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# Orchard House

Somerset

SLEEPS 16 - 22



- ◆ Sleeps 16 - 22
- ◆ One of the Sunday Times top 100 places to stay in 2010
- ◆ Beautiful period home steeped in 400 years of history
- ◆ 22 acres of beautiful gardens and ponds, including an orchard
- ◆ Outdoor play area with fort and playhouse for children
- ◆ Games field
- ◆ Snooker table
- ◆ Lots of on-site activities can be arranged
- ◆ Music centre



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### OVERVIEW

Winner of Visit England's Gold Award for Outstanding Quality of Accommodation and Customer Service (2011), Orchard House is a superb period home set in 22 acres of Somerset countryside.

Owned by one family for 400 years, the house has been home to explorers, adventurers, sailors, authors, politicians and philanthropists, including the founder of national UK children's charity, ICAN. Paintings, antiques, papers and photographs. Yet it is completely informal - just a much-loved, special home, looked after by a dedicated team who pride themselves on exceptional guest care.

There is a dining room (seating 22), sitting room, breakfast room, farmhouse-style kitchen, scullery and laundry.

A note from the owners:

"Welcome to Orchard House - my home and home to my ancestors for 400 years before me - now your home for family and friends to get together for a relaxing break or special occasion.

Orchard House is cared for by a fantastic team who will do everything they can to make your stay in our house truly memorable."



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### YOUR STAY

#### Number accommodated

House

- ◆ Sleeps 12 adults and 4 children

?Cottage

- ◆ Sleeps 6

#### Number of bedrooms

House

- ◆ 6 bedrooms

?Cottage

- ◆ 3 bedrooms

#### Number of bathrooms

House

- ◆ 4 bathrooms

?Cottage

- ◆ 2 bathrooms

#### Bedroom and bathroom configuration

House

- ◆ Chaucer Room: Super-king double with an extra double sofa bed and en-suite bathroom.
- ◆ The Pump Room: Queen-size four-poster double sharing the family bathroom.
- ◆ Jolly Monks/ Great Tom: Twin beds with en-suite bathroom.
- ◆ The Cobbler: Double (communicating door with Jolly Monks and sharing the en-suite).
- ◆ Trusty Servant: Queen-size double sharing the family bathroom.
- ◆ The Nursery: Double/twin (zip & link) with en-suite bathroom.
- ◆ Pooh's Corner: Landing between Chaucer and the Nursery has two single sofa beds for children.

Cottage

- ◆ Golightly: ground floor twin bedroom with a wet room - suitable for disabled use.
- ◆ Hobbs: Double bedroom
- ◆ Kenedy: Twin bedroom, over looks the cottage garden at the back of the house
- ◆ Shared bathroom upstairs with bath

#### Dining capacity

**House**

- ◆ Dining space for up to 22 guests

Cottage

- ◆ Kitchen/Dining area - Seats 6
- ◆ Large open plan kitchen/dining/sitting area which opens out onto decking with BBQ and alfresco dining.

#### Catering

- ◆ Self-catered but catering can be provided using fresh fruit and vegetables when in season - 3 course dinners from £30 per head - please contact us for more details and sample menus.

#### Facilities

House

- ◆ Outdoor play area with fort and playhouse
- ◆ Games field with space for basketball, football and badminton
- ◆ Sky TV and DVDs
- ◆ Toy cupboard and board games
- ◆ Wi-Fi
- ◆ Croquet
- ◆ Snooker table
- ◆ Music centre
- ◆ 22 acres of beautiful gardens and ponds, including an orchard
- ◆ BBQ
- ◆ Table tennis
- ◆ 2 sitting rooms with TV's and games consoles

Cottage

- ◆ Underfloor heating
- ◆ Small enclosed garden ideal for children and dogs.

#### Check in/out times

- ◆ Check in after 4pm and check out by 10am - alternative times sometimes possible by prior arrangement.

#### Pets

- ◆ Well-behaved dogs welcome - downstairs only.



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### YOUR STAY (cont.)

#### <span>Disabled facilities</span>

- ◆ Accessibility statement available.
- ◆ Level access between the two properties, suitable for Wheelchair users.
- ◆ Ground floor bedroom in the cottage.

#### <span>Stag and Hen parties</span>

- ◆ Well behaved stag and hen parties welcome.

#### <span>Weddings</span>

- ◆ Not licensed for ceremonies
- ◆ Marquees can be put up for up to 150 guests.

#### <span>Corporate facilities</span>

- ◆ Facilities for a small corporate group and plenty of activities can be arranged for team-building.

#### <span>Other services offered</span>

- ◆ Housekeeper
- ◆ Babysitter
- ◆ Beautician





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### ACTIVITIES

#### <span>On-site Activities</span>

- ◆ Archery can be arranged on the lawn
- ◆ Falconry display- a specialist bird-of-prey handler introduces the birds and shows them in flight
- ◆ Fishing- the house is well situated for coarse and river fishing, tuition can be arranged.
- ◆ Hot air ballooning- taking off from the house
- ◆ Murder mystery dinner party- two actors coordinate an evening of mystery at the house. Each guest is sent an invitation letter prior to the event explaining their character, giving tips for costumes and instructions on what you have to do.
- ◆ Owl prowls and badger watch- join Chris Sperring for a night calling and conversing with tawny owls or watching badgers
- ◆ Pamper sessions- a beauty therapist can be arranged to come to the house
- ◆ Victorian carriage rides- staff in Victorian costume collect you at the house for a ride in a horse-drawn carriage through the surrounding countryside
- ◆ Walk or cycle along the footpath next to the games field along the old railway to Bawdrip
- ◆ Croquet

#### <span>Local Attractions</span>

- ◆ Visit the Wookey Hole Famous Caves in Wells
- ◆ Go on a summer cruise to Lundy Island and Penarth with Bristol Channel Cruise
- ◆ Visit nearby beaches Burnham-on-Sea, Kilver and Weston-Super-Mare
- ◆ Enjoy golf, shooting or horse riding all nearby to the house
- ◆ Visit the Charterhouse Centre on top of the Mendips one evening for an introduction to the stars- observe the stars through telescopes including an impressive 18x reflector in its own observatory
- ◆ Explore Britain's biggest gorge from the dramatic cliffs rising 450ft to the stunning stalactite caverns at Cheddar Gorge
- ◆ Go caving, climbing or abseiling in some of the deepest caves in Europe in the Mendips
- ◆ Visit Bath or Bristol for a day of shopping
- ◆ Go gliding over the Somerset countryside- a one-off flight can be arranged at Mendip Gliding Club
- ◆ Visit the dramatic and ancient Dunster Castle near Minehead
- ◆ Go walking on the Quantocks, Mendips and Brendon hills
- ◆ Visit the animals at Longleat safari park



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### LOCATION

Located in the pretty village of Cossington in Somerset, on the edge of the Polden Hills and Somerset Levels, at the heart of one of England's finest tourist locations, yet only five minutes from the M5 motorway.

#### <span>Distance from:</span>

- ◆ London - 2.75 hours (2 hours by train)
- ◆ Bristol - 45 mins
- ◆ Manchester - 3.25 hours
- ◆ Leeds - 4 hours

#### <span>Nearest airports:</span>

- ◆ Bristol Airport - 40 mins
- ◆ Exeter Airport - 50 mins
- ◆ Heathrow Airport - 2.5 hours

#### <span>Nearest railway stations:</span>

- ◆ Bridgwater - 10 mins

#### <span>Distance to nearest village:</span>

- ◆ Cossington - In the village

#### <span>Distance to nearest town:</span>

- ◆ Bridgwater - 10 mins
- ◆ Taunton - 25 mins





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## FLOOR PLAN





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### PRICES

2023

#### Weekend

- ◆ House alone to sleep 16 guests priced from £1,685
- ◆ House & Cottage to sleep 22 guests priced from £2,235
- ◆ Weekend pricing is seasonal and does vary throughout the year, please enquire for a confirmed rate

#### Midweek

- ◆ Please enquire

#### Weekly

- ◆ House alone to sleep 16 guests, priced from £3,245
- ◆ House & Cottage to sleep 22 guests, priced from £4,305

#### Christmas & New Year

- ◆ Christmas - Please enquire
- ◆ New Year - Please enquire

#### <span>Booking Terms</span>

- ◆ 30% deposit is required then balance will be due 10 weeks prior to arrival





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