

West Malling Manor

Region: Kent Sleeps: 14 - 20

Overview

West Malling Manor is the archetypally elegant, sumptuously-proportioned English country home; artfully unpretentious with a lived-in charm, this home is bursting with character, design panache and glorious eccentricity! Far from being a sterile or post-modernist home, the Manor has an intriguing history among the British aristocracy and carries the legacy of generations of colourful family life.

Nestled in the gentle Kent countryside, this romantic home stands imperially within its own magnificent and varied gardens - it is an uncomplicated yet stylish home with a handsome, pastel facade. The interiors are lavish, offering ornate features and rich adornments, including gilded mirrors, oil paintings, antiques, solid timber and original fireplaces.

Guests will enjoy a wonderful family kitchen which offers a relaxed, farmhouse-style ambience, ideally executed for large family groups to be able to enjoy sociable and informal dining. Imagine sitting enjoying a long and lazy breakfast as the sun pours in, enjoying fresh bread and coffee after a morning swim! There is a huge wooden topped central island and breakfast bar, top-range appliances and fittings for effortless self-catering, and a dining table for ten. The pretty dresser with porcelain tea set and antique roll-top desk in the corner add charming touches. The living space showcases beautiful original architecture in an elegant, pastel-toned living room, punctuated with bright florals, offering a blend of contemporary and traditional touches. The huge bay windows and grand piano add a regal air, whilst guests will enjoy the stunning orangery-style conservatory, with pale jade toned wrought iron benches and an explosion of plants and flowers.

Younger guests will enjoy the fabulous attic games room, with its sloping ceilings and dark green panelled walls, this space offers a snooker table and home cinema with projector; an ideal spot for curling up at the end of a busy day in the rambling gardens. For more sedate meals, there is a formal dining room which is breath-taking in its opulence and grown-up glamour; adorned with chandelier, candelabras and sumptuous sophisticated dark tones and polished furniture - this is a suave and chic space for lively discussions over long meals! A separate snug offers dark olive coloured walls, offset by polished brass, gold, warm timber bookshelves and rich salmon and scarlet toned fabrics and silks; this room is brimming with books and low-key refinement.



West Malling Manor can accommodate fourteen guests across seven bedrooms, each finished with understated luxury and unique touches. The master suite is a sedate powder blue, with an original fireplace, soft dove greys and solid mahogany and teak antique furnishings. Each bedroom has its own quirky features, they are generously executed as civilised spaces to provide refinement, reading space, window seats, writing desks and scope for tranquillity and seclusion as well as rest. Each room has its own individual character whether it be bright florals, tactile fabrics, four poster bed or candy tones!

The gardens comprise both elegant lawns and well-maintained Italian garden as well as rambling overgrowth. There is a Tuscan feel to the elegant terraces, adorned with potted terracotta plants, stone walls and sleek French windows. A sweeping tree-lined entrance and expansive lawns leading to a beautiful private lake add an air of mystery to this historically intriguing home! Guests will enjoy wonderful meals al fresco beside the glistening pool or exploring the myriad of pathways framed by fragrantly blossoming plants and charming overgrowth. West Malling Manor is a charmingly rambling home with a very natural and innate refinement, offering a true English country home experience, set within the “garden of England.”

Facilities

Recommended • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Internet • Pets Welcome • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • Ideal for Parties • Tennis Court • Satellite TV • Games Room • Indoor Games • Outdoor Games • Pool/Snooker • DVD • Working Fireplace • Heating • Cot(s) • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Horse Riding • Go-Karting • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

Ground Floor

- Drawing room with open fire
- Fully-equipped kitchen with dining facilities
- Formal dining room
- Library
- Garden room with skylight

First Floor

- Master bedroom, en-suite bathroom and dressing room
- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite bathroom (accessed via spiral staircase)
- Family bathroom
- Large play/ fun room containing books, games, drum kit, piano, drawing easel and telescope

Second Floor

- Bedroom with king-size bed and en-suite bathroom
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Bedroom with king-size bed
- Family bathroom with shower and bath
- Games room with snooker table and cinema screen with projector

Exterior Grounds

- 30 acres of gardens
- Heated swimming pool (open April - October)
- Tennis court
- Football pitch & footballs
- Small lake
- Terrace
- Dining facilities
- Large outdoor fireplace
- Gas barbecue

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- TVs & DVD players
- Two cots available (please request use at time of booking)
- Plenty of private parking



Location & Local Information

Mount Offham is a short distance from West Malling in Kent. This pretty market town has a lot to offer, from sedate walks in its parks to historic landmarks, to bustling boutiques and old English style pubs.

This charming little town has an array of choice when it comes to eating out; there is the Michelin-listed, The Swan, or The FarmHouse with its pizza shack, Frank's restaurant and mussel bar or an array of cosy pubs. There's a farmers market which takes place monthly and won Farmer's Market of the Year award. Malling Abbey is a slice of preserved history; founded in 1090 it is today run by Benedictine nuns and welcomes visitors during Heritage Open Days.

From Norman churches to lakes and wildlife, this part of Kent is varied and rich in what it offers. Parts of the church of St Mary the Virgin date back to near 1,000 years, whilst just a short drive from West Malling is Leybourne Lakes Country Park; formed from several sand and chalk quarries, this park boasts over two hundred acres of woodland, grassland, marshes and lakes. A Green Flag award winner and designated Local Wildlife site, it is a haven for wildlife and offers activities such as kayaking.

Kent is considered one of the most beautiful parts of the UK for a break; with beautiful beaches, stunning castles, exciting history and a great gastronomic culture the needs of the whole group will be met. At less than an hour from London, this is an ideal spot to escape urban living and the pace of modern life, to imbibe history, elegant stately homes, art galleries and fun-filled family attractions.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Gatwick Airport (49.4 km)
Nearest Town/City	West Malling (4.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	The Vineyard (3.2km)
Nearest Supermarket	Tesco Metro, West Malling (5.3km)
Nearest Golf	West Malling Golf Club (4.3km)



Nearest Beach

Whitstable
(57km)

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: £2000 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4pm
- Departure time: 10am (4pm on Sundays subject to availability)
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Energy costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Heating costs included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Linen & towels included?: Yes, included in rental price
- Pets welcome?: Well-behaved dogs are allowed
- Other Ts and Cs: The swimming pool is only open between April and October and this is subject to weather conditions
- Other 2: Stag do's are not permitted