

# Old Queens Manor

Region: Cotswolds Sleeps: 10

## Overview

Old Queens manor is a handsome manse set in peaceful countryside with glorious views to the Cotswolds and over the River Severn to Wales. The only noises to be heard are happy birdsongs, and there are woodpeckers in the ancient hornbeams and thrushes on the lawn.

At night, when guests swim in the gently lit heated swimming pool in the orchard, they are surrounded by owls calling and glow-worms shining through the shrubbery.

If guests can tear themselves away from the tennis court, croquet lawn, the beautiful local walks and quintessential British cooking, the attractions of Bath are only an hour drive away. Bath is famous for its Roman baths that attract tourists from far and wide. The city of Bristol is also only half an hour away by car, a busy city with many restaurants, shops and an energetic night life.



## Facilities



# Interior & Grounds

Old Queens Manor is an elegant and beautifully built Victorian house with all its original features intact.

As you enter through the Gothic front floor to a flag-stoned hall, on the right there is a very comfortable living room with a marble surround open fireplace, armchairs and an antique rug. Here there is also a bookshelf where you will find books about local walks and attractions to enhance your holiday experience. The dining room on the opposite side of the hallway also has a magnificently restored fireplace and open fire, large window and a large table that comfortably seats 10.

There is a media room with a new wide-screen, mounted high definition television with DVD player and a CD player with speakers. There is also an extensive collection of DVD's, videos, books and games in the antique dresser for your enjoyment.

The flag-stoned kitchen has an oil-fired Aga, a large table with stools that can seat up to 10 and an antique dresser with all cutlery and crockery. There is a washing machine, a large fridge freezer and all other modern amenities. Views from the kitchen window overlook the courtyard, the fields beyond and the Cotswolds. The ground floor also has a butler's pantry with further kitchen equipment and a microwave oven.

The kitchen leads down to the spacious stone floored cloakroom where tennis rackets, balls and swimming towels are kept for your use. The washing machine, clothes dryer, iron and iron board are kept in the utility room that is accessible via the cloakroom. A door from the cloakroom leads to the courtyard and the garage, where a large table tennis table and table football are both kept.

The main stairs lead from the hall to the first floor where there are three double bedrooms and two twin rooms. One double and one twin share a newly installed shower room with basin and toilet and the second twin and double share a huge family bathroom with bath, shower, basin and lavatory. The master bedroom has its own en-suite bathroom with a shower. All bedrooms are equipped with extremely comfortable mattresses and linen, matching throws, curtains and cushions. All have open fireplaces and extensive views. The house is also heated throughout with traditional cast iron radiators.

The house is set in just over two acres of garden; the lawn's surrounding is bordered by beautiful trees and shrubbery with sheltered and sunny areas for relaxing. There is also a wooden table, chairs and bench for those wanting to relax in the sun enjoying a cold glass of wine. Stone steps lead onto the flat



croquet lawn and an immaculate astro-turf tennis court next door. There is an established orchard with apple, plum and cherry trees and a children's play hut on stilts with a ladder, hidden amongst the bamboo plants.

Whilst visiting Old Queens Manor you will feel incredibly relaxed, enjoying the countryside and soaking up the sounds and sights of nature; watch the nesting house-martins swoop over the garden in the late afternoon and in the evening there are bats silently flitting across the lawns.

## Location & Local Information

Old Queens Manor is situated within a few minutes stroll from the village of Oldbury on Severn, a quaint little place enticing visitors back again and again. In the village there are many places to eat and drink in the summer sun. Oldbury is famous for The Anchor Pub where visitors mix with locals to enjoy the renowned British home cooking.

For guests that prefer a stroll before a meal, the White Hart pub in Littleton on Severn is a relaxing two mile walk away through glorious orchards and fields.

The 500 year old Thornbury Castle, where Henry VIII stayed with Anne Boleyn, provides not only a look into Britain's history and the glorious architecture of the building but also an exquisite dining experience in an ancient Elizabethan setting. It is only a 30 minute walk through the fields from The Old Queens Manor or 10 minutes by car.

The views from The Old Queens Manor are simply breathtaking. It is situated two minutes away from a church built on the site of ancient Celtic worship, and visitors to the area have often been seen sipping a glass of wine on the bench at its front, admiring the spectacular views stretching from the sailing club across the River Severn to the Blue Welsh Hills beyond.

For families with young children and teenagers it is an easy drive to Go-Ape, a forest network of ropes and swings, perfect for energetic youngsters or adults. Kayaking, climbing, canoeing and caving are also all available close by. For sport lovers, Thornbury has a scenic 18 hole golf course and a par 3 course with undulating views over the Severn Estuary.

Staying in Old Queens Manor, there are many local leisure opportunities. Local walks are famous. There is even an enchanting little bridle path running next to the garden and used only by walkers and horse riders. The owners of this glorious home supply maps and books so guests can navigate through the countryside. The Cotswolds are only a short drive away, and The Old Queens Manor is also situated only 15 minutes away by car from the Welsh border.



# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000. This is paid directly to the owner a month in advance of arrival. The security deposit will be refunded in full after departure subject to damage inspection.
- Arrival time: 16.00
- Departure time: 10.00
- Energy costs included?: Included.
- Linen & towels included?: Included, including swimming towels.
- Pets welcome?: One dog allowed at an additional charge of £40.00 per stay. Please confirmed prior to booking.
- Changeover day: Saturday
- End of stay cleaning included?: Included.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outdoors only.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property.
- Other Ts and Cs: Bookings : - Weekly bookings only for peak months. This may be flexible last minute. Please enquire. - Weekly lets only during school holidays, rentals start on Saturday. Weekend, long weekend and midweek bookings are possible throughout the rest of the year. - Weekly lets only during school holidays.

**Please Note:**

- The pool cover is vital for safety and needs to be in place at all times, unless pool is being used. It is important it is used with care at all times and is not to be stood, sat or played on at any time moving or stationary or the mechanism will break and the pool will not be able to be uncovered for use.
- The gardeners will need to access the garden for maintenance and will do so with respect for your privacy; the lawns however need to be mowed and the flower beds maintained for your enjoyment.
- Well behaved pets are welcome but it is respectfully asked if it is possible to keep dogs in the downstairs area as much as possible and to keep muddy paws off the carpets.