

# **FACT SHEET**



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About Cliveden House Cliveden House is a five-star luxury hotel in Berkshire, England. The building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by the owners of Chewton Glen, Iconic Luxury Hotels. The hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion, plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with boathouse and boats, luxurious spa, and sporting and leisure facilities. The Dining Room is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting, and meeting facilities. There is a palpable sense of history, for this is a house that for well over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power, and politics.

Location

Cliveden commands panoramic views across the Berkshire countryside and the River Thames and is famed for its famous Parterre lawn. The house is surrounded by 376 acres of magnificent National Trust formal gardens and parkland. The property is easily reached by rail, road, and airports, and is close to London, Oxford and Heathrow Airport. The nearest mainline stations are Taplow (3.4 miles, 10 minutes) or Burnham (4 miles, 15 minutes), Slough station is approximately 7 miles away. London Heathrow Airport is approximately a 20-minute drive and helicopter landings are available upon request.

### History

Both the original Cliveden, built in 1666 for the 2nd Duke of Buckingham and its replacement, built in 1824 were sadly destroyed by fire, the present Grade 1 listed Italianate mansion was built in 1851 by the architect Charles Barry for George Sutherland-Leveson-Gower, 2nd Duke of Sutherland. Queen Victoria was famously "not amused" at the Duke of Westminster's decision to sell Cliveden to the Astor family in 1893. In 1942, the family handed Cliveden to the National Trust. Guests have included every British monarch since George I as well as Charlie Chaplin, Winston Churchill, Harold Macmillan, President Roosevelt, George Bernard Shaw, The Beatles, and The Duchess of Sussex Meghan Markle who stayed the night before her wedding, and many other well-known names from the past and present.

## **About Cliveden Spa**

The opening of Cliveden Spa in July 2017 marked the completion of a multi-million-pound restoration of Cliveden House. The spa is hidden in a beautiful garden setting, screened by mellow brick walls covered with scented roses and beds of lavender. The centrepiece of the spa is the 'listed' outdoor swimming pool, where the first meeting took place of John Profumo and the now infamous Christine Keeler.

Facilities at the spa include Technogym gym, weights, stretch area, indoor heated pool, infrared sauna, aromatherapy steam room, indoor Jacuzzi, outdoor hot tubs, seven treatment rooms, indoor and outdoor tennis courts, The Spa Kitchen restaurant, relaxation lounge, and manicure, pedicure, and hair dressing studio. A programme of bespoke spa residencies and wellness programmes are also available throughout the year to hotel guests and visitors, as well as to members of the exclusive Cliveden Club.

The Cliveden Spa enjoys a partnership with OSKIA. This range of treatments has been designed to complement and accentuate OSKIA's multi-award-winning nutritional skincare range. The holistic approach combines bespoke anti-ageing techniques, drawing on traditional knowledge such as acupressure, specialist massage, reflex, and lymph drainage, as well as elements such as gentle enzyme and AHA peeling that will leave the skin, body and mind rejuvenated and glowing. These treatments instantly boost skin health whilst improving tone and texture and deliver an immediate natural glow and lasting benefits.

The Cliveden Body Collection is inspired by two remarkable ladies synonymous with the history of this fabulous house, Anna Maria, the first 'Mistress of Cliveden' and Nancy Astor, perhaps its most famous chatelaine, we have created two fabulous fragrances that not only delight the senses but have provided the inspiration for our own bespoke collection of luxurious body products designed by OSKIA, the luxury British skincare brand. These scents reflect the combination of strength, subtlety and femininity of the women who inspired them. All products within the Cliveden Body Collection retail range are vegan, developed for spa-quality home pampering

# **Estate & Gardens**

Sprawling out beyond the five-star country estate lies 376 acres of magnificent Grade I listed formal gardens and woodlands. Standing majestically upon the chalk cliffs which lend the house its name, the house commands panoramic views over the Berkshire countryside. Owned,

managed, and lovingly cared for by the National Trust, the gardens feature the celebrated Parterre, season-long floral displays, distinctive topiary, and a collection of exceptional sculptures. Works of art on the grounds include the Fountain of Love and the Roman Sarcophagi. In addition, annual pop-up installations have included sculptures by Bernar Venet and Lynn Chadwick. The Pavilion on the grounds was built to commemorate the Battle of Blenheim and the Amphitheatre where the first recital of "Rule Britannia" was played.

#### Accommodation

Cliveden has 48 bedrooms and suites including Spring Cottage. All bedrooms are double rooms and there are several interconnecting rooms and suites available that can create a two-bedroom option. Each room is named after a prominent guest or figure from Cliveden's from Churchill to Chaplin, Astor to Orkney and Sutherland to the Prince of Wales, each room provides a truly unique experience.

# Club Room & Club Room with Hot Tub (24.5m2)

Located in the East and West Wings, the individually styled Club Rooms are ideal for shorter stays. These wonderful double rooms capture the history of the house and are named after past house visitors (including Rudyard Kipling who frequented Cliveden in the early 1900's). Selected suites boast views over the spa garden and have their own terrace with private hot tub.

# Classic Room & Classic Room with Hot Tub (32m2)

Spacious double rooms on the first floor overlooking the courtyard with many period features. All rooms are individually styled and reflect the wonderful history of the House. Selected rooms boast views over the spa garden and have their own terrace with private hot tub.

## Deluxe Room & Deluxe Room with Hot Tub (40m2)

Located in the Garden Wing, these spacious double rooms have king size or twin beds, all with their own fireplace and garden views, adding character and style to the room. Selected rooms boast views over the spa garden and have their own terrace with private hot tub.

## Mansion House Deluxe Double Room (40m2)

Positioned on the first or second floor of the house, the spacious Deluxe Double Rooms are available in both traditional and modern classic styles. Each of the rooms are adorned with period features and come complete with their own fireplace, comfortable seating area and en-suite classic bathroom.

# Junior Suite (60m2)

All of Cliveden's Junior Suites are newly refurbished in a traditional classic style making the most of the historical fabric of the building. These high ceiling suites offer a spacious accommodation bejewelled with period features. Some Junior Suites allow small dogs, over the age of 1 year.

## Deluxe Suite (65m2)

Luxurious and generously proportioned, Deluxe Suites have high ceilings, are decorated with antiques and original works of art, and offer very spacious lounge areas with grounds views.

# Mansion House Deluxe Suite (75m2)

All of Cliveden's Mansion House Deluxe Suites are newly refurbished in a traditional, classic style. Luxurious and generously proportioned, the suites feature high ceilings, are decorated with antiques and original works of art, and offer very spacious lounge areas.

#### **Mansion House Parterre Suites**

## Inchiquin Suite (65m2)

The Inchiquin Suite is one of Cliveden's newly refurbished suites glamorously refreshed in a traditional classic style, embellished with fine European fabrics and antique furniture. Located in the East Wing it overlooks the Grand Drive, Fountain of Love and the gardens, there is a double-bedded room and a second double bed located within the large living room, which has a side view of the gardens.

# Prince of Wales Suite (75m2)

The Prince of Wales Suite is one of our two Parterre Suites. Offering grand and unique accommodation it is luxurious and generously proportioned. A previous guest at Cliveden, in 1740, Frederick Prince of Wales organised a musical evening at Cliveden which included the first ever performance of 'Rule Britannia'.

# Lady Astor Suite (75m2)

The Lady Astor Suite is one of our Parterre Suites and is luxurious and generously proportioned with great views and a large private terrace. Named after Lady Astor, a former owner of Cliveden and the first woman in British Parliament 100 years ago.

## Spring Cottage (250m2)

A stunningly refurbished picturesque three-bedroom cottage, set on the banks of the River Thames, offering superb living space and private gardens. Spring Cottage provides the utmost in privacy and escapism. Queen Victoria would arrive here by boat when she came to take tea at Cliveden. Osteopath Stephen Ward entertained the infamous Christine Keeler at this cottage, sparking the Profumo Affair. Hotel and Spring Cottage guests today can enjoy the Cliveden flotilla of classic launches kept in the neighbouring boathouse.

## Food & Beverage

The Cliveden Dining Room: With 3 AA Rosettes and guided by the seasons, the three-course à la carte and seven-course tasting menus at The Dining Room are all based on fresh English ingredients. The innovative dishes, attention to detail and love of locally sourced fresh produce all help create a restaurant experience that reflects the stature of the House, delivered in an open and relaxed environment. Head Chef, Christopher Hannon has created a menu with strong plant-based influences.

**The Astor Grill**: Located in the charming old stable block, which once housed Lord Astor's most prized fillies. Adopting an equestrian theme in its décor, The Astor Grill is full of character offering a simple and informal approach to dining at Cliveden. The menu is also overseen by Head Chef, Christopher Hannon and it focusses on a mixture of classic American and British dishes reminiscent of Cliveden's diverse owners and residents.

The name – The Astor Grill – recalls the Astor family, who owned the house from the early 1900s. Today it is a cosmopolitan venue which is steeped in history, its romantic setting offers all the style and legendary hospitality that Cliveden is famous for, and it is the perfect place to escape and enjoy a late brunch, early lunch, or a relaxed supper.

# Meetings, Events & Weddings

Meeting Room Capacities include Boardroom (50), Theatre (100), Cabaret (60), Private Dinner (220), Marquee (400). Private spaces at Cliveden include: The Churchill, The Boudoir, The Motor House, The Tote Room, French Dining Room, Waldo's, The Cellar Dining Room, The Dining Room. The 24-Hour Rate includes: full day use of meeting room including set up; complimentary WiFi; dedicated events manager; arrival, morning and afternoon, tea and coffee breaks with homemade treats; mineral water in the meeting room; use of the hotel's audio-visual equipment; working buffet lunch or two-course lunch in the Cliveden Dining Room; three-course gourmet dinner, excluding beverages; luxurious accommodation; full English breakfast; use of Cliveden Spa, tennis courts; valet parking.

Cliveden has eight venue options for the most perfect wedding day, from a secluded affair in Spring Cottage (up to 12 guests) on the banks of the Thames, to a larger gathering in the stunning south-facing Cliveden Dining Room (up to 120 guests) bathed in natural light and Parterre River views.

# **Amenities/Services**

24-hour room service

Day and night porter service

Afternoon tea

Al fresco dining in The Astor Grill Babysitting services (to be booked)

Bar (The Library)

Bathrobes and slippers

**Boutique and Spa Shop** 

Car parking

Children's activities (school holidays)

Complimentary access to National Trust gardens and parkland

Complimentary Wi-Fi

Complimentary newspapers

Concierge service

Dog-friendly

Great Hall and residents lounge areas

Guided tours and excursions

Hairdryer

**Honesty Bar** 

Informal restaurant - The Astor Grill

In-room safe

Iron and ironing board

Laundry, ironing service and dry cleaning

Nespresso machine and bottled still and sparkling mineral water

Office facilities – document printing, fax, photocopying

Private meetings, events, and dining rooms

Restaurant – The Cliveden Dining Room

River cruises

Spa and leisure facilities including tennis, swimming, dance studio

Ruark DAB radio and Bluetooth speaker Samsung LED TV and satellite channels

Telephone

Walking and nature trials Welcome amenities

# **Nearby Activities**

Cliveden's unique location in part of England's most exquisite countryside lends itself to an array of things to see and do. Within the 376-acre estate visitors can enjoy the tranquil water garden, fitness trail, children's play area, The Cliveden Maze, Vintage flotilla on the Thames (April to October). Near to the house is Windsor Castle, LEGOLAND, Royal Ascot, Henley Regatta, Henley Festival, Bicester Village, and Polo at Emsworth. Humphreys of Henley Luxury Concierge Service can arrange bespoke packages from hunting with hawks to hacking on horseback.

## **Rates**

Room rates start at £445.00 to £2,250 (Spring Cottage), depending on availability and type of room or suite.

# **CLIVEDEN HOUSE BOILER PLATE**

**CLIVEDEN HOUSE** is a five-star luxury hotel; the building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by Iconic Luxury Hotels. Less than 45 minutes west of London and 20 minutes from London Heathrow Airport, the hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with boathouse and boats, luxurious spa and a range of sporting and leisure facilities. The Cliveden Dining Room is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting, and meeting facilities. A member of Relais & Châteaux, Cliveden is unique, the setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history for this is a house that for well over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power, and politics.

# **ABOUT ICONIC LUXURY HOTELS**

Iconic Luxury Hotels was founded in December 2016 and is part of L+R Hotels (landrhotels.com) - a highly motivated family-owned global hotel investment and management company - who have an extensive portfolio of over 105 hotels, with approximately 21,000 bedrooms. Iconic Luxury Hotels is an expanding collection with an international focus. The collection is comprised of an eclectic array of properties each of which celebrates distinct architecture, cultural heritage, and natural surroundings.

Each property has its own character, traditions, and stories but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences. The current portfolio includes some of the world's most famous hotels from Cliveden House, one of England's finest country estates, to the Hotel Excelsior in Italy which is the home of the Venice International Film Festival. The other UK hotels are comprised of Chewton Glen an English estate on the South Coast, The Lygon Arms a 14th Century Coaching Inn in the Cotswolds, 11 Cadogan Gardens in Chelsea, one of London's most prestigious residential areas and The Mayfair Townhouse, London which opened in December 2020.