

## THE HOTEL



Set in its own grounds, 1/4 mile from the head of Lake Windermere and a 10 minute walk from the centre of Ambleside, the manor was built in 1825 as a private residence and the drawing rooms and candle-lit dining room are still those of an elegant Regency house.

It has been owned and run by the Nixon family for over 42 years and in that time has gained a reputation as one of the country's leading small Country House Hotels. Rothay Manor is recommended in all the 'National Guides' for the excellence of its service and cuisine, whilst retaining a relaxed atmosphere.

BTA Commended Country House Hotel  
Good Food Guide (since 1969)  
Good Hotel Guide

2003 CTB Highly Commended Hotel of the Year  
2004 Silver Award - Cumbria for Excellence  
2005 Silver Award - Cumbria for Excellence  
2006 Cumbria for Excellence - Small Hotel of the Year

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# Special interest holidays



# ROTHAY MANOR

## 2009/10



# Special interest holidays at ROTHAY MANOR

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## ANTIQUES

Our 17th year of running holidays for people with an interest in fine art and antiques, again with course tutor Nicholas Merchant, whose wide range of interests and knowledge make these holidays very popular. Visits into the Lake District, plus guest speakers.

**Autumn:** Nov 22nd - 27th 2009  
**Spring:** Feb 7th - 12th 2010



## WALKING

Our 16th year of walking holidays will again offer a selection of linear walks in the Lake District - longer and higher routes for the striders, lower and shorter for the strollers. Led by registered guides Dave and Claire Watson. Transport and lunches included.

**Autumn:** October 18th - 23rd 2009  
**Spring:** April 25th - 30th 2010  
May 23rd - 28th 2010



## GARDENING

These holidays are designed for people with an interest in gardening and are suitable for both the experienced and the novice. A mixture of talks and visits, with Peter Howarth as tutor, plus guest speakers. At each garden we will be shown round by the owner or head gardener.

**Autumn Holiday:** Oct 11th - 16th 2009  
**Spring Holiday:** May 16th - 21st 2010

## BRIDGE

Our competitive, but friendly Bridge Holidays are 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. Both tutors direct and instructs.

**Autumn Holiday:** Nov 15th - 20th 2009  
**Spring Holiday:** Jan 31st - Feb 5th 2010  
**Advanced:** March 14th - 19th 2010

## LITERARY LAKELAND

An informal and relaxed way in which to learn more about the area, and the many writers and poets who were inspired by it. A mixture of talks and visits organized by Nicky Godfrey-Evans & Richard Hyde, local blue-badge guides.

April 11th - 16th 2010

## SCRABBLE

The third holiday will show you some basic techniques and strategy for greatly improving your Scrabble, with tutorials and a series of one-to-one games with fellow guests. Other word related games such as Countdown will be included.

February 21st - 26th 2010

## MUSIC

Now in their 20th year, our music holidays are designed for people with an interest in classical music. Two holidays are offered, the high point of each being a concert, held on the last evening, related to the music discussed during the holiday.

**Nov 29th - Dec 4th 2009**  
**Feb 28th - March 5th 2010**



## PAINTING

Holidays designed to develop each painter's individual style, with trips into the Lake District and work in the studio. Audrey Jerram leads, with evening sessions including slide presentations and discussions of work.

**Oil and Acrylic Painting:** Nov 1st - 6th 2009  
**Water Colour Painting:** Nov 8th - 13th 2009  
**Water Colour Weekend:** Jan 29th - 30th 2010  
**Water Colour Painting:** March 7th - 12th 2010



## CHESS

This second year holiday show you some basic techniques and strategy for greatly improving your Chess, with tutorials by Peter Cloudsdale and a series of one-to-one games with fellow guests.

March 21st - 26th 2010

## INTERIOR DESIGN

A new holiday that will show you how put together successful schemes during practical sessions, and the opportunity to visit local places relating to the subjects covered, including glass, furniture and textiles.

April 18th - 23rd 2010