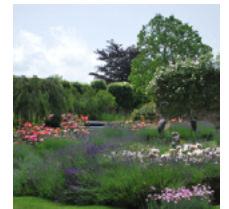
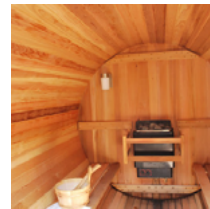


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Extraordinary holidays, celebrations & adventures



Enjoying your stay at The Grange

Everything you need to get the most out of your stay

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Arrival

Where We Are

Property Name: The Grange
Address: The Grange, Horsington, Templecombe, Somerset BA8 0EF
County: Somerset
Postcode: BA8 0EF
Phone number at the house: 01963 370521

Check in and check out

Check in time: 4pm
Contact name for check in: Su Illingworth
Contact number for check in: 07889 789061

Check out time for 2 night weekend booking: 4pm
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:
Nearest train station and distance:

BA8 0EF
Templecombe, 5 minute drive away

Directions to The Grange

Arriving by Car

From the A303

If coming via the A303 from east or west, leave at the Wincanton exit and at the first roundabout take the first exit onto the A371, signed Castle Cary and Sturminster Newton. Go straight over the second roundabout and follow the road up the hill to the next roundabout where you take the first exit, A357 to Blandford. You will almost immediately go under the A303 and passed the Shell Anchor Hill service station on the left. Carry straight on for approximately 1.8 miles passing through the village of South Cheriton.

FROM THIS POINT, PLEASE USE THESE DIRECTIONS NOT SAT NAV

Keeping South Cheriton garage on the left, count three road junctions to the left, including the one immediately beyond the garage. Straight after the third (2.6 miles) you enter a deep curving dip with bus shelter at the junction, sign posted Horsington. Turn left here and carry on until you get to the Half Moon Inn. Immediately opposite the pub is a steep lane, with village notice board and phone box on the right. The Grange is at the top of this lane, through double wooden gates.

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

Caroline Gent Catering

01749 880352 or 07770 902 363.

caroline@carolinegentcatering.com

www.carolinegentcatering.com

Mill Farm Catering

millfarmcatering@outlook.com

www.millfarmcatering.co.uk

The Queen's Arms Catering

relax@thequeensarms.com

www.thequeensarms.com

01963 220317

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 dining pubs but if you want to travel a little further there are some award-winning restaurants to choose from.

Nearest pub

Half Moon Inn, Horsington, Templecombe, BA8 0EF

Run by Andrew and Phillippa, a warm and welcoming typical village pub frequented by locals. It has a varied menu of delicious meals, made from locally sourced ingredients wherever possible, and tempting bar snacks which are even better when washed down with real ale or something from their extensive range of New World vintages.

01963 370140

Pubs

The Kings Arms, Charlton Horethorne, Sherborne, Dorset DT9 4NL

Tony and Sarah have art on the walls and a croquet lawn, as well as great local beers, exotic menus and most ingredients are locally sourced. Charcoal oven cooked meals a speciality!

www.thekingsarms.co.uk tel: 01963 220281

The Queens Arms, Corton Denham, Somerset DT9 4LR

Renowned for their homemade pork pies and cured ham, 'dippy egg and local asparagus', and scrumptious puddings.

www.thequeensarms.com tel: 01963 220317

The Stapleton Arms, Church Hill, Buckhorn Weston, Gillingham, Dorset SP8 5HS

Comfortably informal and always has new surprises on the menu to tempt the palate.

www.thestapletonarms.com tel: 01963 370396

Restaurants

Always advisable to book in advance!

At The Chapel, High Street, Bruton, Somerset BA10 0AE

Not to be missed but you have to book. An old Methodist chapel with mediaeval origins has been successfully converted into a sophisticated restaurant with views of Bruton's ancient dovecote. The day starts with breakfast from 9am onwards moving seamlessly into lunch at noon leaving plenty of time to return for a memorable evening meal. www.atthechapel.co.uk tel: 01749 814070

The Roth Bar & Grill at Hauser & Wirth, Durslade Farm, Dropping Lane, Bruton BA10 0NL

The Roth Bar & Grill combines gastronomy with contemporary art and is a vibrant, informal and convivial eating-place serving honest, simple and seasonal food. The team works closely with local farmers, gamekeepers and gardeners, to use entirely local and ethical British produce.

www.hauserwirthsomerset.com tel: 01749 81 4700

Cooking & dining - shopping for food

The Green, Durslade Farm, Dropping Lane, Bruton BA10 0NL

The Green is a warm, friendly place to meet, relax and enjoy delicious food with friends and family. For lunch you can choose from the daily menu, or the à la carte menu offers a variety of options to suit your appetite, from three courses to lighter bites. The evening à la carte allows you to select your favourite dishes for a perfect dinner. They use local, ethically sourced, high-quality ingredients, carefully chosen for their flavours, to create innovative dishes that demonstrate their passion and commitment to great food. The wine list covers an extensive range of unique wines from around the world and they also have a wide choice of local beers, ciders, beverages and cocktails.

www.greenrestaurant.co.uk tel: 01935 813821 info@greenrestaurant.co.uk

Best local supermarket

Waitrose, Chantry Fields, Gillingham, SP8 4UA Tel: 01747 826200

Tesco, Townsend Shopping Park, Townsend, Shepton Mallet, Somerset, BA4 5SB.

Sainsburys, Ludborne Road, Sherborne, DT9 3ND Tel: 01935 816486

Local Produce

There are plenty of farmer's markets in the area selling excellent local produce.

Wells Farmers Market

Wells Town Hall, Wells. Every Wednesday rain or shine 1.30pm to 5pm

www.wellsfarmersmarket.org

Wincanton Farmers Market

The Memorial Hall, BA9 9JF

Frome

Cheese and Grain Market Hall, close to town centre BA22 2BE. Second and fourth Friday of the month.

Sherborne

Bottom of Cheap Street, Sherborne DT9 3PU. Third Friday of the month from 9am to 1pm.

www.dorsetfarmersmarkets.co.uk

Major supermarket online orders

Waitrose - www.waitrose.com

Sainsbury's - www.sainsburys.co.uk

Tesco – www.tesco.com

Things to do - activities and pampering

Enjoy the pleasure of some extra luxuries to make your Big Cottage holiday or weekend even more enjoyable and relaxing.

We've top class chefs available to create and serve a special three course dinner on the big day, drop off ready meals when you arrive, or serve a classic brunch on Sunday morning.

If you would like to indulge in some beauty and health pampering, our expert beauty therapists offer a full range of treatments. Get all the luxury of a visit to a five star spa in the comfort of your own country hideaway.

Or head into the great outdoors and opt for a country pursuit, from an afternoon clay pigeon shooting to learning the art of archery, getting out and exploring the local countryside couldn't be more enjoyable.

Our top recommendations for activities and pampering are below.

Horse riding

Lucy Wallace

Tel: 07932 165718

lucylemonsground@btinternet.com

Clay pigeon shooting

Wood Farm Clay Shooting Club, Mere, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 6HR. Tel: 01747 860471.

<http://www.woodfarmclays.co.uk/> enquiries@woodfarmclays.co.uk

Activity and Adventure Sports Centres

1610 Leisure. (Various locations) Tel: 01823 410126.

Organises a wide range of activities and adventure sports in the area, including mountain biking, paintball, climbing, trigger tag, bushcraft and raft-building.

<http://www.1610.org.uk>

Henley Hillbillies Activities, Old Henley Farm, Buckland Newton, Dorchester, DT2 7BL..

Tel: 01300 345293 or 0786 075 9996.

An activity centre offering mini mavriks, quad bikes, hovercrafts, clay pigeon shooting, air rifle shooting, crossbows and archery.

www.henleyhillbillies.co.uk

Golf

Yeovil Golf Club, BA21 5BW.

<http://www.yeovilgolfclub.com>

01935 422965

Fishing

Coking Farm Fishery, West Stour, Gillingham, SP8 5SF.

www.cokingfarmfishery.co.uk

07789 003044

Things to do

Kayaking/Canoeing

River Stour Safaris, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1DS.

<http://www.riverstoursafaris.co.uk>

07970 568642

Pampering

Another Little World Tel: 07850 535234.

www.anotherlittleworld.co.uk

Wellbeing Breaks Tel: 07875 596858

Wine Tasting

The Wine Tasting Co. Tel: 01934 708312 or email: kelli@thewinetastingco.com

Organises wine tasting evenings in the comfort of your cottage.

<http://www.thewinetastingco.com>

Top things to do with children

South Somerset and the surrounding area is outstandingly attractive and filled with an enormous variety of things to do and things to keep the family occupied. There is a loose leaf folder at the house packed full of ideas for days out, our personal favorites are:

Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7LH. Tel: 01963 440 804.

A must for motoring fans, this museum houses the UK's largest exhibition of classic cars and bikes: more than four hundred of them!

www.haynesmotormuseum.com

Longleat Safari Park, Warminster, Wiltshire, BA12 7NW. Tel: 01985 844400..

Go walkabout in the UK's first walkthrough meerkat enclosure, hand feed the Rainbow Lorikeets in the Lorikeet Feeding Station and enjoy the antics of the monkeys in the Monkey Temple!

<http://www.longleat.co.uk/>

Glastonbury Tor, Glastonbury, Somerset, BA6 8BH,

Wander to the top of this iconic landmark for magnificent views of the Somerset Levels, Dorset, Wiltshire and Wales. Famous as a pagan holy site and for its connections to King Arthur, the Tor is a beautiful place for a relaxing walk.

www.glastonburytor.org.uk

Stourhead gardens, Stourton, nr Warminster, Wiltshire, England, BA12 6QD.

The jewel in the Stourhead crown has to be the world-famous 18th-century landscape garden. A magnificent lake shimmering with reflections of classical temples, mystical grottoes and rare and exotic trees.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/stourhead/

Gartell Light Railway, Common Lane, Yenston, Templecombe, BA8 ONB.

Step back in time to a more leisurely age and ride through the beautiful Blackmore Vale countryside along the route of the old Somerset and Dorset Railway.

www.glr-online.co.uk

Badger Watch Dorset, Dorchester, DT2 7BL. Tel: 01300 345293 or 0786 075 9996.

Snuggle up in a secluded hide for an evening surrounded by woodland wildlife! A family of badgers come out to forage every night, often accompanied by owls, foxes, rabbits and bats for you to watch in their natural habitat. www.badgerwatchdorset.co.uk

Wookey Hole Caves, Wells, BA5 1BB. Tel: 01749 672243.

These mysterious caves are intricate and steeped in local lore. Some of the caverns are said to have been the lair of the infamous Witch of Wookey, who still makes appearances for those children brave enough to meet her! The caves are surrounded by other attractions, such as the Victorian Penny Arcade, Fairy Garden, and life-sized dinosaurs, making it a great place to spend a full day out.

www.wookey.co.uk

Top places to visit & shop nearby

Wincanton

Our nearest town and just three miles from the house, here you will find pretty much everything you need for your stay. Supermarket shopping can be done at Morrison or Lidl on the outskirts while in the centre of town there is an excellent deli providing all sorts of treats, Clementina's containing the eclectic range of stock that a hardware shop should hold, and the excellent and ever cheerful butcher, Andrew Barclay at the top of the High Street.

Sherborne and Castle Cary

The lovely abbey town of Sherborne is around 10 miles from the house and the attractive Castle Cary is seven miles; both are an easy drive away and have a good range of small individual shops, ideal for browsing and buying a present or two. Don't forget to find the lock-up in Castle Cary and meet Ethlebert and Ethlebold, King Alfred's eldest brothers, buried in the same grave in Sherborne Abbey. Both towns have very helpful tourist information offices filled with ideas of things to do and places to visit in the area.

Bath

With its Roman and Georgian heritage, a visit to Bath is a must if you haven't been previously. It's oozing with history, has an excellent theatre, Costume Museum, Assembly Rooms (once presided over by the exacting Beau Nash), Pump Rooms where you can have the dubious pleasure of trying the waters; Roman Baths (a wonderful natural spa for swimming), many fantastic shops and even boasts a Jamie Oliver bistro. If you don't feel like driving the 40 odd miles, try catching the train from Castle Cary. But if driving the Park and Ride is certainly worth seriously considering.

Somerset

Is the true home of Cheddar Cheese and international award-winning cheese makers abound locally - Montgomery, Westcombe Dairy, Quicks and Keens to name but a few. Dorset Blue Vinney, (unique in the world) is made just across the border by the Davies family. Somerset also produces wonderful cider, Kingston Black from Julian Temperley being one of the best.

Wells

Is the smallest city in England and its cathedral is arguably the most beautiful building in Europe. The graceful scissor arch dates from the 14th century and was built hastily to hold up the tower when it was in danger of collapsing and remains to this day.

Useful information

THE GRANGE AT A GLANCE

Bedrooms and bathrooms

- Sleeps up to 20 guests
- 10 bedrooms, 8 in the main house and 2 in the Dovecote
- In the main house there are 4 en-suite bedrooms on the first floor and 4 bedrooms on the second, sharing two family bathrooms
- 3 cloakrooms on the ground floor of the main house
- In the Dovecote there is one large shared bathroom

Cooking and dining

- Dining table seats 20 comfortably
- Fantastic chef available for a special meal or throughout the weekend
- Drop-off meals available
- Four-oven Aga and an induction hob
- Large gas BBQ
- Tables and chairs on the terrace
- Walk to a brilliant pub
- Excellent dining nearby in award winning cafes and bistros.
- Online deliveries

Things to do inside

- Cinema room
- Table tennis, darts, snooker, pool and piano playing
- iPod dock
- 40" flat screen TV
- DVD player
- Wifi in main house and the Dovecote

Things to do outside

- Heated swimming pool (May to September)
- Hot tub
- Sauna
- Tennis court
- Croquet lawn
- 13 bicycles of different sizes

Activities

- Country pursuits available nearby

ABOUT YOUR BOOKING

Cautionary deposit

- £1,000 refundable deposit

House restrictions

- No dogs
- Noise policy in place
- No fireworks please
- Not suitable for stag parties

Arrival and departure

- Check in 4pm
- Check out 4pm on a Sunday
- Check out 10am on other days

What's included

- Linen
- Swimming towels
- Welcome hamper
- Essentials
- Utilities
- Please bring your own swimming towels
- Extra housekeeping available on request

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

"What a fantastic week we have had. The house and gardens are a credit to you. The children loved the pool. I was in my element with the BBQ and the TV in 3D – amazing! Hope to come back soon"

"We've had an amazing stay! The house and gardens are fantastic with special thanks to the staff that were both very friendly and helpful"

"Thank you for the beautiful setting, lovely food and good company! Great towels!!"