



CLIVEDEN





CLIVEDEN IS UNIQUE

The setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history, for this is a house that for over 300 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power and politics.

The first house was built in 1666 by the 2nd Duke of Buckingham. A notorious rake, schemer, and wit, he created Cliveden as a hunting lodge where he could entertain his friends and mistress.

Since then, it has twice been destroyed by fire, only to emerge, phoenix-like, more stunning than before. The house has played host to virtually every British Monarch since George I and has been home to three Dukes, an Earl and Frederick Prince of Wales, who created a happy family home here until his death in 1751.

Queen Victoria, a frequent guest, was not amused when the house was bought by William Waldorf Astor, America's richest citizen. When in 1906 he gave it to his son and daughter-in-law Nancy Astor, Cliveden became the hub of a hectic social whirl where notable guests included everyone from Charlie Chaplin to Winston Churchill, and President Roosevelt to George Bernard Shaw.

Harold Macmillan, a frequent guest, when told that Cliveden was to become a hotel, remarked "But my dear boy, it always has been." The tradition of fine hospitality and entertainment continues to make any stay the experience of a lifetime.



WELCOME TO THE HOUSE

The interior of the house does not disappoint the sense of anticipation created by the stately drive and imposing façade.

As the staff welcome you into the Great Hall, you are transported into a recaptured world of style and elegance. The ornate oak panelling, the rich Brussels tapestries on the walls commemorating the Earl of Orkney, the mighty 16th century stone chimney piece and the other exquisite furnishings, all combine to create a sense of extraordinary luxury and comfort. To the side of the chimneypiece is the stunning portrait, painted by John Singer Sargent in 1908, of the young Nancy Astor. Then at the other end of the Great Hall is the magnificent staircase with carved newel posts that depict earlier owners of The Cliveden estate.



STAYING AT CLIVEDEN

An invitation to stay at Cliveden was seldom refused in Lady Astor's day – not least because the bedrooms were so luxuriously appointed and the staff so attentive. The standards set over 100 years ago are still rigorously maintained today.

You can be certain of a beautiful room filled with exquisite furnishings and priceless antiques and each room is named after a prominent guest or figure from Cliveden's past and furnished accordingly.

The flawless service, offered with care and courtesy, makes staying at Cliveden such an unforgettable experience that our guests, who return time and again, often comment on the friendliness and professionalism of our staff.





Spring Cottage

ANDRÉ GARRETT AT CLIVEDEN

No-one could resist an invitation to Cliveden; from Churchill to Chaplin, Lawrence to Lennon... Today the experience is just as memorable but the dining salon has undergone a dramatic interior design transformation. Seduced by this spectacular new dining room that now carries his name, Michelin-starred chef André has uprooted from Park Lane to put Cliveden firmly back on the gastronomic map. Stunning dishes like Cocotte of native Dorset lobster and Fillet of Cumbrian longhorn beef appear alongside reinvented classics like Dover sole Veronique and venison "Grand-Veneur".



LAVISH ENTERTAINMENT

André Garrett joins Cliveden House from his own starring role in one of Mayfair's most celebrated restaurants to open a spectacular new dining salon that now carries his name.

Inspired by the culinary classics, André has passionately reworked long-overlooked dishes and carefully crafted some new signatures. Each one is meticulously conceived, fastidiously prepared then cooked with modernity and finished with André's defining lightness of touch.

Somerset born André places huge emphasis on the provenance of ingredients, so naturally the three course à la Carte and eight course Tasting menus are unashamedly governed by English ingredients and guided by our seasons.



PRIVATE DINING

Cliveden offers a number of enchanting and luxurious private dining options. Most exquisite is the French Dining Room, a Rococo masterpiece. On a visit to Paris in 1897, William Waldorf Astor was shown the gilded panelling in Madame de Pompadour's dining room at the Château d'Asnières. Realising the proportions exactly matched those of the dining room at Cliveden, he bought the panelling and had the entire room reconstructed in his home.

Lord Astor's private wine cellar with its brick walls, mighty pillars and vaulted ceiling, makes an unusual and atmospheric dining room and is perfect for hosting wine tastings. The Boudoir, once Lady Astor's sitting room, is romantically decorated in blue drapes with large windows overlooking the Parterre and lawn.

There are few more sumptuous settings than Cliveden for a private celebration.

The newly created Waldo's, comprises of three interconnecting rooms, perfect for drink receptions and private dining and includes a state of the art screening room, which can be used to enjoy movies or show presentations.



THE CLIVEDEN FLOTILLA

In the Cliveden Boathouse you will find a lovingly restored flotilla of vintage launches.

Built in 1911, the Suzy Ann is the flagship and can accommodate up to ten guests in great style and comfort. Restored for Cliveden, Suzy Ann won first prize for best professional restoration of a vintage boat at the Henley Traditional Boat Rally. A further four guests can be entertained on The Belmont, a resplendent 33 foot Thames slipper launch built in the 1930s. Belmont offers a divinely extravagant way to cruise the Thames.

A jaunt down the river in one of these exquisite treasures, whether for a glorious afternoon tea, a lazy picnic lunch or an indulgent Champagne cruise, offers the ultimate in sheer effortless enjoyment.

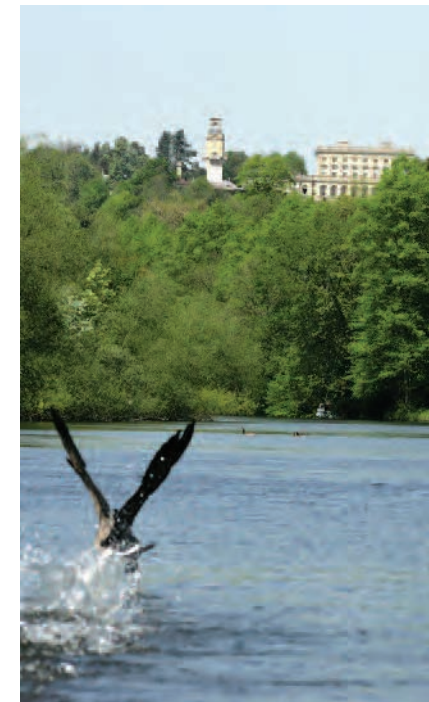


THE PAVILION SPA

Tucked away in the walled garden made famous by the Profumo affair in the '60s, The Pavilion Spa offers a unique and historic spa experience in breathtaking surroundings.

The magnificent outdoor pool was originally built by William Waldorf Astor for his wife Nancy to deter her from swimming in the river. This heated pool has since been complemented by the addition of an indoor pool, Canadian hot tubs, whirlpool spas, male and female saunas and steam rooms, plus several treatment rooms offering a superb range of beauty and holistic therapies, all tailored to individual requirements.

House guests benefit from full use of The Pavilion Spa and all its facilities and a comprehensive range of indulgent full and half day spa experiences are available for non-resident spa days.





LOCAL AREA

Cliveden was originally conceived as a hunting lodge for The 2nd Duke of Buckingham, who cared for little beyond "pleasure, frolic or extravagant diversion." His legacy is still evident in the sheer range of entertainments that are available today.

The indoor and outdoor tennis courts, fully equipped gymnasium and The Pavilion Spa are all within the grounds. Horse riding, polo, fishing, shooting and archery are available locally and the prestigious Harleyford Golf Club is a pleasant drive away.

Cliveden is also ideally located for visits to many local places of historic interest including Windsor, as well as for experiencing the many and varied social events at both Henley and Ascot.



THE GROUNDS

Cliveden is set amid 376 acres of magnificent formal gardens and parklands. Standing upon chalk cliffs that gave the estate its name, the house commands panoramic views over the beautiful Berkshire countryside and an idyllic bend in the River Thames.

Owned and managed by the National Trust, the gardens include charming riverside walks, a formal Parterre, woodland vistas, plus a wealth of statuary and topiary.

Other curiosities include an octagonal temple built by Giacomo Leoni in 1735, a Tortoise Fountain, an ornate dovecote, the secret garden, the Chinese water gardens, a pavilion to commemorate the Battle of Blenheim and an amphitheatre where the first recital of "Rule Britannia" was played.





MEETINGS

Whether you require a business retreat offering seclusion, discretion and complete privacy or you are hosting a major conference, product launch or a team-building exercise, Cliveden provides the greatest opportunity for success.

Cliveden's conference facilities are state-of-the-art with full audio-visual equipment including LCD screens, video projection, surround sound, wireless broadband and private telephone and facsimile lines. Each boardroom is air-conditioned with ergonomically designed chairs and soundproofed for absolute discretion.

The Special Events Team is experienced in creating bespoke team building activities with emphasis on fun, whilst enhancing team performance, within the hotel grounds or locally.

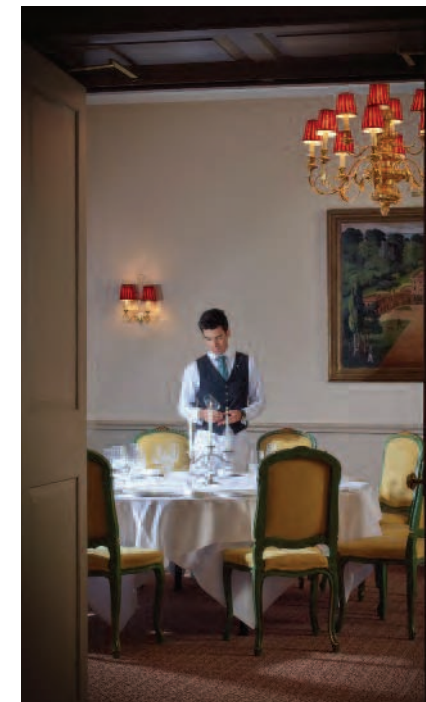


THE CLIVEDEN CLUB

Cliveden has always attracted some of the most outstanding individuals of the day and this tradition still continues with The Cliveden Club.

This is a social and country club where members enjoy the many exclusive and extremely attractive privileges offered by this lavish home away from home. New applications to the Club are welcomed allowing members the freedom of the grounds, the extensive sporting and leisure facilities, the fine dining rooms, the extensive cellar book and the luxurious bedrooms. All these are provided at preferential Club rates, along with a number of specific member privileges.

An extensive and exciting social calendar of events is held throughout the year.





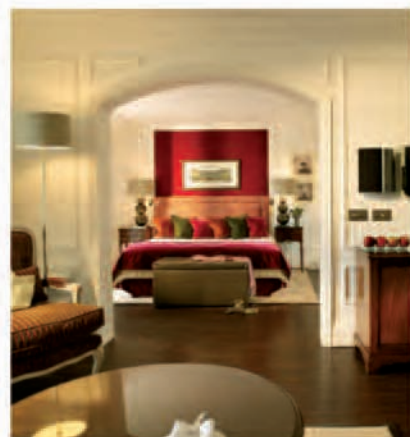
WEDDINGS AND HOUSE PARTIES

From intimate gatherings with family and close friends to lavish receptions and grand marquee weddings, Cliveden is the ultimate venue for an enchanting wedding day. The Special Events Team has years of experience in creating bespoke weddings meticulously crafted and tailored exactly to requirements for a truly unforgettable day where dreams really are brought to life.

With its impressive architecture, lavish interiors, breathtaking grounds and magnificent views over the River Thames, it's hardly surprising that Cliveden regularly plays host to many prestigious and extremely high profile events.

Exclusive use of Cliveden sets the stage for an event of extraordinary elegance, grandeur and style. Just imagine having the whole house entirely to yourself, for you and your guests, tailored exactly to your needs.





SISTER HOTEL

Chewton Glen in Hampshire is the sister hotel of Cliveden House

An English Original...Chewton Glen is a luxury country house hotel and spa set in 130 acres of Hampshire countryside on the edge of the New Forest National Park, and just a few minutes walk from the sea.

A very special place, Chewton Glen is a proud member of Relais & Châteaux, is one of the finest luxury hotels in the UK and has been voted 'Best Hotel for Service in the UK' and listed as one of the 'World's Best Hotels' by Condé Nast Traveller readers in 2011.

The unsurpassed heritage of effortlessly gracious English hospitality and the balance between heritage and evolution is what makes Chewton Glen a hotel and spa that constantly surprises.

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Directions:

By Road: Cliveden is located two miles from Junction 7 of the M4, or two miles from Junction 2 of the M40.

By Rail: 25 minutes from London Paddington to Burnham Station. Burnham Station is 5 minutes from Cliveden.

By Air: London Heathrow is approximately 22 miles and London Gatwick is 60 miles.

Transfer: Cliveden is able to arrange private chauffeur transfers on request.





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