is situated eight miles from junction 17 off the M4, not far from Malmesbury. Alternatively, a fast rail service takes you directly from London Paddington to Kemble station in 70 minutes. We can arrange for you to be picked up from Kemble station, just 3 miles away.

The Rectory Hotel, Crudwell, Malmesbury, Wiltshire, SN16 9EP

How to Book...

To book your holiday, please fill out the booking form - stating your room preferences - and either scan and email to claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com or post to **StockenBridge Breaks, Hurlingham Studios, Ranelagh Gardens, London, SW6 3PA**, together with the deposit of £100 per person (by on-line transfer or cheque). The full payment will be due by August 31st 2016. See booking form for full payment details and Terms and Conditions.

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