



ROTHAY MANOR

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

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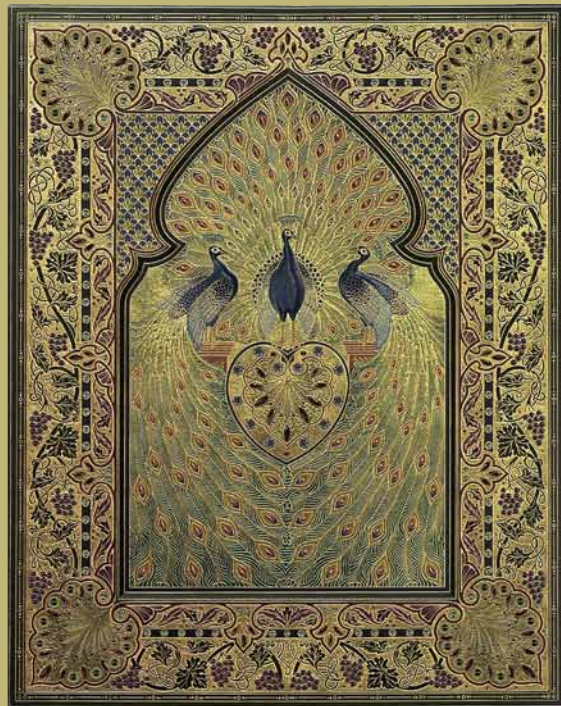


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THE HOTEL

Set in its own grounds 1/4 mile from the head of Lake Windermere and 5 minutes from the centre of Ambleside, the Manor was built in 1825 as a private residence, and the drawing rooms and candlelit dining room are still those of an elegant Regency house. Owned and run by the Nixon family for over 40 years, it has gained a reputation as one of the country's



leading small Country House Hotels, being recommended in all the leading guides for the excellence of its service and cuisine whilst retaining a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

All 19 bedrooms are en-suite with most having bath and separate shower. Individually decorated, they are spacious and comfortable with TV, tea and coffee making facilities, hairdryers, telephone and central heating.

A choice of well appointed Classic rooms; Superior rooms - most of which have a balcony overlooking the garden; Suites for those requiring more space and privacy. There is accommodation to suit everyone including families, wheelchair users and others with mobility issues.



The hotel restaurant has a long-standing reputation for excellent food and wine and is one of only 6 hotels to have been listed in the Good Hotel Guide since it began. Head Chef Jane Binns uses fresh local produce wherever possible to produce delicious, imaginative yet traditional menus and the hotel is well-known for the excellent Afternoon Tea.

Cumbria Tourism Award 2010 Finalist for 'Small Hotel of the Year' and 'Access for All' and 2008 'Taste Awards'.



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Talks

Crown Jewels, Dynastic Diamonds.

The mystique and splendour of some of the world's most fabled gems. The merry twinkle of precious stones always has a compelling impact. This is particularly true when applied to Crown Jewels where their allure is compounded by the power of the dynasty which they represent. Nicholas Merchant

Lady Anne Clifford,

A Great Northern Lady. The story of this determined woman who strove to regain her inheritance against the odds. Long before Women's Suffrage, Lady Anne fought for the right to retain her inheritance and prevent it being subsumed into that of her husbands. She succeeded triumphantly to the lasting benefit of her heirs. Nicholas Merchant

A free afternoon gives a chance to go to Abbot Hall Museum in Kendal and see the 'Great Picture', the triptych commissioned by Lady Anne Clifford to celebrate the recovery of her inheritance.



Rebecca Oaks; Coppicing, A Sustainable Form of Woodland Management

(our Craft lecture)

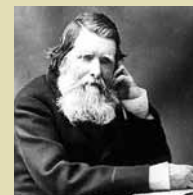
This ancient craft survives and acts as an 'eco-friendly' way of utilising sapling growth to manufacture a number of products.

The Great Omar with Dominic Riley.

A return visit by one of Britain's most celebrated Bookbinders, who will relate the fascinating story of this wondrous binding of The Omar Khayyam, studded with jewels and encrusted with gold leaf which sank with the Titanic, but that was not the end of the story.....

Visits

On Tuesday afternoon a visit the workshop of Rebecca Oaks at Yealand Redmayne, where we shall see demonstrations of the art of coppicing including the making of hurdles, and charcoal. Afternoon tea is available at Low Sizergh Barn (not included) on the way back to Ambleside.



Wednesday is an all-day expedition to Lancaster. Starting at the **Ruskin Library of Lancaster University**, we shall have a talk by Professor Stephen Wildman on the dramatic library building by

Sir Richard MacCormac and the drawings of Ruskin. These include some when he was a 16 year old taken during his European tour in 1835, including his first visit to Venice, which will be available for inspection. The collection of Ruskiniana at Lancaster was formed by John Howard Whitehouse, Liberal MP & educationalist and are an immense store of research material including 29 volumes of diaries and 7,400 letters.

Lunch (included) in Lancaster.

Afternoon visit to the **Maritime Museum, Lancaster**, built in 1764 by Richard Gillow of the furniture-making company. We will have a talk on the history of Maritime Lancaster and then a chance to look round the galleries including those devoted to the trade which made Lancaster such a vibrant centre in the 18th century.

Thursday morning trip to the **Ruskin Museum**, Coniston. Opened in 1901 it contains a number of watercolours and personal memorabilia of the writer, as well as (somewhat surprisingly) the engine of 'Bluebird' and Arthur Ransome's boat 'Mavis'. Introductory talk, and a chance to visit the museum at leisure.



Prices

Classic Double or Twin	£615
Superior Double or Twin	£710
Suite Double or Twin	£740
Single - Gunroom	£650
Classic Double as Single	£760
Superior Double as Single	£850
Non-resident	£460

The holiday runs from Sunday afternoon through to Friday morning, and the prices are per person and include full English breakfast, morning coffee, 3-course dinner, transport and VAT @ 20%.

Non-participating partners are welcome, and the cost for them is £50 less than above.

A deposit of £150 per person is required, which can be made by cheque or card, which is non-refundable unless the room is subsequently re-let. Cancellation insurance is available.



Photo courtesy of The Lakeland Arts Trust



Rothay Manor is a privately owned Country House hotel in the heart of the Lake District, set in one and a half acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.

Owned and personally managed by the Nixon family for nearly 40 years, the hotel has long been renowned for the warm hospitality, comfort and personal service which is complemented by excellent cuisine.



WHERE GUESTS FEEL THEY ARE AT HOME

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Each of the bedrooms and suites are individually designed, combining both traditional and modern furnishings. All rooms are en-suite with generous bath towels and fine quality toiletries, telephone, television, hair drier, tea and coffee making facilities and all are non-smoking.

Of the 16 bedrooms seven are superior rooms, most with a balcony overlooking the garden and views to the fells beyond.

There are 3 spacious suites, ideal for families or those who prefer extra privacy, two of which are in the grounds close to the main building, while the Fairfield Suite is situated in the new wing.

The Loughrigg Suite and a ground floor bedroom are fully accessible for wheelchair users.

The 'Honeymoon Package' or 'Celebration Package' makes Rothay Manor the ideal place to celebrate any special occasion.

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Rothay Manor's restaurant continues to win many accolades, and the cuisine is complemented by a personally compiled wine list with fine wines from around the world.

The chef sources fresh, local produce wherever possible and menus are prepared with flair and imagination to the highest of standards.

Dining at Rothay Manor – whether for lunch, dinner or a private party - is treated as an experience to be savoured to the full and the dining room, with tables laid in a classical style, is elegant and spacious yet comfortable.



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A wide range of outdoor activities is available nearby - sailing on Lake Windermere, water sports, golf, riding the bridleways, cycling the National Parks cycle paths, mountain biking, fishing (the hotel has a free fishing permit), and of course, exploring the fells and lakeshores on foot for which we can provide a specially prepared picnic lunch.

For the less energetic, a gentle game of croquet or boules on the lawn; a day exploring Lake Windermere by ferry; or indulge in a pamper day at a nearby beauty suite, where guests also have complimentary membership of the leisure facilities at the Low Wood Club, 1½ miles from the hotel.

The heritage of the area is revealed in a variety of museums, art galleries, theatres and historic buildings – including the famous Bridge House in Ambleside.



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SPECIALISED HOLIDAYS - From autumn through to late spring a range of Special Interest Breaks is available:- Antiques, Bridge, Gardening, Lake District Heritage, Music, Painting and Walking.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR - For the Festive Season we offer both a traditional 4-night Christmas House Party and a 3-night New Year House Party. Between Christmas and New Year, why not take advantage of our relaxing 3-night 'Post-Christmas Revival' break?

PRIVATE PARTIES - Whatever the occasion, Rothay Manor offers the perfect venue for a family celebration, with a private lounge and dining room for your exclusive use.

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES - For small, informal meetings & conferences the air-conditioned Brathay Room can accommodate up to 22 people.

Non-Residents are welcome for Morning Coffee, Lunch, Afternoon Tea and Dinner.

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