



ROTHAY MANOR

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BRIDGE HOLIDAYS

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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'.



LAKE DISTRICT BRIDGE HOLIDAY

April 15th - 20th 2012

Rothay Manor has been running competitive but friendly bridge holidays in the beautiful surroundings of the Lake District for over 20 years.

Designed for regular players who would like to learn more, with the emphasis on having a pleasant and relaxing break in the company of fellow enthusiasts, rather than formal teaching.

It is advisable for all players to have had some recent experience of duplicate play. The Brathay Room is for the exclusive use of the Bridge players, and the whole hotel is non-smoking.

The holiday begins at 3.15 p.m. on the Sunday with a light afternoon tea and ends with coffee at 10.45 a.m. on the Friday, with plenty of free time in between to see the Lake District.



There is a mixture of duplicate competitions, tutorials with illustrative hands, 'post mortems' and a tutor to buttonhole at any time.

*** Duplicate Bridge** For the first four days there will be a duplicate competition of at least 21 boards played late afternoon & early evening. On Thursday there will be a shorter competition (14 - 16 boards) finishing before dinner, followed by prize-giving and non-competitive play.

Full Mornings There will be two full mornings sessions with tuition aimed at a particular subject, together with quizzes to get you thinking and discussion of the previous day's tricky hands. After the coffee break, prepared hands will be played to illustrate the tutorial subject.

Short Mornings These two mornings will involve discussion of the previous day's tricky hands, but will finish at the 10.45 coffee break, leaving more free time to explore the Lake District

Week's themes The major themes of the week will be 'Benji and Weak Twos' & 'Finessing'.

Anything else? The programme is flexible, and can be modified within reason if there is a clear majority wish to do so. Ivor will select hands that he considers worthy of analysis, but is happiest when players themselves suggest hands that they found particularly difficult.



Ivor Francis has been playing bridge for over 50 years, and now that he has retired he has reverted to the habits of his student days, playing bridge whenever and wherever he can.

Ivor has completed the various English Bridge Union (EBU) directors' courses and is a member of the EBU Teaching Association. He has taught beginners and improvers at three FE colleges in Gloucestershire, and also more advanced players at summer schools. He thinks that whilst some 'bells and whistles' are necessary to do well against good opposition, more important by far are the basics of a sound system of bidding, declarer play and defence. Every holiday he runs seeks to combine at least two of these elements.



Programme

Breakfast 8.15 onwards Dinner 7.00 pm
Coffee Break 10.30 - 10.45
Light afternoon tea 3.30

Sunday

3.15 Introductions
3.45 - 6.00 Competition (21+ boards)
6.30 Welcome Drink and Dinner
9.00 - 10.30 Completion of Competition

Monday

9.30 - 10.30 Post Mortem & Tutorial
10.45 - 12.00 Prepared hands
3.45 - 6.00 Competition (21+ boards)
6.45 Gather in lounge for dinner
9.00 - 10.30 Completion of Competition

Tuesday

9.30 - 10.45 Post-mortem & Tutorial
3.45 - 6.00 Competition (21+ boards)
6.45 Gather in lounge for dinner
9.00 - 10.30 Completion of Competition

Wednesday As Monday

Thursday

9.30 - 10.45 Post-mortem & Tutorial
3.45 - 6.00 Competition (14 - 16 boards)
6.45 Gather in lounge for dinner
9.00 - 10.30 Prize-giving etc.

Friday

9.30 Open Forum
10.45 Coffee and finish of holiday

Prices

Classic Double or Twin	£495
Superior Double or Twin	£545
Double or Twin Suite	£565
Single - Gunroom	£520
Classic Double let as Single	£590
Superior Double let as Single ...	£650
Non-Resident	£345

Prices are per person and include full English breakfast, morning coffee, 3-course dinner and VAT @ 20%.

Non-playing partners are welcome, and the cost for them is £30 less than above. Non-resident price includes all items of the holiday and dinner each evening.



A deposit of £150 per person is required, which is non-refundable unless the room is subsequently relet. Cancellation insurance is available.

Advanced Bridge March 4th - 9th 2012

Do you play Bridge regularly at club level or above, but feel a bit “stuck” and are not improving as fast as you would like? This holiday gives you the chance to get off the “plateau” and significantly improve the standard of your game, by playing more advanced Bridge than during a standard holiday.



* **Duplicate Bridge** On each of the five days there will be a competition of at least 24 boards, played late afternoon & early evening.

* **Bridge Tutorials** On two of the mornings there will be an in depth tutorial session with illustrative hands to get you thinking. The major themes will be 'What are Stayman and Transfers for?' and 'Slams - When and how to bid them'.

* **Post Mortems** There will be the chance to analyse those particularly tricky hands from the competition.

Philip Wraight is an EBU Life Master having played bridge for 30 years at club and County level. He has a lot of experience in directing competitions and organising tournaments and is a qualified Tournament Director at club and county level. He is a Professional member of the English Bridge Union Teachers Association and enjoys teaching bridge to anybody who is willing to listen.

Currently, he has a number of classes for beginners and improvers in the South Cumbria area, and looks forward to welcoming you on this holiday to share his enthusiasm for the great game of Bridge.

“The main reason for playing Bridge is to enjoy it, and the better you play the game the

Prices

	<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Advanced</u>
	<u>& Spring</u>	
Standard Double or Twin	£495	£520
Superior Double or Twin	£545	£570
Double or Twin Suite	£565	£590
Single - Gunroom	£520	£540
Standard Double let as Single ..	£590	£620
Superior Double let as Single ...	£650	£680
Non-Resident	£345	£350

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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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