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Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures



**Enjoying your stay at
Hillside House**

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: Hillside House
Address: Slad Road, Stroud
County: Gloucestershire
Postcode: GL6 7HU

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm
Contact name for check in: Richard and Anne
Contact number(s) for check in: 01452 814518
07759 278348
07900 087960

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 10am on Sunday
Check out time for 3 night weekend booking: 10am
Check out time for 7 night week bookings: 10am

Getting to us

The best postcode to use with Satnav is:

GL6 7HU

Nearest train station and distance:

Stroud, about 4 miles away

Directions to Hillside House

If you are arriving by car you will likely be looking at how to get to Hillside House from Birdlip and the B4070. When you arrive at Birdlip look out for the The George Hotel which will be on your right. Go past the George and you will notice the road begins to descend. Follow the dip for a short while, taking a left towards Stroud before it bends off to the right.

You will be on the B4070 now, and will need to stay on this road for about 10 minutes. Continue another 300 yards after the satnav has said you have arrived. Hillside House on your right down a gravel drive.

If you are coming from Stroud way, go up the 4070 and through Slad (not Painswick as the lanes are one car only). After the crossroads called Bulls Cross we are 300yds further up on the left, same gravel drive, beware it is less easy to see from Slad than Birdlip.

Cooking & dining - chef services

You'll find our top recommendations below. If you do discover any other gems please do let us know and we will share them with other guests visiting the property.

Catering and Drop-off meal service

Highly recommended by our guests, James Benson is a former Claridge's and Lygon Arms chef who uses fresh, Cotswolds produce. To add an extra special touch to your break, James can be your Chef for a night cooking a three course meal or provide you with superb, ready to go meals or barbecue dishes dropped off for your convenience.

If you require James, please book as soon as possible after making your booking. James' website is www.bensonscateringltd.co.uk and he is always happy to discuss your catering needs with you. His phone number is 01684 854406, mobile 07807 453308.

Gluts & Gluttony

Email Kathy: kathy@glutsandgluttony.com, Tel: 07805 262667

Email Mandy: mandy@glutsandgluttony.com, Tel: 07789 988984

www.glutsandgluttony.com

Armed with enough ingredients and gadgetry to fuel a small army, culinary extraordinaires Kathy and Mandy can swoop into your holiday home and cook up a feast that's perfect for your special celebrations. Every menu is different and designed specifically to your requirements, using the best seasonal produce from around the Cotswolds. Kathy and Mandy also offer bespoke private cookery classes for those wanting to sharpen their skills; lessons can range from teaching children about healthy, tasty cooking to making the perfect afternoon tea. On top of that, Gluts & Gluttony can deliver pre-prepared homely meals that can be stored in the freezer and taken out whenever you get peckish! Be sure to contact them well in advance as they are a popular choice.

Love Bites

www.lovebites.events

Kelly: 07774 725187

Rachel 07979 690163

indulge@lovebites.events

An excellent catering company that provide adventurous, tasty canapés for any event, be it a small family gathering or birthday party. Contact them soon as they also get booked up quickly.

Local produce that the area is renowned for

As we're sure you're well aware, the Cotswolds is a foodie's paradise: literally everything and anything is grown and raised on these vast, green expanses. The buying and selling of organic foods has long been a tradition within these villages, and the successes of the Cotswolds farmers markets has now led to a national trend in 'localised ethical shopping', a movement spearheaded by the Prince of Wales, who has his own market shop in Tetbury, and firmly believes strong local markets creates a strong local economy and a vibrant society.

Be sure to check our 'Top Places to Visit' section to find some examples of places that produce some of the UK's best food.

Cooking & Dining - chef services

Gloucester Old Spot

The Gloucestershire Old Spots (also “Gloucester Old Spot, Gloucestershire Old Spot” or simply ‘Old Spots’ is an English breed of pig which is predominantly white with black spots. It is named after the county of Gloucestershire. The Gloucestershire Old Spots pig is known for its docility, intelligence, and profligacy.

The Gloucester Old Spot Public House in Cheltenham specialise in the rare breed pork.

Cheese - Double Gloucester

Gloucester is a traditional, semi-hard cheese which has been made in Gloucestershire, England, since the 16th century, at one time made only with the milk of the once nearly extinct Gloucester cattle.

There are two types of Gloucester cheese: Single and Double; both are traditionally made from milk from Gloucestershire breed cows farmed within the English county of Gloucestershire.

Cooking & dining - great places to eat & drink

There are many excellent dining places nearby and we have listed a small sample below. The best food locally is found in the excellent Cotswolds dining pubs but if you want to travel a little further there are some award-winning restaurants to choose from.

Nearest pub

The Woolpack

Slad Road, Slad, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 7QA (1.5 miles/3 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 813429

For fans of Laurie Lee, a visit to this pub is a must. Nestled in the heart of the famed Slad Valley, The Woolpack was a favourite of the author (and is still frequented by his family). It's full of photographs of Lee and his books. There's also exceptional views of the countryside, and well kept ciders that taste sublime after a hard day of activities.

Pubs

The Butchers Arms

Sheepscombe, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 7RH (2 miles/5 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 812113

A superb honey-stone Cotswolds pub that's full of friendly locals. Lots of good ales, bitters and wines, and some amazing pub grub. Especially wonderful in the summer when you can sit outside on the wooden benches.

Royal Oak

St Mary's Street, Painswick, GL6 6QG (1.5 miles/4 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 813129, www.royaloakpainswick.co.uk

A traditional country pub offering good, real ales, ciders and lagers and traditional home cooked food. Painswick is exactly on the Cotswold Way National Trail and they welcome walkers and hikers for tea, coffee, snacks or a main meal on their journey.

The Falcon Inn

New Street, Painswick (1.5 miles/5 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 814222

www.falconpainswick.co.uk

Dating back to 1554, The Falcon is a small, select hotel and restaurant situated in the centre of the beautiful Cotswold village of Painswick. Overlooking the historic village church and its famous 99 clipped yew trees, the Falcon hotel offers great hospitality with a warm welcome.

The Royal William

Cheltenham Road, Cranham, Painsick, GL6 6TT (3.5 miles/10 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 813650, www.royalwilliam.co.uk

The Royal William is situated on the outskirts of Cranham Village on the Cheltenham Road (A46) between Brockworth and Painswick. Offering a wide selection of fresh home cooked food and daily specials, the William sources its ingredients from local suppliers such as Cam Butchers, Woefulane Dairy and Winstones ice cream.

Cooking & Dining - great places to eat and drink

The Weighbridge Inn

Longfords, Minchinhampton, Gloucestershire GL6 9AL (8.5 miles/22 minute drive)

Tel: 01453 832520

Fantastic Cotswold pub that has cosy fires, slouching country chairs and lovely views. Lots of local ales on show, and there is a strong show of some good wines, too. Food is very tasty, locally sourced and cooked fresh. Children are welcome.

The Edgemoor Inn

Gloucester Road, Edge, GL6 6ND (3 miles/10 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 813576, www.edgemoor-inn.com

The Edgemoor Inn is in the village of Edge, overlooking the beautiful, picturesque Painswick Valley. The late 19th century Inn, constructed from Cotswold stone, has picture style windows and is well known for its pretty panoramic views. The inn boasts an glorious terraced patio overlooking Painswick and the surrounding countryside.

Restaurants

Oliva's Delicatessen

Friday Street, Painswick, Stroud, Painswick GL6 6QJ (1.4 miles/4 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 814774, www.olivas.moonfruit.com

Part delicatessen, part cafe, part restaurant, Oliva's is a small, cute place in the heart of Painswick, run by a passionate, friendly team. You can pop in for coffee or for some tasty supplies, or stay for something bigger. They can also bake and decorate fantastic cakes for a celebration, and put on fantastic Tapas nights for groups over six persons. Contact them for further information.

No. 131

131 Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 1NW (10.5 miles/21 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 822939

A swanky restaurant in the heart of Cheltenham which serves some superb food. Expect an extensive menu of steaks and shellfish.

The Bistro at Cardynham House

Cardynham House, Tibbiwell Lane, Painswick, Gloucestershire GL6 6XX (1.3 miles/3 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 810030

Cosy, traditional bistro restaurant that serves some delicious home-cooked food from ingredients sourced locally.

Prithvi

37 Bath Rd, Cheltenham GL53 7HG (10.5 miles/25 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 226229

A superb Indian restaurant that blows all other competition out of the water. Expect fine Indian cuisine and a attentive, friendly staff. We advise you book well in advance as this place is extremely popular!

Cooking & Dining - great places to eat and drink

Le Champignon Sauvage

24-26 Suffolk Road, Cheltenham, GL50 2AQ (10 miles/20 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 573449

From appearances alone, this restaurant looks a little drab. Decorated in rather bland, grey colours, you would not believe that it has won two Michelin stars, numerous rave reviews from the UK's top food critics, and voted in the top 50 restaurants in the Waitrose Good Food Guide. It's the food that takes centre stage here, and it is truly magnificent. Food lovers will adore this place. We again advise you book well in advance to ensure a table.

Best places to eat out with children

For places to eat out with children you may need to travel further afield than Painswick, either to Cheltenham or Gloucester.

ASK Italian

Hanover House, Montpellier, Cheltenham, GL50 1SD (10 miles/20 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 524437

Zizzi

St James Church, 3 Suffolk Square, Cheltenham, GL50 2DR (10 miles/20 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 252493

Lovely Zizza set in what was once a beautiful church. They stonebake the pizzas on the altar!

Paparritos

214-216 High Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 3HF (11 miles/22 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 511942

Perfect mid-shop snack bar. Run by a friendly Mexican who makes some amazing burritos.

Best Takeaways

Simpsons Fish & Chip Shop

75 Priors Rd, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL52 5AL (11 miles/22 minute drive)

www.simpsonsfishandchips.com

Tel: 01242 521964

A multi-award winning fish and chip shop that many believe to be one of the best in country!

Award Winning Indian Takeaway

Bengali Balti

Tel: 01453 702577

Chinese Takeaway

Peking House

Tel: 01452 525729

Cooking & dining - shopping for food

Best local convenience store

Londis

St. Marys St, Painswick, Stroud, Gloucestershire, GL6 6QG (3.5 miles/8 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 813237

Closest supermarket

Waitrose

London Rd, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 2AP (4 miles/11 minute drive)

Other supermarkets

Sainsbury's

Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 3HG (5 miles/15 minute drive)

Butcher & Online Food Store

Sheepscombe Meat

Beech Farm, Beeches Lane Sheepscombe, GL6 7QZ (1.4 miles/4 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 812836 or 07866 520636

Wine Merchant

Laithwaites Wine

Gloucester Business Park, 7100 Hurricane Rd, Brockworth, Gloucester GL3 4AQ (8 miles/20 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 651970

Major supermarket online orders

Waitrose

www.waitrose.com

Ocado

www.ocado.com

Tesco

www.tesco.com

Things to do - activities and adventures

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Clay pigeon shooting

Lady's Wood Shooting School

Mapleridge Lane, Horton, Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire, BS37 6PW (22 miles/42 minute drive)

Tel: 01454 294456, www.ladyswood.co.uk

Families and also corporate teams are welcome.

Paintballing

Delta Force Paintball

North Bristol, Gloucester Road, Thornbury, Bristol, GL12 8EA (22 miles/35 minute drive)

Tel: 0844 4775115

The UK's premier paintballing company, which offers events for any size of group. Hens, stags, corporate, families are all welcome and catered for.

Horse riding

The Camp Riding Centre

The Camp, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL6 7HJ (2 miles/5 minute drive)

Tel: 01285 821219

Offers private and group lessons and hacks in the countryside. Children from ages 4 are welcome.

Greenhill Equitation

Lower End, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 7AH (11 miles/23 minute drive)

Tel: 01285 644982, www.greenhillequitation.com

Group/Private lessons, hacking and hunting for the advanced rider are all available.

Adventure sports

Chepstow Outdoor Activities, Tump Farm, Chepstow NP16 7HN Tel: 01291 629 901

www.chepstowoutdooractivities.com

Golf

There are some superb golf clubs around the Cotswolds that welcome visitors. Painswick Golf Course is the closest, while Chipping Sodbury Course and is considered by many as one of the best. Details can be found below.

Painswick Golf Course

Golf Course Road, Painswick, Gloucestershire GL6 6TL (2.5 miles/10 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 812180

Offers some stunning views of Slad Valley and the surrounding hills.

Things to do - activities and adventures

Chipping Sodbury Golf Course

Chipping Sodbury, South Gloucestershire (24.5 miles/45 minute drive)

Tel: 01454 319042

A beautiful golf course with lots of water hazards and sand banks to challenge you.

Chipping Norton Golf Club

Southcombe, Chipping Norton, Oxon, OX7 5QH (37 miles away/50 minute drive)

Tel: 01608 642383

web: www.cotswoldsclub.co.uk/golf

Further afield on the edges of the Oxfordshire Cotswolds lies this superb course. A large, undulating green at 6,316 yard long, comprised of tree-lined fairways, and maintained to a very high standard. Chipping Norton Golf Course is ranked among the top three courses in Oxfordshire by the National Club Golfer Magazine.

Cycling

The undulating hills that surround the area, make the terrain perfect for cycling. The long, winding lanes can take you to crumbling gold stone churches, peaceful villages and bustling market towns. The Cotswold Way is a 102 mile long route that is a beautiful stretch that starts from Chipping Campden to Bath. Check the website for more information: www.nationaltrail.co.uk/cotswold-way

Electric Cycle Hire

At the Rococo Gardens in Painswick, you can hire out electric cycles which can aid you as you travel over the steep hills. For more information contact Paul Moir on 01452 813204.

Cycle Hire

The Bike Works

Frogmarsh Mill, South Woodchester, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 5ET (6 miles/16 minute drive)

Email: info@thebikeworks.co.uk, Tel: 01453 872824, web: www.thebikeworks.co.uk

The Bike Works can deliver bicycles to a destination of your choice, and helmets are included in the hire price.

Hot Air Ballooning

Ballooning in the Cotswolds, www.ballooninginthecotswolds.co.uk, Tel: 01453 753221

With a balloon launch site not far away in the picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-water, this journey will take you east across the enchanting Cotswolds hills, and towards the beautiful Milton-under-Wychwood. This journey gives you the perfect panoramic viewpoints of the hidden hamlets, forested vales and rolling meadows that make up the quintessence of the Cotswolds.

Things to do - activities and adventures

Pampering

All Dolled Up Beauty

Tel: 01454 261702

Mobile: 07581 586979

www.alldolledupbeauty.org

My Personal Sanctuary. Tel: 01625 540 557 or email: enquiries@mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk. www.mypersonalsanctuary.co.uk

Top things to do with children

There are many great places to go out with children in the Cotswolds and we've listed our top recommendations below. There is lots to see at many of these places so be prepared for a long day out!

Cattle Country Adventure Park

Berkeley Heath Farm, Gloucestershire, GL13 9EW (17 miles/33 minute drive)

Tel: 01453 810510, www.cattlecountry.co.uk

Soft play area, splash pool, boating lake, American bison and other farm animals

Slimbridge Wetland Centre

Bowditch, Slimbridge, Glos GL2 7BT (15 miles/32 minute drive)

Tel: 01453 891900, www.wwt.org.uk

See wild birds from all over the world at this wonderful wetland centre.

Bristol Zoo

Bristol Zoo Gardens, Clifton, Bristol BS8 3HA (35 miles/55 minute drive)

Tel: 01179 747399, www.bristolzoo.org.uk

Prinknash Bird and Deer Park

Prinknash, Cranham, Gloucester GL4 8EX (5.5 miles/11 minutes)

Tel: 01452 812727, www.thebirdpark.com

Set in beautiful parklands, there are fallow deers, fish, peacocks, and rare birds to be fed. Lovely day out.

Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre

Matson Ln, Robinswood Hill, Gloucester GL4 6EA (6.5 miles/15 minute drive)

Tel: 01452 501438, www.gloucesterski.com/default.aspx

Home to the longest dry ski slope in England and Wales, the centre also has the only permanent airbag in the UK. Staff are experienced and friendly and can offer taster lessons to those wanting to try out this exciting sport.

Cheltenham Cineworld IMAX

The Brewery, St Margaret's Road, Cheltenham GL50 4EF (11 miles/25 minute drive)

Tel: 08712 002000, www.cineworld.co.uk

Newly opened IMAX cinema boasting a huge screen and amazing surround sound. If you haven't been to one, now's your chance!

Paint it Yourself Pottery Co.

76 Winchcombe Street, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL52 2NW (11 miles/25 minute drive)

Tel: 01242 575700, www.piyp.co.uk

A relaxing morning or afternoon can be spent at the Paint it Yourself Pottery shop, where there's over 200 items to choose from and plenty of paints to mix. They also offer opportunities to host parties for both children and adults! Get in touch with them to find out more.

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Cotswold Farm Park

Bemborough Farm, Kington, Cheltenham, GL54 5UG (21 miles/35 minute drive)

Tel: 01451 850307, web: www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

A short drive away from Hillside House is the famous family farm owned by Adam Henson, TV presenter off of BBC's Countryfile. The farm is designed to introduce little ones to farm animals and rearing. With milking and shearing demonstrations, an adventure playground and a nature walk, Cotswold Farm Park is a wonderful day out.

Daylesford Organic Farmshop

near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, GL56 0YG (29 miles/45 minute drive)

4.6 miles away/10 minute drive

Tel: 01608 731700

web: www.daylesford.com/kingham

This farm contains not only a butchers, bakery, and fishmonger, but also a creamery, grocer, homeware shop, garden shop and café. The fruits, vegetables and herbs are picked each morning from the market garden, and the organic animals can be seen roaming on the surrounding pastures.

Painswick

1.6 miles/6 minute drive/35 minute walk

Often considered the 'Queen of the Cotswolds', Painswick is possibly England's most beautiful town. Less tourists visit this town, so it has kept its quiet charm well. Hours can be spent wandering round the little lanes and visiting the sleepy cafes and inns. Look out for the garden outside St. Mary's Church, where there is exactly 99 yew trees, as whenever a hundredth one is planted it mysteriously dies. Locals believe it to be the work of the Devil.

Rococo Gardens

GL6 6TH (2 miles/7 minute drive/45 minute walk)

Tel: 01452 813204, Email info@rococogarden.org.uk, www.rococogarden.org.uk

The only garden of its type in England, these gardens were designed in the 1740s by Benjamin Hyett. A heady blend of geometric patterns and Gothic architecture provides a pleasant and interesting day out. There is also a maze and nature walk for the little ones.

Stow-on-the-Wold

26 miles away/40 minute drive

One of the Cotswolds most famous market towns, Stow has been one since the 12th century. There are many good restaurants, pubs and cafés to visit. Stow is also an important centre for fine antiques shops, art galleries and craft shops. A superb farmers market is held in the town's square on the second Thursday of each month, between 9am-1pm.

Top places to visit and shop nearby

Moreton-in-Marsh

31 miles away/45 minute drive

A wonderful market town that offers lots to do in the way of quality food and drink. Be sure to check out Warner's Budgens on the High Street and The Cotswold Cheese Shop, voted as Britain's best New Deli, which sell a wide range of breads and delicatessen food. On Tuesdays there is a wonderful market that sells local produce and other artisan crafts, and, if you're here in September, don't miss the Moreton Show, a one-day countryside event that attracts around 20,000 visitors - check their website to find out more: www.moretonshow.co.uk. Also, find the time to have a drink at The Bell Inn, where many locals believe it to be the inspiration behind The Prancing Pony, the famous pub in J R R Tolkien's Lord of the Rings books.

Bourton-on-the-Water

23 miles/34 minute drive

The picturesque village of Bourton-on-the-Water is an outstanding place of natural beauty. Pretty houses flank the river Windrush, which winds its way through the centre, and is shallow enough for your children to splash around in. Although a village, there is plenty to see and do, so you can be sure that everyone will be kept busy. Attractions include a model village (www.themodelvillage.com), the Cotswold Birdland Park (www.birdland.co.uk), The Dragonfly Maze (next to the Birdland Park) and the Cotswold Motor Museum, home to Brum!

Local Events and Festivals

The Cotswolds is home to some of the best festivals, sporting events, and fairs in the country - and possibly even the world. It is during the spring and summer months that these celebrations come into full bloom. Below are what we think are some of the best events which occur in the calendar. Please check the websites provided to find out exact dates.

March-April-May

Cheltenham Gold Cup (www.cheltenham.thejockeyclub.co.uk)

What can we say? One of the most prestigious events on the sporting calendar.

Cheltenham Jazz Festival (www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/jazz)

Cheltenham buzzes during this week-long festival, with lots of cafes and bars hosting free jazz sessions and fringe events. In Imperial Gardens and Montpellier, tickets can be bought for larger acts. Previous artists have included Herbie Hancock, Van Morrison, Maceo Parker, Gilles Peterson, and current festival director Jamie Cullum. Eclectic and lively, this is one of the UK's best jazz festival.

Badminton Horse Trials (www.badminton-horse.co.uk)

Wonderful three-day event that brings in hordes of equestine enthusiasts. Make sure you're there for the cross country day, which is one of the largest paid sporting events in the world!

Chipping Campden Music Festival (www.campdenmusicfestival.co.uk)

Lovely festival placed in the beautiful church of St James in the town of Chipping Campden. Some of the finest musicians working today come from all around the world to celebrate classical music.

Cotswold Olimpicks (www.olimpickgames.com)

A one-day sporting event which has taken place since 1612. Do not expect any 100m sprints or javelin throws here though. Shin-kicking, welly wanging, champion of the hill, and the village tug-o-war all provide an excellent evening's entertainment that perhaps even outstrips the slightly larger Olympic Games. Make a note, though: this event can also happen in the month of June.

June-July

Cheltenham Science Festival (www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/science)

Part of the popular Cheltenham Festivals circuit, the Science Festival is one of the leading festivals of its kind and is tremendously fun and inspiring. Perfect for families and budding scientists, the festival has seen visits from Steve Backshall, Richard Dawkins, Richard Hammond and Brian Cox.

Giffords Circus (www.giffordscircus.com)

A quirky, charming event that explodes onto the village greens and lawns of sleepy Cotswolds villages during the summer months. This circus - not really a circus, more of a creative patchwork of theatre, dance, opera, and puppetry - is humorous, idiosyncratic and really quite beautiful.

Local Events and Festivals

Cheltenham Food & Drink Festival (www.cheltenham-food-festival.garden-events.com)

Showcasing some of the best local produce from the Cotswolds and further afield (for the Cotswolds isn't exactly famed for its fine wines), the festival welcomes visitors from all over to celebrate food in style. Listen to live music, hear lectures on real ale, and watch your favourite chefs demonstrate their skills in live events

Gloucestershire Festival of Polo (www.beaufortpoloclub.co.uk/gloucestershire-festival-of-polo-2012)

World class Polo tournaments take place at the Beaufort Polo Club for one weekend only. Alongside the sporting events is a large, custom-built shopping village with plenty of entertainment.

Cheltenham Music Festival (www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/music)

Some truly magnificent musical events take place in some stunning venues around Cheltenham, including the Town Hall, the College Chapel, Gloucester Cathedral, Cheltenham Ladies College's Princess Hall and The Daffodil restaurant. Mostly classical, with a touch of contemporary ventures like visual art, dance and spoken word.

August-September-October

Moreton-in-Marsh Show (www.moretonshow.co.uk)

The whole Cotswolds community congregates here to celebrate everything from local cheeses to cattle, coming here also to compete for the best scarecrow. There is also plenty of trade stands selling clothes, toys, farming equipment, and tasty local produce.

Cheltenham Literature Festival (www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/literature)

The oldest and biggest festival of its kind in the world, Cheltenham Literature Festival is arguably the greatest event in the Cotswold calendar. The whole town bulges in size as 600 authors, thinkers and entertainers take stage and over 140,000 tickets are sold over this 10-day cultural explosion. Previous writers have included Salman Rushdie, Judi Dench, Stephen Hawking, JK Rowling, Sebastian Faulks and Naomi Klein (to name just a few).

Useful information

Hillside House at a glance

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 10
- Four bedrooms, three of which have ensuite bath or shower rooms
- One super kingsize, one kingsize and two doubles
- All beds are zip and link and can be converted into singles
- Two guest beds available
- Downstairs WC

Cooking and Dining

- Dining table seats 12 comfortably
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- Induction hob and Aga
- Online deliveries

Where We Are

- The postcode is GL6 7HU
- The nearest town is Painswick
- The nearest train station is Stroud, an 11 minute drive
- The nearest airport is Bristol
- Plenty of parking available

Children Welcome

- Cot available
- Highchair available

Things to Do Inside

- TV with Sky
- Wi-fi

Things to Do Outside

- Hot Tub

Activities

- Clay Pigeon Shooting
- Paintballing
- Balloon trips
- Pampering and beauty treatments at the house

Top Things to Do for Children

- Prinknash bird and deer park
- Gloucester Ski and Snowboard Centre
- Pet Mr Bramble, the pygmy goat at the bottom of the garden!

Useful information

Payment Process

- We take a one third deposit at the time of booking
- The balance is due three months before the date booked

Cautionary Deposit

- £500 refundable deposit

House Restrictions

- No pets please
- Not suitable for stag parties

Arrival and Departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 10am

What's included

- Linen
- Towels
- Welcome hamper
- Essentials
- Utilities

Hot Tub Usage

We hope you'll enjoy using the hot tub. We want to make sure it is as safe as possible for everyone, so we ask all guests to ensure that the following guidelines are respected. These guidelines are designed to meet basic health and safety regulations, so ensure that all members of your party have read the rules regarding the use of the hot tub.

1. Swimming costumes are obligatory and you may need to bring your own towels
2. You must shower before entering the hot tub to remove any skin oils, make-up, hair products etc. This is vital to ensure a clean and healthy hot tub. If this rule is abused the hot tub may need to be closed for several days so that the water can be thoroughly refreshed. In the event of closure, no refund will be made and cleaning costs will be charged to your party.
3. Outdoor shoes and coats must be taken off around the hot tub area.
4. No alcohol or smoking is allowed in the hot tub.
5. Do not bring any form of glass into the hot tub area.
6. Do not bring in any electrical equipment into the hot tub area where you could be in contact with water.
7. Before using the hot tub, please take out the chlorine dispenser. Put it back in when everyone has left the hot tub.
8. Do not over-occupy the hot tub as this will lead to water spillage and will cause the hot tub to stop working. This is because the filter needs to be covered with water to work.
9. Children must be supervised in and around the hot tub and must not use it without an adult present. Some children can overheat; please seek medical advice if this occurs.
10. Please keep noise levels to an acceptable level. The hot tub is a place of peace and relaxation – be mindful that there are neighbouring properties.
11. It is safer and more enjoyable to use the hot tub with another person. We advise against using the hot tub alone without a member of your group knowing of your whereabouts.
12. On leaving the hot tub, please switch off all jets and lights and make sure that the hot tub is sealed with the cover provided.
13. Please note that you must not use the hot tub if you are suffering from an infectious disease or you have an open wound or sore that cannot be covered by a waterproof plaster.
14. You must not use the hot tub within 48 hours of suffering any stomach illness.
15. Certain medical conditions can be affected by the hot tub, particularly those involving extremes of temperature. You are advised to consult your doctor if you are pregnant or suffer from any of the following: heart disease; circulatory problems; high or low blood pressure; diabetes; or any other condition that affects your body's ability to react to heat.
16. Prevent taking any medication which may affect your circulation or your ability to react to heat.

Guest reviews

"Hillside House is the perfect hideaway, miles away from any huge town or city. The interiors were very modern and the kitchen/bar area was a great place to socialise." - Adam

"We had wonderful time at Hillside House. The huge patio doors opened out to views of the picturesque Painswick and the bubbling hot tub was enjoyed almost every night! Good times were had by all!" - Celine

"We booked this house to celebrate my father's 70th and it was the perfect location for it, nicely tucked away in the Cotswolds. The décor is to a very high standard and had everything we needed to throw a good party." - Peter