

STOCKENBRIDGE

BREAKS



Cotswold House Hotel and Spa

Friday 7th February - Sunday 9th February 2020

A Duplicate Bridge weekend with the Stockens in a 4-star hotel with a two-rossette restaurant, in Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire

from £432pp* including:

2 nights' stay in this luxury 4-star town house hotel

Half board at the hotel's acclaimed restaurant including:

- breakfast with hot and cold options including full English
- refreshments available during bridge play
- delicious three-course dinner with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines

Reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening

Free and unlimited use of the hotel's Spa

All bridge tuition and course notes and prizes

* with 10% Loyalty Discount

Very special bridge holidays

Duplicate 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.

Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and, as an experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions and partnering players where needed.

Their parents, Peter and Dinah, will also be making up the team, partnering guests and supervising play.



The bridge programme will focus on duplicate play and tactics, and the weekend is aimed at confident intermediate-plus and advanced players. Our ethos is that bridge (*competitive or not*) should be a friendly and social game and we insist that all players must show courtesy and good manners to their partner and to other players at the bridge table. No partner is needed to come on this holiday, but please be aware that, while we will always do our best to find you a suitable partner, we may be very limited in choice. The Stockens will always be available to partner up guests where needed. All bridge sessions are optional.

Bridge Schedule (*timings are approximate*)

Friday

Introduction & Seminar 1 (“Vulnerability”) + set deals

3.30pm - 5.30pm

Championship Pairs 1 (15 boards)

8.30pm - 10.30pm

Saturday

Run through of Friday night’s hands

10am - 10.30am

Seminar 2 (“Minors vs NTs”) + set deals

10.30am - 12.30pm

Championship Pairs 2 (15 boards)

4.30pm - 6.30pm

Teams of Four

8.30pm - 10.30pm

Sunday

Run through of Saturday afternoon’s hands

10am - 10.30am

Championship Pairs 3 (15 boards)

10.30am - 12.30pm

The Cotswold House Hotel and Spa

This handsome honey-stone hotel is set across a row of four properties in the heart of one of the region's most beautiful towns, Chipping Campden. It is a gloriously rambling establishment, partly housed in a landmark building with a well-regarded spa at the end of a pretty garden.



Completely refurbished in 2016, modern styling offsets original features of old beams and fireplaces in this luxury boutique hotel. We will be playing bridge in the high-ceilinged Montrose Suite (*right*) which is spacious with plenty of natural light. Expect excellent service, friendly staff and a warm welcome.



Food

The hotel's Fig Restaurant has an excellent reputation for food and currently holds two AA rosettes. Head chef Pasquale Russo has created menus which showcase the very best of modern British cuisine, prepared by a talented and imaginative team using seasonal ingredients from the finest local suppliers. Breakfast is a delicious array of hot and cold options including full English.



MENU at THE COTSWOLD HOUSE HOTEL

*Pork cheeks served with a butter bean purée and cider jus
Grilled mackerel with charred baby gem lettuce and citrus mayonnaise
Sundried tomato and goat's cheese quiche with a rocket salad and balsamic dressing
Warm cured salmon with a soft boiled egg and herb dressing
Ham hock and smoked chicken terrine with baby pickles and mustard
Baked Camembert with red onion marmalade and toast*

*Free range duck breast served with red cabbage, squash purée and blueberries
Roasted hake with caramelised cauliflower and broccoli
Pumpkin and sage risotto with pine nuts and parmesan
Slow-cooked shoulder of beef with potatoes, roast carrots and wild mushrooms
Pork belly with celeriac, pancetta, cabbage and mustard cream
Baked aubergine, apricot purée, spiced couscous, pomegranate and almonds*

*Sticky toffee pudding, butterscotch sauce and ice cream
Warm apple crumble served with Calvados anglaise
Chocolate brownie and vanilla ice cream
Egg custard crème brûlée served with shortbread biscuits
Chocolate tart, orange jelly and berry sorbet*



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 four dishes for each course, ordered one month in advance.

Lunch is not included in the price of your holiday giving you the flexibility to eat at the hotel's Bistro On The Square, or eat in one of Chipping Campden's many restaurants and bars.
Any dietary requirements can be catered for - please let us know at the time of booking.

Accommodation

Most of the 28 bedrooms are spread over three floors in the main building, though six are in the garden. They overlook the gardens or the high street and are all shapes and sizes, mainly furnished in soothing greens, browns and duck egg blue. All bedrooms have satellite televisions, free wifi and tea and coffee making facilities; some have a fireplace. En-suite bathrooms have Eco-Boutique products; some have shower-only; the others have tubs and showers in various permutations; one has a bath in the bedroom.

Please note that there is no lift but there are five ground-floor rooms suitable for the less mobile, although not fully wheelchair accessible. Please contact us for further bedroom details including accessibility and bathroom facilities. *Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is 11am.*



Classic	♣	Smallest rooms. Double or twin. Main building
Superior	♦	Larger than classic, King or twin. Main building.
Cottage	♥	Located in the cottages in the hotel gardens, individually designed with original features. King or twin.
Junior Suite	♠	Located in the main building or the cottages. Seating area. Individually designe. Large bathroom. King or twin
Suite	NT	Best rooms. Main house or garden. Baths and walk-in showers. King or twin. There are also 2 hot tub rooms in the gardens (£50pp supp twin occ). Contact us for details.

Prices Per Person *(*based on two people sharing)*

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Full Price*	£480	£510	£540	£600	£650
With 10% loyalty discount*	£432	£459	£486	£540	£585
Single occupancy	£590	£620	£670	£730	£800
Single occupancy with discount	£531	£558	£603	£657	£720

**Hot tub rooms have a £50pp supplement (twin occ), £100 supplement (single occ)

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 2019.

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 fill out and submit the on-line booking form (contact us for the link or see the Cotswold holiday page of our website) together with the deposit of £120 per person by bank transfer or cheque - see below or the booking form for payment details. Alternatively we can email/send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. The full payment will be due by Nov 30th 2019. Please see website for our Terms and Conditions.

Payment

- where possible an on-line transfer is preferable for a speedy transaction that is easy to track.

On-line Transfer:

Account name: 'Stockens Ltd' Account Number: 27452468 Sort Code: 30-11-75

Please quote 'Cotswold 20' or your invoice number if you have one

Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to 'Stockens Ltd'

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.



Other things to do around and about

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

The Spa at Cotswold House

At the far end of the garden, a former coach house is home to the spa with steam room and hydrotherapy pool, and offering aromatic Decl or treatments in six treatment rooms.



Chipping Campden

Chipping Campden is one of the finest towns in the Cotswolds, full of history but plenty of life and bustle too. Visit the Court Barn Museum, the Old Silk Mill and St James' Church. There are independent shops filled with antiques, art, designer brands and goods produced in the Cotswolds - perfect for Christmas shopping.



Walking

The Cotswolds are famous for fine landscapes, gently undulating hills, picturesque villages with mellow buff stone cottages and an abundance of rivers and streams. The Cotswold Way starts in Chipping Campden, so attractive walking trails are right on the doorstep.



Local places to visit by car

Batsford Arboretum (15 mins away) is a 55-acre Victorian arboretum and botanical garden and is open all year round. Visit Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford upon Avon (20 mins away) or Chastlehouse House (25 mins away), a rare gem of a Jacobean country house (right) or the Cotswold Motoring Museum (25 mins away), a must for classic car enthusiasts.



Travel Details

Chipping Campden is centrally located in England, and within easy reach of major motorway networks. Alternatively, a fast rail service takes you directly from London Paddington to Moreton-in-Marsh train station in 90 minutes. We can arrange for you to be picked up from the station, just 9 miles away (*15 minutes drive*)

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