

STAYS & CELEBRATIONS

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MONTGOMERY MANOR

A Georgian manor house in the Wye Valley, for gatherings of up to eighteen

SLEEPS 18 · 8 BEDROOMS · EXCLUSIVE USE

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CHRISTMAS IN THE HALL — THE TREE AT THE FOOT OF THE STAIRS

CHRISTMAS

Trees up, fires lit, a table for sixteen.

For Christmas the house is dressed for the season: two Christmas trees — one in the hall, one in the evening lounge — decorations throughout, and open fires to gather round. Christmas lunch is served at a candlelit table for sixteen in the panelled dining room, with the Aga taking care of the turkey — or bring in a private chef and let someone else do the washing up.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR SIXTEEN IN THE PANELLED DINING ROOM



CANDLELIGHT AGAINST THE OAK PANELLING

CHRISTMAS TREES

Two — the hall and the evening lounge

DECORATIONS

Throughout the house

MINIMUM STAY

Three to five nights

PRIVATE CHEF

On request



CHRISTMAS IN THE EVENING LOUNGE

Dinner by candlelight, then down to the cellar.

Start with dinner for sixteen in the panelled dining room — black tie, fancy dress, or whatever theme the group dreams up.

Then, as midnight approaches, head down the stone steps to the cellar: your own bar and nightclub, with a sound system, mirrorball and karaoke microphones. It's sound-insulated, so you can see the New Year in as loudly as you like — and nobody has to book a taxi home.

Dining room	Seats sixteen, by candlelight
Cellar bar & club	Optional extra, £500 — sound system, mirrorball, karaoke
Private chef	On request
Minimum stay	Three to five nights
Dates & rates	On request



A DINNER PARTY, DRESSED FOR THE OCCASION

BELOW STAIRS

Your own bar and nightclub.

Beneath the house is a four-hundred-year-old vaulted cellar in two parts: a bar of timber and stone, and a club room with a sound system, karaoke microphones and a mirrorball. It's sound-insulated, which makes it the obvious place to see in the New Year — or a birthday, or a Tuesday. Available as an optional extra for £500, booked in advance; bar staff and DJ equipment can be added.



THE BAR — STONE VAULT AND CANDLELIGHT



THE CLUB ROOM — SOUND SYSTEM AND MIRRORBALL

WELCOME

Four hundred years of history, a palaeontologist, and a nightclub in the cellar.

Montgomery Manor is a Grade II listed manor house above the Wye Valley, built in the sixteenth century by the Wyralls — a family of foresters and landowners — and extended through the eighteenth.

Today it's yours alone. Eight bedrooms for up to eighteen guests, a dining table that seats sixteen, open fires in the lounges, an Aga in a great stone hearth, a wood-fired hot tub in the walled garden, and a cellar bar and nightclub for the nights that call for one.

It's a house made for gatherings — milestone birthdays, family Christmases, New Year with friends, or simply a long weekend somewhere there's finally room for everyone.

- Home of the palaeontologist Dorothea Bate in the late 1800s
- A spiral staircase winding up a seventeenth-century tower
- Bedrooms papered in House of Hackney and William Morris



THE ENTRANCE HALL — PLUM WALLS, STONE FLOOR, ORIGINAL STAIRCASE

18

GUESTS

8

BEDROOMS

10

IN THE HOT TUB

2+

ACRES OF GROUNDS

2

DOGS WELCOME

2¼

HOURS FROM LONDON



THE HALL AT CHRISTMAS — CHANDELIER LIT, THE TREE ON THE STAIRS



THE DINING ROOM — SIXTEENTH-CENTURY OAK PANELLING, LAID FOR SIXTEEN

THE LOUNGES

Two lounges, two fires, room for everyone.

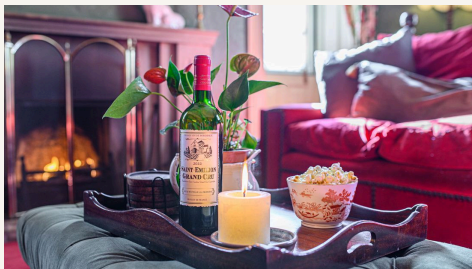
With eighteen under one roof, there's space to spread out. Two separate lounges, each with its own fire, mean the party can carry on in one while the other stays calm.

The Evening Lounge

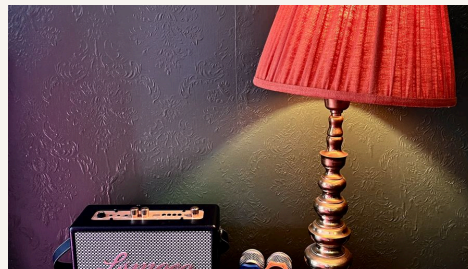
Deep velvet sofas, an open log fire, French windows to the terrace — and karaoke for later.



VELVET SOFAS AND AN OPEN FIRE



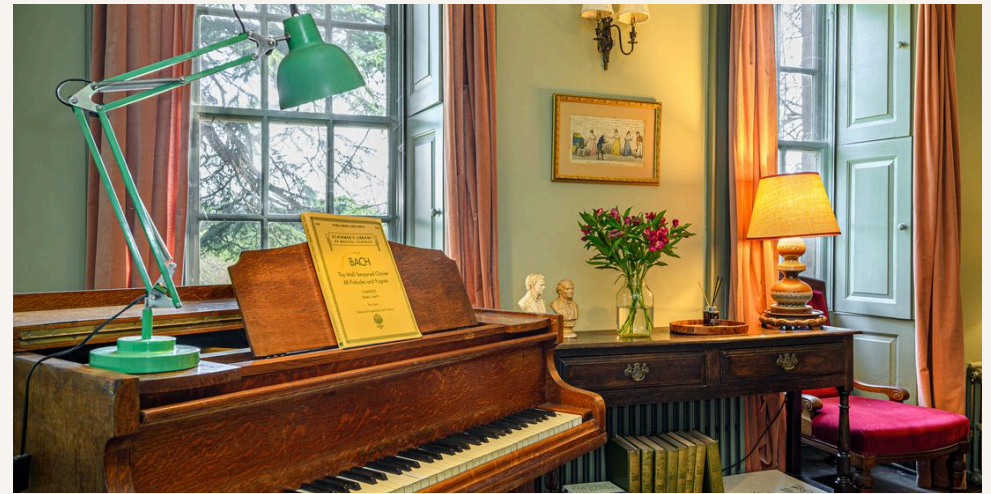
EVENINGS BY THE FIRE



KARAOKE, READY TO GO

The Morning Lounge

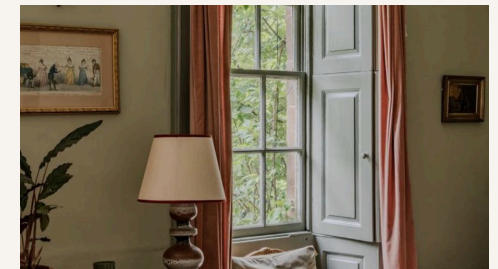
Lighter and quieter, with a baby grand, a log burner and original shutters on tall sash windows.



THE BABY GRAND BY THE WINDOW



THE LOG BURNER



SHUTTERS AND WINDOW SEAT



THE MORNING LOUNGE — BABY GRAND, SAGE WALLS AND ORIGINAL SHUTTERS

THE KITCHEN

A medieval hearth, and an Aga that never goes cold.

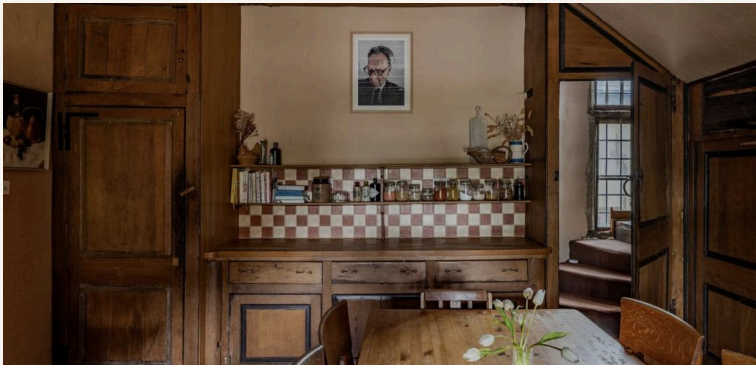
The warm heart of the house: a four-oven Aga set into a great medieval stone hearth, giving off a gentle warmth from morning to night, with beams overhead, a checkerboard floor and a long table for slow breakfasts. Rather not cook? Catering and private chefs can be arranged for any stay.



THE KITCHEN — STONE HEARTH, BEAMS AND CHECKERBOARD FLOOR



THE FOUR-OVEN AGA



THE KITCHEN TABLE AND DRESSER

COOKING

Four-oven Aga

EATING

Kitchen table, plus the dining room for sixteen

CATERING

Private chefs on request

CHARACTER

Beams, stone hearth, checkerboard floor



THE MASTER BEDROOM — KING, EN SUITE, WITH TWIN SASH WINDOWS OVER THE PARKLAND

BEDROOMS

Eight bedrooms, no two alike.

Papered in House of Hackney and William Morris, painted in deep reds and soft blues, and furnished room by room rather than to a scheme. Every room is different — so there's always a good-natured argument about who gets which.



THE GARDEN ROOM · KING · HOUSE OF HACKNEY WALLPAPER



THE BLUE ROOM · SUPER KING FOUR-POSTER



THE RED ROOM · KING



THE PINK ROOM · KING · UNDER THE EAVES



THE GREEN ROOM · KING · WILLIAM MORRIS WALLPAPER

BEDROOMS

Room for eighteen.

Six king-size bedrooms and a super king, plus a bunk room with two singles and two bunks — so families and friends can share without anyone drawing the short straw. The master bedroom is en suite, with two further bathrooms and a downstairs cloakroom.



MONTY'S ROOM · KING



THE BUNK ROOM · TWO SINGLES AND TWO BUNKS

SUPER KING

The Blue Room

KING

Six rooms, including the master

BUNK ROOM

Two singles, two bunks

BATHROOMS

Master en suite, two bathrooms, downstairs WC

OUTDOORS

A hot tub, a fire pit and a walled garden.

Behind the house, a great lawn runs to an old stone wall, with a vine-covered arbour, a greenhouse and silver birches beyond. There's seating set out against the house, a wood-fired hot tub for ten, and a fire pit made for marshmallows after dark — and it's all enclosed, good news if the dog is coming too.



THE WALLED GARDEN AND LAWN



SEATING AGAINST THE OLD HOUSE WALLS



THE WOOD-FIRED HOT TUB, FOR TEN



MARSHMALLOWS AT THE FIRE PIT

HOT TUB
Wood-fired, seats ten

FIRE PIT
In the garden

GARDENS
Walled and enclosed

PARKING
Up to twelve cars

On the doorstep.

English Bicknor sits on the edge of the Forest of Dean, above a loop of the River Wye in the Wye Valley National Landscape — walking, rivers, castles and good pubs, all within a short drive.

Symonds Yat Rock

The famous view over the Wye's great horseshoe bend.

Puzzlewood

Ancient, moss-covered woodland — a filming location for Star Wars and Doctor Who.

Goodrich Castle

A red sandstone medieval castle high above the river.

Canoeing the Wye

Hire canoes and paddle down through the gorge.

The Sculpture Trail

Art hidden along a woodland walk in the Forest of Dean.

Riverside pubs

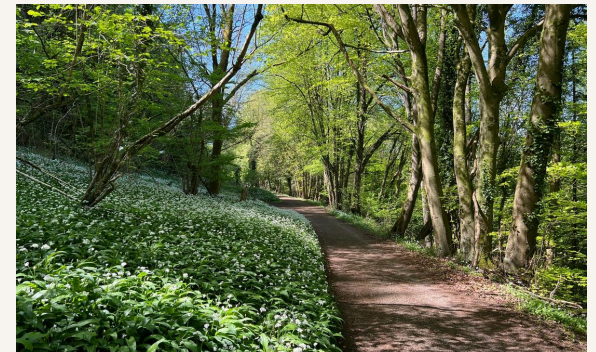
The Saracens Head at Symonds Yat, with its hand-pulled ferry, and The Ostrich at Newland.



MEADOWS DOWN TO THE WYE, A SHORT WALK AWAY



THE RIVER FROM ABOVE



THE FOREST OF DEAN IN SPRING

GOOD TO KNOW

Everything for planning your stay.

THE HOUSE

Sleeps	Up to eighteen
Bedrooms	Six king, one super king, and a bunk room with two singles and two bunks
Bathrooms	One en suite, two further bathrooms, downstairs WC
Living	Evening lounge, morning lounge, dining room for sixteen, farmhouse kitchen
Outside	Wood-fired hot tub for ten, fire pit, walled and enclosed gardens
Cellar bar & club	Optional extra, £500 — sound system and karaoke
Use	Exclusive — the whole house is yours

YOUR STAY

Check-in	From 3pm
Check-out	By 12 noon
Early and late	Early check-in and late check-out on request
Minimum stay	Two nights; three to five nights at Christmas and New Year
Dogs	Up to two included; more on request
Catering	Private chefs and catering on request
Wi-Fi	1Gb broadband
Parking	Up to twelve cars at the house

GETTING HERE

Address	English Bicknor, Forest of Dean, Gloucestershire
Postcode	GL16 7PD
London	About 2¼ hours
By train	Gloucester, 35 minutes by road — London Paddington 1 hr 40 direct
Cardiff	About 1 hour by road
Bristol	About 1 hr 10 by road
Birmingham	About 1 hr 45 by road
Nearest towns	Coleford and Monmouth

A HOUSE WITH CHARACTER

Montgomery Manor is a Grade II listed building with four centuries behind it, so expect sloping floors and creaking boards. We wouldn't have it any other way.

BOOK DIRECT

The best rate is always direct.

- 01 **The best price**
Our lowest rates are always the ones you book with us directly.
- 02 **Late offers**
Last-minute availability and offers are best found by asking us.
- 03 **Extras arranged for you**
Private chef, the cellar bar, early check-in or late check-out — all sorted in one conversation.
- 04 **A real person**
Talk to us directly about anything you need, before and during your stay.

BOOKINGS

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RATES

On request

Rates are for the whole house and vary by season and dates.
Minimum stay two nights; three to five nights at Christmas and New Year.



THE HALL, LOOKING UP THE MAIN STAIR