

STOCKENBRIDGE

BREAKS



Hotel Endsleigh, Milton Abbot, Devon

Monday 18th September — Friday 22nd September 2023

A luxury Autumn Bridge Break with the Stockens in this fabulous country house hotel with magnificent Grade 1 listed gardens

from £1305pp* including: * with 10% Loyalty Discount

4 nights' stay in Olga Polizzi's super comfortable luxury hotel

Half board every day including:

- A delicious breakfast with an array of hot and cold options including full English
- afternoon tea with freshly made biscuits
- three-course dinner in the acclaimed restaurant with 1/2 bottle per person of selected wines

Welcome reception and refreshments during bridge play

Guided tour of the Humphry Repton gardens with the head gardener

All bridge tuition and course notes

Very special bridge holidays

Hotel Endsleigh

This exquisite Regency fishing lodge is owned and designed by hotelier Olga Polizzi (*right*) and her daughter, Alex, aka The Hotel Inspector. Olga Polizzi also owns the fabulous Hotel Tresanton, Cornwall, one of our favourite StockenBridge venues. No surprise then that this is one of Devon's most acclaimed hotels, situated in the Tamar Valley among 100 acres of wildly romantic Grade I listed gardens, designed by Humphry Repton and featuring secret grottos, ancient trees, rose-wreathed arches, a shell house, formal parterre, and lawns that sweep down towards the River Tamar.



Built in 1812 for the Duchess of Bedford, there's a sense of stepping back in time as you enter the grand hall, softly lit, fire crackling in an enormous grate, huge antiquarian shire maps lining the walls. There are two homely drawing rooms with roaring fires, ottomans, botanical paintings, plump sofas and bookshelves lined with classics.



Delicious food in Endsleigh's restaurant

At Endsleigh the cooking takes its inspiration from the surrounding countryside. The restaurant serves some of the most delicious food in Devon, always beautifully presented and delicately flavoured using the freshest local produce. Food is served in the original dining room featuring beautiful wood-panelling and crests of the friends of the Duke of Bedford.



For more information and photos visit the website: hotelendsleigh.com

MENU at ENDSLEIGH

Guinea fowl & goose liver terrine with fennel & treacle cream, pickled vegetables
River Exe mussels with cider & tarragon cream, pancetta
Red mullet with cuttlefish croquette, orange & cardamom reduction, cucumber
Squash ravioli, toasted almonds, sage, capers, heirloom tomato, pecorino
Chicken liver parfait with blackberry, celeriac, fig jam, clementine jelly

Pork belly with roast garlic mash, purple cauliflower, cavolo nero
Sea bream, potato beignets, aubergine, courgette, shrimp & caper beurre noisette
Wild mushroom risotto with pecorino, gremolata, rocket, toasted pine nuts
Malt barley glazed duck breast with glazed artichoke, heritage carrots, kale, pear
Hake, celeriac mash, wild mushrooms, Bordelaise sauce, samphire, mussels

Salted caramel parfait, vanilla chibous, cinnamon ice cream, gingerbread
Pineapple carpaccio, lime & coriander syrup, mandarin sorbet, lime granita
Chocolate fondant with chantilly cream, cocoa streusel, coffee gelato
Honey parfait with caramel gel, honey & nut granola, yoghurt sorbet
West country cheeses with crackers, apple & brandy chutney, quince jelly



Please Note

Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person, or soft drinks. This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce. There will be a choice of 2 dishes for each course, ordered in advance. Included in the price is a feast of a breakfast with 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 in the locality. The à la carte lunch menu has a delicious selection of dishes with prices from £8. Any special diets can be catered for.

Accommodation

Endsleigh has 20 bedrooms each individually designed with uncluttered elegance. Expect painted wallpapers, roll-top bathtubs, book-lined shelves and snug, quilted beds. The bedrooms come in all shapes and sizes, some with glorious valley views, some tucked under the eaves, all with antique pieces and above all, sublimely restful.



All have en-suite bathrooms with Mitchell and Peach toiletries - some with baths, some with showers and some both. Most rooms can be double or twinned. All rooms have a television, DVD player and a safe. There is free wifi throughout the hotel. Please contact us or see the Endsleigh website for further details about the rooms and bathrooms, as they are all different!

Please note that the hotel does not have a lift and the ground floor bridge room is in the adjacent stable block, a 30-second walk from the hotel.
Bedrooms are available from 2.30pm and check out is 11am.

Classic ♦	Comfortable rooms, some with garden views. Bathrooms all different - contact us. 1st and 2nd floor of main house.
Repton ♥	Good sized rooms. Lovely views of the garden. One has a walk-in shower. First floor of main house.
Bedford ♠	Spacious rooms. Both have baths - one with shower over, one attached. Great garden views. 1st floor of main house.
Suite NT	Best rooms in the hotel with separate sitting room. All have a walk-in shower and a roll top bath. Two are in the main house, three in the nearby stables and one is in the gate-house lodge, about a mile from the main house.

Other things to do around and about

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

Endsleigh's Gardens and Dartmoor

Take long walks through the magnificent grounds where there is a good chance of spotting kingfishers, otters, falcons and even the occasional deer. The head gardener will give a fascinating guided tour of the Humphry Repton gardens (*right*) one afternoon - very much enjoyed by previous guests. Visit Dartmoor National Park which has ancient woodland, high granite tors and vast tracts of rolling moorland.



Tavistock

Tavistock is approximately fifteen minutes away from the hotel and is a lovely little market town on the edge of the moors. The ancient indoor Pannier market has a great selection of 5 day traders including antiques, crafts and local food.

North Cornwall Coast

The North Cornish coast is about an hour's drive and has beautiful beaches and many attractive fishing villages such as Bude and Boscastle.



Fishing

The Tamar runs through the grounds and the hotel is a member of Endsleigh Fishing Club, with 6 beats on 8 miles of riverbank. Fly fish for sea trout, brown trout and grayling, and enjoy some of the best salmon fishing in England.

'If ever a hotel were built in paradise it would be like Endsleigh – a fairytale cottage set in an Arcadian landscape with delicious food and blissful rooms. I love it and envy that sublime landscape – the perfect opportunity to step back in time to a graceful age.' - Alan Titchmarsh

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 an experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions and partnering players where needed. Their mother, Dinah, will also be making up the team, partnering guests and supervising play. 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

Monday

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

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Bridge tuition *10am – 12.30pm*
Teams or duplicate *5pm – 7.30pm*
After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

Friday

Bridge tuition *10am – 12.30pm*



Travel Details

Hotel Endsleigh is set on the edge of Dartmoor in Devon, south-west England. The nearest village is Milton Abbot (*5 minutes drive*); the nearest town is Tavistock (*15 minutes drive*).

Travelling by car:

Hotel Endsleigh is around 2 hours south-west of Bristol and 4 hours from west London.

Travelling by train:

There are regular, direct services from Bristol (*1 hour, 20 minutes*), Reading (*1 hour, 45 minutes*) and London Paddington (*2 hours*) to Exeter St Davids which is about a 60-minute taxi ride to Hotel Endsleigh.

We will organise taxi transfers for a selected direct train from Paddington to Exeter St Davids to fit in with checking in and out - £40pp return, £25pp one way.

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Prices Per Person (*based on two people sharing)

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Full Price*	£1450	£1550	£1600	£1700
With 10% loyalty discount*	£1305	£1395	£1440	£1530
Single occupancy	£1990	£2050	£2150	£2250
Single occupancy with discount	£1791	£1845	£1935	£2025

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 March 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 first email Claudia (see below) to check availability. Then fill out and submit the on-line booking form - contact us for the link or see the Endsleigh holiday page of our website. Alternatively we can email or send a booking form to you to print out and fill in. Please also pay the deposit of £200 per person by bank transfer. Please see our website or contact us by email for payment details. The full payment will be due by 30th June 2023.

See our website for our Terms and Conditions or we can email them to you.

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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