

STOCKENBRIDGE

BREAKS



Gillham Vineyard Hotel, North Cyprus

Sunday 3rd September - Sunday 10th September 2023

A luxury Autumn Bridge week with the Stockens in a magical hill-top hotel, spa and vineyard overlooking the Cyprus coastline

from £1692pp* including: * with 10% loyalty discount

7 nights' stay in this luxury 5-star contemporary hotel and spa

Full board at the hotel's acclaimed Gillham Chef restaurant including:

- a feast of a breakfast and a 2-course buffet lunch
- refreshments available during bridge play
- superb three-course dinner with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines

Unlimited use of the spa and fitness room

Wine tour and tasting at Gillham's Wine Culture

Transfers from Larnaca or Ercan Airport for any flights

All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

Very special bridge holidays

North Cyprus

With a hot Mediterranean climate, moderated by sea breezes, Cyprus has long been a popular year-round holiday destination. By far the most beautiful, verdant and untouched part of the island is the Turkish-run North with old castles and ancient ruins set amongst pine and cedar forests, against the backdrop of the sparkling sea. We ran our first wonderful holiday here in 2021 and with so much to see and do, we were sure to return.



Gillham Vineyard Hotel

Gillham Vineyard Hotel, open since 2018, is set on a hillside above four hectares of rolling vineyards and the Mediterranean in the distance. The attractive mature gardens are home to the estate's own wine centre as well as a pool and holistic spa. There are many perfect spots to relax, sip a glass of wine and watch the sun slip behind the green mountains. The first hotel of its kind in North Cyprus - expect great service and a very friendly welcome.

Gillham Chef Restaurant

Award-winning Israeli chef, Eyal Lavy, has created a delicious and appetising mediterranean menu with a middle-eastern twist using fresh, local ingredients. The cuisine at Gillham's has had amazing reviews and, if you are a fan of Yotam Ottolenghi, we are sure it will be a highlight of your stay here.

In the mornings there is an impressive mezze spread of local cheeses, smoked fish, cured meat, freshly squeezed juices, yoghurts and local breads as well as eggs Benedict on local brioche bread, Israeli-style shakshuka, french toast, seasonal fruits, kaymak (*cyriot clotted cream*) and honey.

'My belief is that food is meant to delight and connect people, I cook and create from love and deep passion' Eyal Lavy, chef

DINNER MENU at GILLHAM'S CHEF RESTAURANT

*Poached pear salad, beans, beetroot chips, red onion, roasted nuts, Tulum cheese
Caramelized liver paté with spicy crème fraiche, fig chutney, pistachio and bruschetta
Grilled bell pepper stuffed with local cheese, olives, capris and chilli
Moroccan pastilla, chicken with raisins, pine nuts and chilli with quince chutney
Catch of the day served with creamed eggplant, chilli, red and spring onion
Fried shrimps wrapped in kadaif pastry, served with Gillham beetroot sauce*

*Grilled sea bass with "masabaha", artichoke, olives, cherry tomatoes and saffron
Lamb Kofta with chargrilled aubergines, tahini, cherry tomato salad and chick peas
Tortellini filled with spinach, labne and feta cheese served with beetroot cream
Crispy chicken with quinoa salad and grilled vegetables
Lamb shank oven roasted for 4 hours with wild mushrooms and Jerusalem artichokes
Baked salmon fillet wrapped in filo and stuffed with Moroccan style pumpkin*

*Mediterranean apple crumble with a sweet labne cream
Meringue with chocolate and passion fruit sauce, kadaif and caramelised cashew
Cognac perfumed chocolate mousse, salted caramel, crumble and forest fruits
Creme brulée with forest fruits and Baileys crème caramel sauce*



Please Note

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce. Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person. There will be a choice ordered in advance. Breakfast and lunch will be in the form of a buffet.

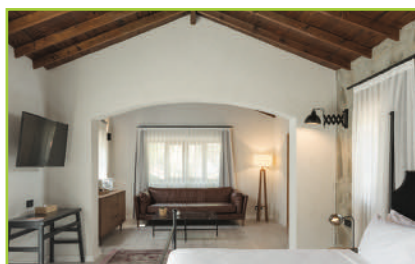
Any dietary requirements can be catered for - please let us know at the time of booking.





Accommodation

The 31 suites all have terraces with lovely views to the sea, the gardens or the mountains. The rooms have been beautifully designed and finished to a high standard with contemporary furnishings, making them light, airy and relaxing. Super comfortable mattresses, crisp linen and fluffy towels are standard. The spacious, modern bathrooms are en-suite with Gillham Vineyard bath products. All bedrooms have a television, a safe, a working desk, free wifi, tea and coffee facilities (*expresso machine*), a minibar, bathrobes and slippers.



The restaurant, bridge room and some of the bedrooms are on the ground floor, though spread out over the estate. Contact us for an estate map and further details on rooms and accessibility. *Bedrooms are available from 2pm and check out is by 11am.*



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| Beaujolais room  | Size 25-38m ² . View: sea/pine forest - mountain. Twin/king beds. Shower. Terrace 7-13m ² . Ground floor. |
| Rose suite  | Size 43m ² . View: vineyard and sea. Twin/king beds. Shower. Terrace or balcony 12m ² . Ground or first floor. |
| White suite  | Size 52m ² . View: pine forest - mountain. King bed. Shower. Terrace 7-14m ² . Ground floor and accessible. |
| Red suite  | Size 56m ² . View: vineyard and sea. King bed. Shower. Jacuzzi bath. Terrace 14m ² . Ground floor. |
| Sparkling suite NT | Size 73m ² . Panoramic view: sea + mountain. King bed. Shower. Jacuzzi bath. Terrace 46m ² with hot tub and sunken outdoor fireplace. Duplex. Best suite in the hotel |

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 holiday 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. The tuition sessions will use Compass Cards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group.



The other sessions will be supervised play or some form of duplicate or teams, with prizes at the end of the stay. 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. Non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome. Depending on the group size, we will either be playing bridge in the wine centre, about 100m from the restaurant and between 50-300m from the bedrooms, or in the hotel’s reception area, next to the dining room. Both rooms are accessible at ground level.

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

Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Teams or duplicate

5pm - 7.15pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago



Excursions and things to do in the area

There will be two wonderful optional excursions and we will contact you nearer the time with full details. Here are some local attractions:

Kyrenia Harbour and Castle

Kyrenia has often been described as the jewel of Cyprus with its pretty harbour surrounded by shops and tavernas, guarded by the mighty medieval castle.



Local walks

Easily accessible from the hotel, woodland walking trails lead to quaint villages with charming traditional whitewashed houses or, if you are feeling energetic, head high up into the mountains. Walking guides can be arranged.

Bellapais and St Hilarion Castle

One of the most beautiful villages in Cyprus, Bellapais lies amid citrus groves and features the splendidly preserved ruins of a Gothic abbey. Lawrence Durrell lived in the village in the 50's and wrote about his experience in 'Bitter Lemons'. St Hilarion Castle is dramatically sited on a rocky crag, now a ruin of elegant turrets, towers and windows. This 13th century castle fires the imagination and offers a splendid view over Kyrenia and the surrounding villages.



Famagusta

History lovers will be fascinated by the walled old city of Famagusta and the nearby Roman city of Salamis with its mythology, Roman theatre, baths and latrines. It is also possible to visit the eery 'ghost town' of Varosha, a once thriving and touristic district of Famagusta, abandoned since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in 1974, now left to decay.

Sandy beaches

North Cyprus has many beautiful sandy beaches and there is a cheap shuttle service to one nearby (*about 10 mins drive away*). Further afield is the wild Karpasia peninsula, the least developed part of Cyprus, where rare turtles breed.



Gillham Wine Spa

The stunning spa is situated on the edge of the vineyard with fabulous views out to sea. There is a fully equipped gym, traditional Turkish Hamman, an outdoor heated pool and three treatment rooms. A complete range of traditional and Vino Therapy treatments are on offer for the mind, body and soul.



Travel Details

Larnaca Airport, South Cyprus, is the nearest airport for direct flights from the UK, approximately 1.5 hours' drive away (*57 miles*). Ercan Airport is in North Cyprus about an hour away (*34 miles*) though flights from the UK need to go via Turkey. We will include transfers from Larnaca or Ercan Airport for any flights.







You can hire a car at Larnaca airport and cross the border into North Cyprus, but you have to purchase additional insurance at the border. If you hire a car in the North, you cannot drive it to the South. You can also hire a car through the hotel and have it delivered to the hotel for the number of days you require, booked in advance or during your stay.

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| PRICES (*per person, based on 2 sharing) |  |  |  |  | NT |
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| Full Price* | £1880 | £2090 | £2290 | £2390 | £2640 |
| With 10% loyalty discount* | £1692 | £1881 | £2061 | £2151 | £2376 |
| Single occupancy | £2210 | £2420 | £2810 | n/a | n/a |
| Single occupancy with discount | £1989 | £2178 | £2529 | n/a | n/a |



Loyalty Discount

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday if booked before Jan 31st 2023. 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 Cyprus holiday page of our website) together with the deposit of £250 per person by bank transfer or cheque - see below or the booking form for payment details. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. The full payment will be due by June 30th 2023. See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you.

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 'Cyprus Sept23' 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.

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