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# StockenBridge

## **Ston Easton Park, near Bath, Somerset**

A luxury Autumn Bridge Break in this Palladian stately home with your hosts Zebedee and Claudia Stocken.

*from* £441pp\* including :

- 2 nights' stay in this fabulous luxury 4-star 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

\*with 10% loyalty discount



**Tuesday November 7th - Thursday November 9th 2017**

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## Ston Easton Park

This magnificent 18th century Palladian mansion is surrounded by 36 acres of parkland designed by Humphry Repton, a leading 18th-century landscape designer. The beautiful grounds encompass a cascading river overhung by willows and crossed by pretty bridges, and a giant walled Victorian kitchen garden.



Now a luxury 4-star hotel, Ston Easton Park is captivating: pedimented doorways, marble fireplaces, elaborate cornicing, gilt mirrors, old oil paintings, fine porcelain and antiques fill the elegant public rooms. The bedrooms are generally large, many with 4-poster beds and a stay here will take you back in time to an era of opulence, yet despite the grandeur of the house, there is a very warm welcome, making guests feel they are part of a country house party.



## Fine Dining

The modern British cuisine has an excellent reputation locally with menus that use fresh, locally-sourced ingredients. The head chef works closely with local suppliers and even more closely with the hotel garden team, sourcing almost 60% of the fresh produce used in the menus from the hotel's extensive kitchen gardens. For breakfast, there is a wide selection of hot and cold options, including a full english breakfast.



For more information, please visit the website: [www.stoneaston.co.uk](http://www.stoneaston.co.uk)

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## *MENU at STON EASTON PARK*

*Onion soup with onion bhaji and curry oil*  
*Goats cheese and basil panna cotta with grapefruit, parmesan crisp and pomegranate*  
*Oak smoked salmon with broccoli puree, blue cheese beignet and almonds*  
*Ham hock terrine with beetroot, celeriac remoulade and foie gras mousse*

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*Roast fillet of pork with creamed runner beans, black pudding and apple*  
*Mendip lamb shank, lamb rump with potato parsley cake and artichoke puree*  
*Roast loin of cod with smoked haddock risotto and garlic butter*  
*Parmesan and rosemary gnocchi with roasted beetroot and garlic*

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*Dark chocolate torte with raspberry sorbet and strawberry sugar*  
*Buttermilk pannacotta with cranberry granola and redcurrent sorbet*  
*Apricot clafoutis with almond ice cream and mint crème fraîche*  
*Selection of British and continental 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.  
For breakfast there is an array of hot and cold choices including a full English breakfast.

Lunch is not included in the price of your holiday giving you the flexibility to eat at the hotel or eat elsewhere. The hotel serves a 'light bite' lunch menu from £7.  
Any special diets can be catered for.

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## Accommodation









There are 20 immensely characterful bedrooms which are traditional in feel and furnished with one-off antiques and wallpaper with eye-catching patterns – a man mowing a lawn in one room, Chinese prints in another. Contemporary touches have been carefully interjected into these historic rooms whilst ensuring the decor remains true to the building's grand past.

The en-suite bathrooms all have baths with showers over, except one classic room on the ground floor which has a wet room style open shower. Every room has complimentary wifi access, television, dvd player, hairdryer, toiletries and telephone. Please contact us for further details about the bedrooms including photos and floor plans. There is no lift in the hotel. *Bedrooms are available from 3pm and check out is 11am.*



<b>Classic</b> ♣	Smallest in size, though space for a seating area. Double or twin rooms. One on ground floor, the others first and second.
<b>Superior</b> ♦	Larger in size with either a four-poster or king-size bed or twin beds. Seating area in room. First or second floors.
<b>Deluxe</b> ♥	Large rooms with king-size or twin beds. First or second floors. Large seating area within the room.
<b>State</b> ♠	The best rooms in the house, extremely large with high ceilings and original four-poster Chippendale beds. Large seating area within the room. First floor.

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<b>Price per person</b>	 twin	 single	 twin	 single	 twin	 single	 twin	 single
Full Price	£490	£590	£540	£650	£590	£710	£640	£770
With 10% discount	£441	£531	£486	£585	£531	£639	£576	£693

### 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 2017. 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 the booking form - stating your room preferences - and either scan and email to **claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com** or post to the address on the back page, together with the deposit of £120 per person. The full payment will be due by August 31st 2017. See booking form for 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 'StonEaston 17' 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.

### Non-residents

Local bridge players are more than welcome to join us for one or more of our bridge sessions. Please contact us for full details and prices.

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## Other things to do around and about

There are no bridge sessions scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, so why not explore the beautiful parkland by following the banks of the cascading River Norr? Here are some more ideas if you want to go further afield:

### Cheddar Cave and Gorge (20 minutes drive away)

Visit Britain's biggest gorge, take in the dramatic cliffs rising up 450ft and explore the stunning stalactite caverns below. Created by Ice age melt-waters over millions of years, this world famous beauty spot is a National Nature Reserve and a famous site of prehistoric discoveries.

### Glastonbury Abbey (30 minutes drive away)

Shrouded in mystery and legend, Glastonbury Abbey (*right*) is a fascinating ruin and a fine example of Norman architecture, dating from about 1200 and stands on one of the oldest Christian sites in Britain.



### Golf (10 minutes drive away)

Farrington Park Golf and Country Club is set in a beautiful and peaceful rural location surrounded by stunning views across the former Duchy of Cornwall estate. With 27 holes of exciting and challenging golf, both the 9 and 18 hole courses offer an enjoyable and relaxing experience for all golfers.

### City of Bath (30 minutes drive away)

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.



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## 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.

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. 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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

Bridge tuition *10am - 12.30pm*  
Bridge tuition *5pm - 7.30pm*  
After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

#### Thursday

Bridge tuition *10am - 12.30pm*



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## Travel Details

Ston Easton Park is located in Somerset on the A37, 11 miles south of Bristol and Bath.

### Travelling by car:

The hotel is accessible via the M4, or M3 and A303 from London. Journey time is about 2.5 hours from west London (*about 120 miles*)

### Travelling by train:

Ston Easton Park is 12 miles (*30 minutes drive*) from Bath Spa train station or 14 miles from Castle Cary train station (*25 minutes drive*). There is a direct fast train to both these train stations from London Paddington. The hotel can organise a taxi pick-up and if you are happy to share with other guests travelling at the same time, let us know and we will put you in touch.



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Please note that dogs are very welcome at Ston Easton Park - contact us for details.

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