

CHESS HOLIDAY

March 2010



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 1830 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 is one of only 6 hotels to have been listed in the Good Hotel Guide since it began and 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: Standard rooms - all well appointed; 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 has been listed consistently in the Good Food Guide for 40 years. 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. Rothay Manor was the only hotel restaurant to be shortlisted for the Cumbria Tourism 'Taste' Award 2008.



Rothay Manor

Hotel & Restaurant
Rothay Bridge, Ambleside
Cumbria LA22 0EH

Tel: 015394 33605 Fax: 015394 33607

www.rothaymanor.co.uk/chess hotel@rothaymanor.co.uk

CHESS HOLIDAY

March 21st - 26th 2010

After a very successful first holiday, Rothay Manor is planning its second. The main aim is for guests to enjoy themselves whilst increasing their knowledge of chess and gaining confidence in using various tactics.

The holiday will include:

- * A seven-round Swiss Competition
- * A look at a famous game from the past
- * Four tutorial sessions covering:
Opening principles; Middle Game;



Endgame techniques; Chess Tactics (pin, skewer, fork and discovered check)

- * Analysis of games played at the hotel.

Time will be made available during the holiday to ensure that you have the opportunity to see the breathtaking scenery of the Lake District.

The holiday is suitable for anyone from the inexperienced (ungraded) player to local club players, though not for anyone above 150 grading. Peter has experience of dealing with different levels of playing strength whilst in a group situation.



Leader Peter Cloudsdale was born in the Lake District and has been playing chess for 50 years. He joined Windermere Chess Club and won both the Junior and Senior Cumbrian championships before moving to Norwich, and then later York.

An accredited ECF coach and teacher of chess for over 15 years, he is widely known in chess circles, is Vice President of the Yorkshire Chess Association (YCA), promotes chess in 10 schools, is involved with the UK Chess Challenge as well as running the York Junior Chess Club.

He is an experienced tournament organizer, including an international blind chess event in York, the Yorkshire School Championships, 'The Viking International' and running a junior Evening League.

With his experience and infectious enthusiasm, Peter will guide you to a better understanding of chess tactics whilst enjoying the relaxing and beautiful surroundings of Rothay Manor.



Programme

Sunday

- 3.15 Afternoon Tea & Introductions
4.00 - 6.00 Simultaneous display - Peter will play all guests at once.
6.30 Welcome Drink and Dinner
8.45 - 10.00 Chess Basics, incl notation, use of clock, and social game.

Monday

- 9.15 - 10.15 Tutorial Session
10.30 - 12.30 Round 1 of competition (60 m)
3.30 Gather for light afternoon tea
3.45 - 5.45 Round 2 of competition (60 m)
6.30 Gather in lounge for dinner
8.45 - 10.00 Analysis of games played

Tuesday

- 9.15 - 10.15 Tutorial Session
10.30 - 12.30 Round 3 of competition (60 m)
3.30 Gather for light afternoon tea
3.45 - 5.45 Round 4 of competition (60 m)
6.30 Gather in lounge for dinner
8.45 - 10.00 Analysis of famous chess games

Wednesday

- 9.15 - 10.15 Tutorial Session
10.30 - 12.30 Round 5 of competition (60 m)
Afternoon free
6.30 Gather in lounge for dinner
8.45 - 10.00 Analysis of games played

Thursday

- 9.15 - 10.15 Tutorial Session
10.30 - 12.30 Round 6 of competition (60 m)
3.30 Gather for light afternoon tea
3.45 - 5.45 Round 7 of competition (60 m)
6.30 Gather in lounge for Dinner
8.45 - 9.30 Prize-giving & discussion

Friday

Depart after breakfast



Prices

Standard Double or Twin	£440
Superior Double or Twin	£485
Double or Twin Suite	£505
Single - Gunroom	£470
Standard Double let as Single ..	£510
Superior Double let as Single ...	£570
Non-Resident	£300

The holiday runs from Sunday afternoon through to Friday morning, and the price is per person and includes full English breakfast, morning coffee, 3-course dinner and VAT @ 17.5%.

Non-playing partners are welcome, and the cost for them is £30 less than above. A limited number of places are available for non-residents, with all items of the holiday and Dinner each evening included.

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, and cancellation insurance is available.