



# A stay to treasure

Laden with secrets and shrouded in medieval drama, Seckford Hall Hotel in Suffolk promises an unforgettable stay in this magnificent historic manor

Veering off the bustling main road, past the gatehouse and down to the winding drive, visitors to Seckford Hall are quickly whisked away from the busy outside world to a striking red brick Tudor manor set within 34 acres of glorious Suffolk countryside. Transporting their guests to a peaceful escape close to the beautiful market town of Woodbridge and stunning Heritage Coast, Seckford Hall offers a luxurious stay that promises to leave a lasting impression with its guests.

The hotel as it appears today first began to take shape around 1530, though was likely built some time before that by its original owner, Thomas Seckford. His son, also called Thomas, was a prominent lawyer and official at the court of Queen Elizabeth I, well regarded in Woodbridge for his generosity to the poor. Though the Hall has undergone some changes over the

years, thanks to Sir Ralph Harwood who rescued the hall from demolition in 1940, it still oozes the original soul of a Tudor building, encompassing a real sense of medieval drama with its dark furnishings, wood panelling and resident suits of armour. It is even thought that beneath the Hall lies a series of secret tunnels leading to Woodbridge, a source of inspiration for the likes of Enid Blyton who stayed at the hotel. Once a site of sumptuous feasts and mingling in the Great Hall, and where Queen Elizabeth once held court, the Hall is today a home away from home carefully taken care of by passionate Operations Director Mark Suddes, who is intent on providing a relaxed and comfortable retreat for all who pass its door.

Upon entering the hotel, guests won't fail to be mesmerised by the intricate wood carvings adorning fireplaces and doors,

surrounded by linenfold panelling across the entire ground floor. As though stepping into a museum with all the modern comforts, bedrooms are scattered with oil paintings, old leather chests and some with four poster beds, each mixed with plush, comfy cushions, flat screen TVs, fluffy towelling robes, elegant White Company toiletries and swanky coffee machines. Each of the 32 en suite bedrooms are completely different, so whether you're looking for a touch of historic elegance, a room with a view, a balcony to sit out on or a grand suite complete with roll top bath, there is a room for every occasion. Though the bedrooms might seem almost too good to leave, the hotel has a lot more to offer. Simply wandering the halls you will find hidden snugs to cosy up in amongst fascinating antiques to ponder – be sure to look out for the bed warming pan originating from

Windsor Castle and cabinet displays with jelly moulds that once belonged to royal households. Guests can also while away time listening to soft melodies in the lounge, enjoy a gentle swim in the pool, a spot of afternoon tea in the courtyard and round off the day with a cocktail in the elegant bar before enjoying a candlelit dinner.

Food here is an experience to be savoured, so allow plenty of time to mull over the delicious menu featuring local flavours with plenty of fresh fish, sumptuous steak and innovative vegetarian options. The 1530 Restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, so be sure to make the most of your visit. Providing a suitably hearty start to the day, you will be spoilt for choice at breakfast with buttery pastries, fresh fruit, yoghurts, a selection of cereals, toast with Tiptree jam and a full cooked breakfast on offer. Everything

except the ketchup is made fresh daily on site by the two resident chefs and pastry chefs, showcasing fantastic local produce, fresh herbs from the garden and unusual cuts of meat for an exciting menu that changes with each season.

If you can bear to tear yourself away from Seckford's luxury, why not pay a visit to the nearby Sutton Hoo Anglo-Saxon burial site or to the fascinating Woodbridge Tide Mill? The pretty market town has plenty of unique shops, quaint eateries and a sprawl of picturesque walks along the quay and beyond. Directly opposite the hotel guests can enjoy a round of golf or, for the ultimate relaxation experience, enjoy a treatment at the Courtyard Leisure Club on site. On a warm summer's day the arresting grounds of Seckford beckons with its fragrant blooms, stunning lawns, charming pond and bountiful seating areas

to take the weight off your feet. The hotel also offers bespoke stay and sail packages including a day on a luxury yacht, plus breaks to suit families, celebratory stays and accommodation inclusive of dining.

No matter what you're looking for in a visit to Woodbridge, Seckford Hall has it covered with a touch of elegance and grandeur along the way, ensuring every guest enjoys a truly restful break, without leaving too much of home behind. 🌿

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