



ROTHAY MANOR

HOTEL & RESTAURANT

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PAINTING 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, Rothay 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.

With 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 runner-up in 'Access for All'.



PAINTING HOLIDAYS

Designed to appeal to painters of all levels - from beginners to the more experienced, with the aim of developing each painter's potential and individual style.



Various ideas, topics and techniques will be suggested to widen each person's repertoire, but there is no obligation to try them, and there is plenty of scope to develop individual ideas.

The studio, with views of the fells, is a well equipped space for painting, and is open at all times for guests to work whenever they wish.

Groups are limited to ensure personal attention and a useful list of materials and equipment will be sent on booking. The holiday finishes with an informal exhibition of paintings and appraisal of work achieved.

Water Colour Painting March 25th - 31st 2012

Studio work

* **Still Life** - with the emphasis on colour relationships. Also some drawing exercises relating to the set-up.

* **Egg Tempura** - Making your own egg tempura by mixing egg yolk, water and pure pigment and using it in a painting.

* **Painting from Sketches** made on outings and from views of the surrounding Fells.

Trips Out

* **Abbot Hall Gallery** - A half day visit to this excellent gallery in Kendal. The gallery has a room dedicated to paintings of the Lake District by a variety of artists, which we will have the opportunity to view and sketch. They will also have a special exhibition of English water colour paintings from the 18th and 19th Centuries



including the works of JWM Turner, John Sell Cotman, John Couzens and Thomas Girtin.

* **Ullswater** - A whole day out, travelling by minibus, sketching in this spectacular area. Stopping enroute at the unspoilt hamlet of Hartsop, and then further sketching stops on the shores of Ullswater and at Howtown on the east side of the Lake. Coffee and light lunch provided.

* Evening sessions

Slide presentation and discussion on the work of David Hockney in Yorkshire; DVD "Into The Light" showing prominent members of the Royal Water Colour Society at work on location; Appraisal and discussion of work achieved; A light-hearted fun Quiz evening.



Mixed Painting November 4th - 9th 2012

The holiday combines both **Oil** and **Watercolour** painting - a great opportunity to see how different mediums tackle the same subjects.

Studio Work

* **Oil Pastels** on coloured pastel paper to make a painting from a sketch made on the day out.



Some oil pastels and paper will be provided - introducing a new medium.

* **Tonal Painting** using solely black and white paint, possibly a copy of a well known painting, following the work of John Verity (see below).

* **Painting from Sketches** made on the outing.

Trips Out

* **Sketching tour** involving Langdale Pikes - sketch at Dungeon Ghyll (with coffee break), Blea Tarn and Little Langdale. Lunch stop at Britannia Inn, Elterwater, with more sketching.

* **Blackwell** Half day visit to the famous Arts & Craft house overlooking Lake Windermere.

Evening Sessions

* **Presentation and discussion** of some inspirational watercolours from a recent Exhibition at Tate Britain in London.

* **DVD** - Work of John Verity who paints only using black or white oil paint.

TUTOR Audrey Jerram is a very experienced art teacher. She and her husband, Peter, ran a guest house for painters in Hartsop, near Ullswater, and so she is well acquainted with the Lake District. Audrey paints predominately in acrylics and water colour, but uses other media from time to time.

Her London exhibitions include one person shows in Foyles Art Gallery, Queensland House Gallery, the Loggia Gallery and the Collins Street Gallery in Melbourne. Her paintings are in private collections in numerous countries.



PRICES

	Spring	Autumn
Classic Double or Twin	£600	£610
Superior Double or Twin ..	£660	£670
Suite Double or Twin	£680	£690
Single - Gunroom	£645	£655
Classic Double as Single	£720	£730
Superior Double as Single	£780	£790

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

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Non-participating partners are welcome at £50 less than above.

A deposit of £150 per person is required, which can be made by cheque or credit card.

This is non-refundable unless the room is subsequently relet - cancellation insurance is available.



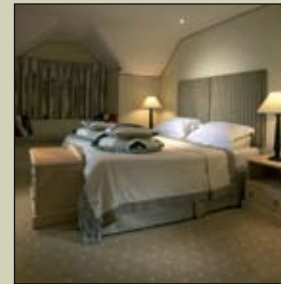
Rothay Manor is a privately owned Country House hotel in the heart of the Lake District, set in one and a half acres of beautifully landscaped gardens.

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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