

Dyrham House

Region: Cotswolds Sleeps: 11

Overview

Dyrham House is an historic Grade II listed property located on the edge of the Cotswold Hills just outside the UNESCO World Heritage city of Bath and the vibrant, artistic city of Bristol. The central hall with its stone mullion windows dates from 1570 with Georgian extensions added in 1850. It has been carefully and lovingly restored standing at the top of the village with views across the countryside and onto the hills beyond. The meticulous attention to detail can be seen in the quality of the interiors, where a sympathetic blend of both traditional and modern furniture and fittings creates a welcoming family home very much in harmony with its rural surroundings. The breath-taking gardens have had a much-coveted listing in the National Garden Scheme Yellow Book.

The front lawn slopes gently down to Boyd Brook, whose source is the underground spring in the grounds of the magnificent National Trust property Dyrham Park a few minutes walk away. The earliest suggestion of a park at Dyrham is in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, which records the Battle of Deorham in AD 571 or 577, the name being thought to derive either from *dwr* meaning water and referring to the springs in the area, or from *deor hamme*, a deer enclosure. The deer park exists today and you can see the shapes of the 6th century hill fort in the fields beyond.

Sit on the south facing terrace and enjoy the delight of watching ducks alight on the brook or simply take in the breath-taking views and the stunning herbaceous borders in the main garden. There is an outdoor dining table on the terrace which seats 12 with a parasol for summer dining. The kitchen doors fold back to create an indoor/outdoor space in the summer. The sitting room doors also open onto the garden - perfect for a summer stay. In winter you will prefer closed doors and a wood burning fire in one of the many fireplaces throughout the house to give you that cosy, country house stay.

There are many walks in the area including one of the greatest walks in Britain, the Cotswold Way, which passes right through the village. You can join it for a 20 minute walk to Dyrham Wood or for the more intrepid to Bath itself - a wonderful, if hearty, walk that ends at Bath Abbey.

There are many other activities nearby; horse riding at Lucknam Park (also home to a Michelin starred restaurant and spa facilities), horse racing at the Bath race track, golf at Tracey Park the 240 acre park land and hotel a mere 5



minutes away, boating on the River Avon, hot air ballooning in nearby Bristol and tennis in Victoria Park, Bath.

The stunning, historic cities of Bath and Bristol offer a wealth of sightseeing and cultural activities from museums to art centres, cinemas and theatre including the Bristol Old Vic, one of the oldest and most revered theatres in Britain. There are four Michelin starred restaurants in Bristol. Both Bristol and Bath host antique markets, farmers markets and excellent independent shops. Bath is home to the ancient Roman Baths and the luxuriously modern Thermae Bath Spa, which houses the only natural thermal hot springs in Britain. In Bristol try a spa day and fine dining at The Lido the restored Victorian outdoor heated pool and spa in the city centre.

There are many other historic towns, villages and properties nearby which offer excellent family trips. Visit Lacock Abbey in nearby Lacock where Harry Potter was filmed or the thatched cottages of Castle Combe also home to the Michelin starred restaurant in the Combe Manor Hotel a 10 minute drive away.

Or enjoy the beautiful Victorian seaside town of Clevedon on the Severn Estuary 10 miles outside of Bristol, featuring the fully restored Victoria jetty, Clevedon Pier. Clevedon has seaside walks, a sailing club and the restored Victorian 'tidal pool' for swimming and kayaking. 10 miles outside of Bath is Longleat Safari Park in the grounds of the Elizabethan stately manor house.

Dyrham House is an oasis of tranquillity that will welcome you back to its beautiful, private setting from whatever fun trip you choose with your friends and family!

Facilities

Recommended • **Exclusive** • Heritage Collection • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • BBQ • Ideal for Xmas/NY • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Rural Location • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

Interior

Ground Floor

- Living room with snug area to one side
- Kitchen with Aga and electric oven, large fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave and coffee machine. The room has bi-folding doors which open onto the garden.
- Dining room with large table and seating for 10
- Hall with piano and ample seating areas
- Laundry room with washing machine and tumble drier
- Boot room
- Cloakroom

First Floor

- Master bedrooms with ensuite bathroom with bath tub and walk in shower
- Bedroom 2: Double bedroom
- Bedroom 3: Double bedroom
- Bedroom 4: Double bedroom
- Bedroom 5: Single bedroom
- Bedroom 6: Twin bedroom
- Family Bathroom1: With bath tub and overhead shower
- Family Bathroom2: With bath tub

Outside

- Private lawned gardens
- Kitchen garden
- Portable barbecue
- River



Location & Local Information

Dyrham House is located in one of the most picturesque parts of the country, right on the doorstep of the famous walking route The Cotswold Way. The local area is truly a walkers haven and you'll find pamphlets in the house to direct you. You'll benefit from the peace and quiet of a country retreat whilst still being easily accessible to the cultural hubs of Bath and Bristol.

As a UNESCO World Heritage city, you'd be silly to pass up a trip to Bath. With the Roman Baths, more museums than you can shake a stick at, markets and gorgeous Georgian architecture, there's so much to do.

Bristol is a vibrant and forward-thinking city. With one of the country's most diverse music and arts scenes, you'll be spoilt for choice when it comes to eating, drinking, live music and dancing into the early hours. A plethora of activities are available in the local area too; cycling, horse riding, golf, boating, hiking, National Trust properties and restaurants galore.

Local Amenities

Nearest Town/City	Bath (15 Km)
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Nearest Train Station	Bath Spa (15 Km)



What Oliver loves...

- With the iconic cities of Bath and Bristol nearby, there is no shortage of things to do for all the family
- With Dyrham Park (National Trust) a mere 5-minute drive away, it might be worth taking a family membership to enjoy the many walks, gardens and activities this magnificent park offers
- For those who enjoy sketching, there are numerous nooks and crannies around the grounds, making it a perfect base for budding painters

What you should know...

- This spacious property is ideal for the whole family however please note no dogs are allowed to stay.

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £1000 - Credit card authorisation required, it is refunded in full subject to a damage inspection on departure.
- Arrival time: 4.00 pm
- Departure time: 10.00 am
- Energy costs included?: Included in the rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Linen & bath towels are included in the rental price
- Pets welcome?: Pets are not allowed
- Smoking Allowed?: No smoking inside the villa
- 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
- Minimum stay: 3 nights
- Other Ts and Cs: Any additional or mid-stay cleaning must be requested and paid for in advance of stay. Please note that as the cleaner will need to amend her schedule to provide this, it will be non-refundable.