

SCRABBLE HOLIDAY

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Rothay Manor

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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 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.



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February 21st - 26th 2010

This will be the third Scrabble holiday at Rothay Manor in what is already proving to be a very popular week.

If your Scrabble board only appears at Christmas and holiday times, come along and see why so many people are utterly addicted to this game. You may play regularly at a club and would like to improve your game and pick up some handy tips in the process, or you may simply want to start winning those Christmas family Scrabble games!



A knowledge of the game is required but the Scrabble basics will be covered. The holiday will show you some techniques and strategy for greatly improving your Scrabble game and you will be given hints and tips on various aspects of the

game. There will be plenty of games, both social and competitive, to put into practice what has been learned. Optional tutorials will include 'hooks', 'the importance of the S's and blanks', and 'rack management'. Handouts will be given on the topics covered along with some puzzles.

There will be three competitions during the week, two of which are optional. The main competition will be a series of one-to-one games against your fellow guests, based on a 'Swiss-paired' movement. The late afternoon sessions will be a separate (optional) competition, and the late evening sessions will be a knock-out competition, again optional. In addition games other than Scrabble can be played in the afternoon and late evening sessions.

The holiday is very suitable for anyone on their own, with communal dining and friendly leaders. There will also be plenty of time each day to explore the lovely Lake District, with an extra long period on the Wednesday.



Leaders Kathy Rush has been playing Scrabble for many years at home, her local club and competitively. She has been a member of the Postal Scrabble club both as a player and in various committee roles. Together with her husband Dave she has been organising Scrabble breaks both in this country and abroad. Since taking early retirement from his job Dave has helped develop the tutoring side of Scrabble. Their friendly, informal approach makes for a relaxed atmosphere. They both love gardening and bridge, and take great pleasure in meeting old, and making new, friends on Scrabble breaks and holidays.



Programme

Sunday

- 4.30 Light Afternoon Tea & Introductions
- 5.00 - 6.15 Outline of Holiday & Scrabble Basics
- 6.30 Welcome Drink. Dinner at 7.00
- 9.00 - 10.00 Social Scrabble
- 10.00 - 11.00 Knock-Out Competition

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday

- 9.30 - 10.30 Main Competition
- 10.30 - 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.00- 12.45 Main Competition, with short tutorial afterwards.
- 4.30 Gather for light afternoon tea
- 5.00 - 6.00 Afternoon Competition
- 6.45 Gather in lounge. Dinner 7.00
- 9.00 - 10.00 Main Competition
- 10.00 - 11.00 Knock-Out Competition

Wednesday

- 9.30 - 10.30 Main Competition
- 10.30 Coffee, then free time
- 4.30 Gather for light afternoon tea
- 5.00 - 6.00 Other Games
- 6.45 Gather in lounge. Dinner 7.00
- 9.00 - 10.00 Main Competition
- 10.00 - 11.00 Knock-Out Competition

Friday

- 9.15 Prize giving & Social Scrabble
- 10.45 Coffee and finish of holiday



Prices

Standard Double or Twin	£450
Superior Double or Twin	£490
Double or Twin Suite	£505
Single - Gunroom	£475
Standard Double let as Single ..	£525
Superior Double let as Single ...	£585
Non-Resident	£290

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.