

STOCKENBRIDGE

BREAKS



The Rectory Hotel, Wiltshire

Wednesday 16th January — Friday 18th January 2019

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

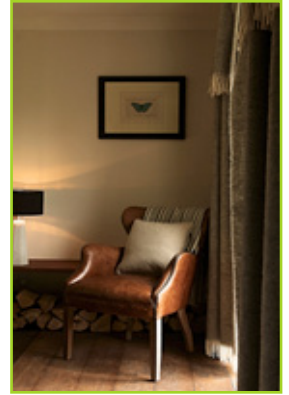
from £441 pp* including: * with 10% Loyalty Discount

- 2 nights' stay in this charming country house hotel
- Breakfast with hot and cold options including full English
- Delicious 3-course dinner with wine on 2 nights
- Refreshments available during Bridge play
- Reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening
- All bridge tuition and course notes

Very special bridge holidays

The Rectory Hotel

This Georgian Rectory dates back to 1780 and sits in two acres of gardens, with the church tower peeping up above magnificent trees. Set in the pretty Wiltshire village of Crudwell, the hotel underwent a huge 6-month renovation in early 2017, transforming it into an elegant and peaceful rural retreat. Step inside and it's all deep velvet sofas, modern art, vintage maps and cosy window seats. With two comfortable sitting rooms with roaring log fires and Bridge in the new glass house, we are sure you will love it as much as we do.



We have already had many wonderful bridge breaks at The Rectory and it is now a firm favourite. Guests love the friendly hotel ambience and great food, making a stay feel like a country house party.



Delicious food

Tom Conway, who was Head Chef at the Rectory's sister property, the Potting Shed, has moved over to the Rectory to produce food that is traditional yet modern, as well as unpretentiously presented with emphasis on 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.

'10 best UK hotels for a winter escape' *The Times, February 2018*

'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

MENU at THE RECTORY

*Beetroot cured salmon, fennel and blood orange salad with soda bread
Grilled purple sprouting broccoli, poached hens egg and hollandaise sauce
Scallops, crispy pork belly, golden sultanas and apple
Chicken and duck liver parfait, fig chutney with toasted brioche
Ham hock terrine, pickled apples and sourdough*

*Roast chicken breast, Jerusalem artichokes, cavolo nero and pancetta
Cornish hake, creamed potato, kale with potted shrimp butter
Baked Cornish plaice, samphire and toasted hazelnuts
Parmesan gnocchi, morel, wild garlic with soft leeks
Roast leg of Wiltshire lamb, seasonal vegetables and Yorkshire pudding*

*Salted caramel tart, candied hazelnuts with dark chocolate sorbet
Vanilla cheesecake, poached rhubarb, pistachio and stem ginger ice cream
Dark chocolate marquise, passion fruit, banana, cocoa nib
Steamed treacle pudding with crème anglaise
Lemon posset, blackcurrant compote, shortbread
Selection of British and French cheeses*



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. Included in the price is breakfast with hot and cold choices including a full English breakfast.

Lunch is not included in the price of your holiday, but we highly recommend The Potting Shed which is just across the road and is the sister pub to the Rectory. Alternatively we can organise a lunch at The Rectory (approx £15 for 2 courses). Any special diets can be catered for.

Accommodation

The hotel has 18 simply but beautifully furnished bedrooms – 15 in the main house on the first and second floors and 3 in a separate cottage; all with king or super-king beds with goose down bedding, crisp cotton sheets and fluffy towels. Bedrooms on the first floor are slightly grander than the top floor but all have been thoughtfully designed and carefully decorated. There are tiles from Bert & May, furniture from Pinch, Benchmark, Another Country and Julian Chichester and lighting from Jamb. On the landings guests can creep down the corridor and help themselves to honesty bar treats.



All bedrooms have tea and coffee facilities, superfast wifi, Roberts radio, and a television with a library of free films. They all have en-suite bathrooms; some with baths, some with showers and some with both and all come with locally made, Bramley products. Six of the rooms have free-standing baths in the bedrooms, all with a separate shower in the bathroom. The bedrooms are categorised according to their size: small, medium and big. Please note that there is no lift and beds in the main house cannot be twinned. Please contact us for further bedroom details including accessibility and bathroom facilities. *Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is 11am.*

'A lovely low key country house hotel with a beautiful English garden. Its Georgian proportions and stylish interiors make it an elegant home from home.' – The Telegraph

<u>Price per person</u>	small ♦ double	small ♦ single	medium ♥ double	medium ♥ single	big ♠ double	big ♠ single
Full Price	£490	£600	£520	£630	£550	£660
With 10% discount	£441	£540	£468	£567	£495	£594

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 June 2018.

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 Rectory 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 October 31st 2018. 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

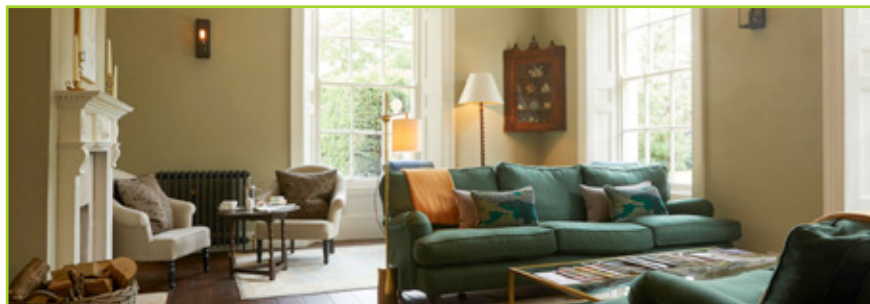
Please quote 'Rectory 19' or your invoice number if you have one

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.



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 CompassCards (*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. Non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome.

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

Wednesday

Supervised play

3.30pm - 5.30pm

After dinner supervised bridge

Thursday

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Duplicate (*teams/pairs*) or supervised

5pm – 7.30pm

After dinner supervised bridge

Friday

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm



Other things to do around and about

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

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. There are some great local walks and maps and wellies are available at the hotel.

Westonbirt Arboretum (8 miles away)

One of the most spectacular tree collections in the world, open to visitors all year round.

Local towns and cities to visit

Visit the beautiful 12th Century Malmesbury Abbey (5 miles - above right) or the delightful market town of Tetbury (8 miles - right) which also houses Prince Charles' Highgrove shop. Nailsworth (12 miles) is a fair-trade Cotswold town, lying in one of the Stroud Valleys and the Regency town of Cheltenham is not far (25 miles).



Home to some of the nation's grandest Georgian architecture, the city of Bath was founded on top of natural hot springs and has many attractions including Bath Abbey, the Roman Bathhouses, the Royal Crescent (*below*), the Jane Austen Centre plus many more museums and sites of architectural interest.



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.



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