

CHEWTON GLEN

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PRESS INFORMATION

Chewton Glen is a five-star privately-owned luxury hotel and spa situated on the edge of the ancient New Forest and a short walk from the sea in Hampshire. Featuring an award-winning restaurant, world-class leisure activities, luxurious accommodation and modern conference facilities Chewton Glen is the perfect destination for romantic escapes, relaxing getaways or corporate events

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OWNING COMPANY:

Chewton Glen Hotels Ltd

AFFILIATIONS:

Relais & Chateaux

PROPERTY INFORMATION:

Bedrooms: 35
Suites: 23
Treehouse Suites: 12
Number of Staff: 230

FUNCTION ROOMS:	Lake Suite	Terrace Room
	Wardroom	Marryat Room
	Oak Room	Garden Room
	Club Room	Mission
	Meeting Capacity:	110 (max)
	Cocktail Reception:	200 (max)
	Lunch/Dinner:	140 (max)
	Dinner Dance:	140 (max)

RECENT AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

AA 5 Red Star Rating, held continuously since 1993. Also awarded 'AA Inspectors' Choice Hotel'.

AA 'Notable Wine List Award' 2015-2016

World Spa Awards, 'England's Best Wellness Spa 2015'

Condé Nast Traveller 2015, '3rd Best UK Holiday Hotel' & '3rd Best UK Spa Hotel'.

Condé Nast Traveller 2015, 'Listed in the World's Top 100, The Spa at Chewton Glen'.

Condé Nast Johansens 2015, 'Best Hotel for Families'.

Condé Nast Johansens 2015, 'Award Finalist, Best Destination Spa'.

Condé Nast Traveller Readers' Travel Awards 2014, 'Best UK Holiday Hotel'.

Beautiful South Awards for Excellence 2014-2015, 'Large Hotel of the Year'.

Condé Nast Traveller 2014, 'Top 10 – Best UK Spa'.

Hotel Catey 2015, 'Kerry Hudson, Spa Professional of the Year'.

The Good Hotel Guide 2015, 'Editor's Choice Country House Hotel'.

Condé Nast Johansens, Champagne Taittinger UK Wine List Awards 2015, highly commended 'Best Choice of England Wines', and 'Sommelier's Award 2015'.

Condé Nast Johansens 2014 Annual UK & European Awards for Excellence – 'Best Hotel for Romance Award'.

Green Tourism Business Scheme – 'Gold Award 2013' for environmental and corporate social responsibility initiatives.

The Spa Traveller Awards 2013 – 'Best UK Resort/Hotel for a Romantic Spa Break'.

Condé Nast Traveler – 'Readers' Choice Awards 2013, Top 100 Worldwide and Number 10 European Resort'.

The Independent – 'Third Best British Spa 2013 in the Readers Awards'.

Tatler Spa Guide – Voted 'Grand National Spa 2013'.

The Times, The Sunday Times, The Sunday Times Travel Magazine – 'Readers Awards 2013, Third Favourite Hotel in the UK and listed as one of the Best Hotels in the World'.

The Sunday Times Food List, in Association with Harden's – 'Vetiver, Number 9 in the list of the Top Restaurant in the South West'.

M&IT – Silver Award – Best UK Hotel 2013

Real Critics Guide – Best of British 2012

World Travel Awards – England’s Leading Resort 2013

The Spa Traveller Awards 2012 – ‘Best UK Spa to Recharge’.

Sustainable Restaurant Association 2012 – ‘Three-Star Sustainability Champion’.

Condé Nast Johansens 30th Annual Awards for Excellence – ‘Most Excellent Hotel 2012’.

Catey’s ‘Accessibility Award 2012’

Condé Nast Traveller 2012 Reader’s Travel Awards - ‘Runner-up, Favourite UK Leisure Hotel’.

Telegraph Ultratravel 100 Gold List 2012 – ‘Best Hotel in the UK outside London’.

Andrew Harper’s – Readers Choice Awards 2013 and only UK Hotel listed in the Top International Hideaways Readers Survey 2012’.

Conde Nast Traveller 2012 – ‘Best Hotel for Service in the World and placed in the 2012 Gold List.’

Beautiful South Awards – Gold Award Winner 2013 – ‘Access for All, Business Tourism, Large Hotel’.

Condé Nast Traveler 2011 – ‘2nd Best Hotel in the British Isles’.

International Hotel Awards 2012 – ‘Best Hotel Architecture UK’ and ‘Best New Small Hotel Construction & Design UK.’

ACCOMMODATION AT CHEWTON GLEN

All of the 58 room and suites in the Main House at Chewton Glen have been decorated to provide the ultimate in luxury and comfort. The combination of antique furnishings, magnificent fabrics and countless knick-knacks has created a sophisticated and elegant style. Each bedroom is designed and decorated to give it a unique ‘feel’ and atmosphere.

As you would expect in a world class hotel, each room is equipped to the highest standard with king-size or twin beds, air-conditioning, 10-channel satellite TV, iPod Docking Stations, DVD, CD players, a well-stocked mini-bar, trouser press, personal safe, bathrobes, slippers, hair dryer and toiletries.

ROOM DESCRIPTIONS

- * GARDEN & CLASSIC ROOMS - Charming individually decorated bedrooms with modern bathroom, some with shower-only option, and views overlooking parkland.
- * ESTATE ROOM – Large and spacious with sitting area and modern bathroom with separate shower and bath.
- * CROQUET LAWN ROOM - Popular spacious rooms with comfortable sitting area and sweeping views over the croquet lawn, parkland or golf course. With either balcony or terrace all rooms have large dressing room, endless storage and good-sized bathroom with separate double shower and bath.

- JUNIOR SUITES – Delightful suites with terrace or balcony. All have a sitting area, bedroom and large bathroom.
- COURTYARD SUITE – Our suites have large bedrooms with a separate sitting room and spacious bathrooms. All suites are extremely well equipped with private and secluded gardens.
- COACH HOUSE SUITE – These suites have a bedroom and spacious bathroom upstairs and a large sitting room downstairs with most having a second bathroom or cloakroom and are perfect for families with children.
- THE POACHER SUITE – The essence of contemporary styling with its fabulous modern furnishings and design. Private study, separate lounge, large bedroom, dressing room and fabulous bathroom.
- MASTERMAN READY SUITE – A contemporary suite with a delightful mix of antique and modern furniture. Fabulous sun deck and terrace. Sitting room, bedroom and modern bathroom with plasma screen TV.
- MARRYAT & JACOB FAITHFUL SUITES – These suites are the epitome of gracious English country living. Fabulously equipped, they each have a large bathroom, a spacious bedroom and delightful large lounges.

Please see separate details for our fabulous Treehouse Suites.

TARIFF – 1ST APRIL 2015 – 31ST MARCH 2016

Bedrooms

Garden Room	From	£325 to £395
Classic Room	From	£415 to £485
Estate Room	From	£550 to £595
Croquet Lawn Room	From	£645 to £695

Suites

Junior Suite	From	£645 to £695
Courtyard Suite	From	£765 to £875
Coach House Suites	From	£975 to £1,095

Master Suites

The Poacher Suite	From	£1,175 to £1,285
The Masterman Ready Suite	From	£1,175 to £1,285
The Jacob Faithful Suite	From	£1,175 to £1,285
The Marryat Suite	From	£1,495 to £1,595

All prices are per room per night and include VAT, a discretionary service charge of 2.5% on accommodation, no further gratuities are expected. Discretionary 12.5% service charges on food, beverages and spa treatments. Continental breakfast is £21.00 and full English breakfast is £26 per person and three-course seasonal lunch in The Dining Room is £26.50 per person. Our a la carte lunch and dinner menu is also available, together with a six-course tasting menu at £70 and a seven-course tasting menu at £80. We have a number of special interest breaks and packages available for guests to enjoy all year round, we also offer an array of fantastic seasonal packages for Easter, Valentines, Thanksgiving, Mother's and Father's Day, as well as Christmas and New Year. Bookings at the weekend are generally for a minimum of two nights (for a bank holiday weekend, three nights) although single nights are occasionally available. All prices include:

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- Accommodation
- Daily newspaper
- Wireless broadband internet access

- Full use of the award-winning spa, featuring an indoor swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, gymnasium, dance studio, relaxation suite, outdoor swimming pool and whirl pool
- Unlimited use of the 9 hole, par-3 golf course and croquet lawn
- Use of the outdoor tennis courts
- Valet parking
- Service charge and VAT

THE TREEHOUSE SUITES ... A TREETOP PARADISE AT CHEWTON GLEN

High among the canopies of the New Forest, Chewton Glen has created six wonderful Treehouses. These treetop residences with spectacular valley views are completely secluded, yet enjoy all the luxury and services association with Chewton Glen. They have been designed to have as little visual and physical impact as possible on their idyllic surroundings.

This is a unique project, because usually you would expect to see development associated with the hotel sitting close to the main building, whereas the Treehouses are situated in land that has previously been untouched. It is also designated as green belt and is close to the New Forest National Park in an area of high ecological value, containing belts of important trees.

The background - In 2010, Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director of Chewton Glen decided look at the creation of tree houses within the grounds of the hotel. He contacted Blue Forest (www.blueforest.com) a company who specialise in sustainable buildings and tree houses. Following on from the initial creative design phase, Bridget Pearce, Technical Director of award-winning planning consultancy Terence O'Rourke, who have worked with Chewton Glen on many project, joined in the discussions and a very detailed design process began to create something that would have low visual impact while creating a unique experience for guests staying in the suites.

The planned accommodation also allows guests to enjoy the luxurious level of service and facilities of Chewton Glen. Inside the lodges feature floor to ceiling windows, vaulted ceilings, secret bunk rooms, wood burners and the large hardwood decks help enhance a sense of place amongst the tree canopy. Eco-credentials of the lodges include rainwater harvesting, air-source heat pumps, solar panels, and low-energy lighting.

Guests enjoy a range of spa treatments in the lodges. Hampers with local produce can be delivered from the kitchens, so that guests can also cater for themselves, if they wish. The suites appeal particularly to those looking for seclusion, as well as others, such as families, who want to enjoy an independent stay, but with all the benefits of a luxury five-star hotel within easy reach.

The original designs have been fine-tuned to meet everybody's requirements while still ensuring that the environmental impact remains minimal, even the pruning work on the trees is done sensitively. Sustainability has been the key to this project and we are looking at sustainable materials for construction and doing as much as we can in terms of the fit-out of the Treehouse Suites to make sure that the suites are as sustainable as they can be, without compromising on quality.

Guests enjoy unique overnights, with even their arrival at their suite out of the ordinary. They are be driven along the top of the valley edge by golf buggy, cross a boardwalk to a very discreet door and then suddenly they will be met with incredible views: the valley dropping away in front of them and then rising up again with beautiful trees on the other side. The detail of the build has even taken into consideration the way the suites are positioned to take in the sunset at the end of the day. They are very special indeed.

The Tree House Suites, opened in the summer 2012, and appear to float across a wooded valley, they provide wonderfully unique and luxurious accommodation. Our design concept was to create a romantic, relaxing accommodation that is truly unique and desirable.

TREEHOUSE SUITE TARIFF – 1ST April 2015 to 31ST March 2016

	Sleeps	Size		Sun-Thur	Fri & Sat
Treehouse Studio Suite	2	61	sq m	£800	£900
Treehouse Loft Suite	4	71	sq m*	£1,150	£1,250
Treehouse Hideaway Suite	3	86.5	sq m	£1,250	£1,450
Private Treehouse (* Type 1)	6	132	sq m	£1,800	£2,050
Private Treehouse (**Type 2)	7	157.5	sq m	£2,250	£2,550

Prices are per Treehouse Suite or complete Treehouse per night and include a fabulous breakfast hamper delivered to your suite each morning together with full use of the award-winning spa and leisure facilities at Chewton Glen, prices also include service charge and VAT.

Treehouse Loft Suites are ideal for families with a bunk room upstairs with two single beds and additional two pull-out beds. A sofa-bed is availability in Hideaway Suite, Please note that a two-night minimum stay applies at weekends, although single nights are sometimes available.

Private Treehouse Type 1 comprises 1 Studio Suite and one Loft Suite with a total size of 132 sq m plus 16.5 sq m for the bunk room.*

*Private Treehouse Type 2** comprises 1 Loft Suite and 1 Hideaway Suite with a total size 157.5 sq m plus 16.5 sq m. for the bunk room*

BRIEF HISTORY – 18TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT DAY

Documents detailing land and premises known as 'Chewton Glen House' were drawn up in 1732, at which time the building on the present site of the hotel may have been in existence.

A watercolour painting and photograph dating back to circa 1857 show a stuccoed Georgian house with a symmetrical garden. The proportions of the building bear out a date in the early 18th century. Over the years many changes and additions were made, and at the beginning of the 20th century the then owner – Colonel Edward Tinker – totally remodelled the façade in brick.

The house has a famous literary link through the fact that Captain Frederick Marryat stayed for periods during the 1840's and gathered material for his famous novel 'The Children of the New Forest'. Marryat's brother George, owned the property from 1837 until 1855, when it was sold to the Elphinstone family. Clearly, the Captain was much attracted to the New Forest and it is appropriate that in the present hotel many of the rooms have been named after his novels and the characters in them.

Between 1947 and 1966 the property had three different owners, and it was the Duval family who first made it into an hotel. The Skan family purchased the hotel in January 1966 and embarked on a modernisation plan, refurbishing all the existing rooms. This programme of conservation, enhancement and updating has continued ever since. The hotel now has 23 suite and 35 bedrooms – each individually decorated.

In the spring of 2006 Martin and Brigitte Skan retired as owners of Chewton Glen, the hotel was bought by an old friend and longstanding regular guest who will personally cherish Chewton Glen guarantying the hotel's future.

Chewton Glen has won countless prestigious awards since 1966. It is particularly fitting in our 40th year of operation that the hotel was voted 'Best Hotel in the British Isles' and 'Number Two in the Top 100 Worldwide' by readers of Condé Nast Traveler (USA) and in January

2006 readers of Gallivanter's Guide voted Chewton Glen the 'Best Small Hotel under 100 Rooms in the World'.

KEY PERSONNEL PROFILES

Andrew Stembridge, Managing Director

Andrew Stembridge is Managing Director of Chewton Glen and in February 2012 he also became Managing Director of Cliveden. He is the driving force behind an ambitious three year project, which will see the next chapter in this iconic hotel's history unfold.

Graduating from the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow with joint honours in Hotel Management & Tourism he has more recently, courtesy of MI scholarships, attended the GMP at Cornell University and BLP at Cranfield University.

He was elected Chairman of The Master Innholders in September and was previously Vice Chairman, Treasurer and a long standing member of the Executive Committee. He is an International Executive Board Director of Relais & Châteaux and also sits on the UK Steering Committee.

Andrew is passionate about inspiring young people to make hospitality their career of choice and he was very instrumental in the creation of the Master Innholders Aspiring Leaders Diploma. The first graduates of this new course will be presented during the Conference.

The highlight of Andrew's career was being crowned The Caterer & Hotelkeeper, Hotelier of the Year in 2010

Luke Matthews, Executive Head Chef

Luke Matthews – has been at Chewton Glen since 1993. He worked for ten years as Senior Sous Chef and in November 2003 was appointed Executive Head Chef. Luke has honed his skills and developed a well-recognised style of cuisine, whose secret lies in the quality of the ingredients selected and a deceptively simple approach to their preparation. Luke's passion is the preparation of fish dishes and combining a lighter healthier style of cooking to all the dishes that he creates. Coming from Christchurch, Luke is married to Claire and they have two young children.

Regional ingredients, inspiring new flavours, and a focus on sublime, contemporary cuisine is the order of the day at Chewton Glen and under the expert direction of Luke Matthews his team use and promote local ingredients and suppliers, and game from the New Forest, and local fruit, vegetables and seafood are already key features on the menu.

Kerry Hudson, Spa Director

Kerry was appointed to the post of Spa Director in the summer of 2009. A familiar face to many of our regular guests in the spa, Kerry re-joined the team at Chewton Glen following a successful post as Spa Manager at Skibo Castle in Scotland. She is assisted by Personal Fitness and Membership Manager, Stuart Ward; Joanne Farrow who has responsibility for the health and beauty programmes operating in the spa and Spa Reception Manager Jill Haines and the team of professional highly qualified therapists.

In January 2009 a new 'beyond-organic' range of treatments and spa products was introduced into the award-winning spa, 11 spa treatments are proving to be very successful and an excellent match to the existing range of exclusive Linda Meredith results-based facials which has broadened the appeal of the spa for hotel guests and local residents looking for courses of results based treatments.

SPA & HEALTH CLUB

The Spa at Chewton Glen offers the ultimate in relaxation and luxury. Recently voted the 'UK's Favourite Spa Retreat', the 'Laurent Perrier Relais & Chateaux Best Spa' and the 'Most Luxurious Spa in the UK'. The facilities include:

- 17 metre ozone-treated indoor swimming pool
- State of the art gymnasium with Technogym fitness equipment, cardio theatre, Kinesis Wall and Powerplate
- Hydrotherapy spa pool with six hi-tech therapy options
- Purpose-built dance studio with daily programme of exercise and relaxation classes
- Aromatherapy saunas and crystal steam rooms
- Ten treatment suites
- Luxurious Pool Bar and Lounge with specially formulated healthy alkaline menu option
- Relaxation suite
- Outdoor whirlpool
- Cold drench showers
- Tennis centre with two indoor and two outdoor tennis courts
- Nine-hole, par-3 golf course
- Spa grooming lounge

In addition to the fabulous exclusive Linda Meredith facial therapies, we provide a range of **ila** holistic therapies and treatments, together with a range of lifestyle programmes throughout the year that include the ila-spa Emotional Detox Retreat, the Balance Residential Cleanse Retreat and the five-day Treetox retreat based on a stay in the Treehouse Suites.

Chewton Glen also provides a choice of 'spa day journeys', which are available Monday to Friday. Each spa day includes treatments, unlimited use of the swimming pool, hydrotherapy pool, gym, saunas and steam rooms. Lunch and refreshments in the Pool Bar are also included.

THE DINING ROOM AT CHEWTON GLEN

The Dining Room' at Chewton Glen is spread across five rooms, including a wonderful Wine Room and the newly constructed Summer House, The Dining Room offers settings to suit all dining occasions, seasons or times of the day. The service matches that of the hotel, welcoming yet refined, attentive yet unobtrusive. From a light lunch or supper, to a wine tasting dinner hosted by our Chef Sommelier, or a relaxed dinner with family and friends, we hope that The Dining Room will exceed our guests' expectations with its flexibility and style.

Although the menu is English at its core, our chefs combine carefully sourced ingredients with cosmopolitan flair, to create seasonal menus to tempt and delight. Gone are some of the traditions that can stifle the enjoyment of a good meal and in their place is The Dining Room a restaurant perfectly balanced to take the dining experience at Chewton Glen forward to new heights.

Once again interior designer Anita Rosato has worked her magic and we are delighted to unveil a stunning new look for our restaurant complete with vases of fresh country flowers, jugs of herbs and limed oak country furniture. There is something very special and exciting happening in the restaurant, a new energy and passion that adds something extra to a visit to Chewton Glen. As you approach the restaurant, you will pass the 'Wine Room' on the right hand side, an imaginative working cellar which is ideal for private dining, business lunches and dinners and of course wine tastings.

Walk a few steps further and you will find three vibrant lime green banquettes. Collectively known as the 'Oak End', this light mirrored area opens in to the conservatory and is ideal for

lunch, dinner, family gatherings and celebrations alike. Glance to the right and you will be struck by the new 'Promenade' which perfectly links all of the areas of the restaurant creating a grand entrance into the 'Garden Room', which has now been transformed into a bright and airy dining room with a fabulous collection of modern paintings. Beyond the Garden Room is the 'Summer House' an impressively large conservatory which joins directly onto the existing Conservatory, both rooms overlook the terrace where guests can still enjoy lunch and dinner al fresco.

The Dining Room is far more than a stunningly restaurant; this bold design is symbolic of the menu concept that has been launched by Executive Head Chef, Luke Matthews who has developed a new seasonally inspired menu. The á la carte menu is eclectic with a diverse range of cosmopolitan dishes sitting alongside Chewton Glen favourites.

Fuelled by our guests' requests, there is much less formality you can enjoy one-course and a glass of wine after a busy day, or make an evening of it. There is far greater choice including main courses from the grill, an evening trolley special and a far great varied of vegetables and salad dishes.

At lunchtime the three-course £26.50 'Daily Set Lunch Menu' compliments the á la carte menu and on Sunday, this is replaced by the Sunday Lunch Menu at £39.50. Although the menus are completely new, traditional signature dishes still feature. As with everything at Chewton Glen, a service charge of 10% has already been included in these prices and there are no surprises awaiting you at the end of your meal.

The Wine Room, a working cellar at the heart of The Dining Room - you will catch your first glimpse of the 'Wine Room' as your approach the restaurant. Glancing through the wall of wine bottles carefully arranged for the enjoyment of guests, you will see a private dining room illuminated by two walls of wine cabinets containing some wonderful wines, kept perfectly and ready to tempt you. No stuffy, pretentious cellar area but a vibrant space to be enjoyed either for private parties of up to twenty guests, who might like to sample our new six-course tasting menu with its variety of wine packages to complement each course, or the location for an informal wine tasting and briefings including the regular Saturday night open tasting sessions which are available to all guests staying at the hotel and provide an opportunity to taste an assortment of varied and interesting wines from around the globe.

To go with our stunning new restaurant and menu, we have also made changes to the wine list. These include many favourites but, also are an expansion into many lesser known countries and grape varieties that will perfectly match and compliment the new restaurant menu. We also currently have the largest number of wines from the United Kingdom on our wine list.

MEETINGS, CONFERENCES & CORPORATE ENTERTAINING

Chewton Glen, located on the southern edge of the New Forest and just a short walk from the sea, is a privately-owned country house hotel. With excellent communications links the hotel's convenient location, within easy access of international airports and major road and rail networks, has made it a highly desirable venue for meetings, conferences and as a destination for incentive travel and corporate entertaining.

The hotel is renowned for being every meeting organiser's dream with outstanding facilities and comfort, a tranquil and attractive location, and a reputation for excellent service. Chewton Glen has a range of conference and banqueting facilities to accommodate up to 140 guests. All rooms are air-conditioned and equipped with 'Wi-Fi' wireless broadband internet access. The highest standards of technical support are available.

For rewarding high achievers, Chewton Glen's facilities provide the perfect backdrop for a really memorable occasion. Within the exquisitely maintained gardens and parkland you will find a 9-hole, par-3 golf course; an indoor tennis centre and also outdoor tennis courts;

croquet lawn; outdoor pool and whirlpool and plenty of room for outdoor teambuilding pursuits.

For those who prefer to stay within the hotel and grounds, we also offer a range of master-classes including: gourmet cookery; watercolour painting; sketching; wine tasting and tuition; personal style, health and fitness awareness; tennis and football clinics and even kite flying.

Working closely with a team of activity experts, we offer unparalleled choice of off-site outdoor activities. From horse riding in the Forest to power boating and sailing on the Solent; fishing on some of the most wonderful stretches of private water in the region to helicopter flights along the coastline of Hampshire and Dorset; excursions into the New Forest and surrounding areas to exploring some of the regions most wonderful gardens and stately homes.

The soothing luxury of the award winning Spa & Health Club and the culinary delights of the restaurant are the perfect antidote to an exhilarating day at Chewton Glen. With the flexibility of being able to reserve the whole hotel and 130 acres of grounds for social or corporate events, Chewton Glen provides a wonderful setting for meetings, incentives and corporate entertainment.

WEDDINGS AT CHEWTON GLEN

Weddings and civil partnership ceremonies at Chewton Glen are something of a speciality. We almost fifty years' experience of hosting and coordinating the finest of weddings, from small intimate gatherings with just a few close friends to grand weddings with guests by the hundreds. With a bespoke wedding service and the professional excellence of our team of wedding coordinators, Chewton Glen is the perfect location for the wedding celebrations.

Licensed to hold civil marriage ceremonies within the hotel and grounds Chewton Glen is able to offer a range of different locations including the elegant Lake Suite, the delightful Morning Room, the Kitchen Garden, or in an informal pavilion overlooking the Water Gardens and parkland as well as the newly opened Treehouses. Everything can be arranged by our team, from the logistics of the wedding ceremony and transport, to make-up and styling for the bridal party, selection of flowers and bouquets, wedding cake, music and even presents for the bridesmaids.

With a range of imaginative and flexible wedding package every wedding at Chewton Glen is tailored to the exact requirements of each individual couple and can include the following elements: private room hire; pre-reception drinks; three-course wedding breakfast; including with wine, coffee and truffles; rose champagne for the toast; floral arrangements; string quartet; wedding cake; services of a professional toastmaster. If it is all too magical, and the Bride and Groom do not want to leave their perfect party, then we have a range of romantic rooms and suites available for honeymoon nights.

GOLF AT CHEWTON GLEN

Chewton Glen, located on the southern edge of the New Forest and just a short walk from the sea, is a privately-owned country house hotel with its own beautifully maintained 900-yard, par 3 golf course, which is open from 10.00 a.m. every day, weather permitting and a golf practice area, contained in the 130 acres of grounds that surround the hotel.

Half-sets of gentlemen's and ladies clubs can be hired from reception and the boutique at Chewton Glen stocks a selection of golfing accessories, clothing and equipment. An adult must accompany children under the age of 16 on the golf course.

Within a short drive of the hotel there are a number of excellent golf courses for the serious golfer, from sea links to inland championship heathland courses. The hotel can arrange transportation, tee times and golf club hire if required.

We have specially prepared one and two night Golf Breaks featuring two of the best private courses in the South of England - Ferndown Golf Club which is 25 minutes drive from the hotel and Barton on Sea Golf Course, which is just five minutes away.

CROQUET AT CHEWTON GLEN

During the summer months the croquet lawn at Chewton Glen is laid out in front of the bar terrace. The croquet mallets and balls are kept in the main foyer, and may be taken as and when required. Children's croquet mallets are also available and during August a half-size children's course is also set-up for our younger guests.

Croquet is one of the best outdoor games ever invented as it can be played on level terms by both sexes and by almost all ages. Originally founded in Ireland in the early 1800s, it became established in England in 1851. It is now played as a sport in Great Britain, Ireland, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and the United States and is growing in importance also in Japan and several other countries in Europe.

THE NEW FOREST

The name 'New Forest' may seem surprising, since much of this established area is open with few trees. There is a mix of heath land, wetlands, grassy plains, ancient woodlands, and coniferous and deciduous enclosures set in a gently undulating lowland landscape. Access to most of this land is open and free, and the experience is further enhanced by the presence of grazing animals, notably ponies and cattle.

The New Forest is a former royal hunting area in the south of England. It was created in 1079 by William I (known as William the Conqueror) as a hunting area, principally of deer. Its name comes directly from the French for new hunting ground, Nova Foresta.

Forest laws were set up to protect the 'beasts of the chase' and their habitat with common rights given to indigenous population to graze their domestic animals throughout the forest. The area was first recorded as the New Forest in the Domesday Book of 1086. Today more than 6,000 ponies, cattle and donkeys are allowed to graze the forest all year and a small number of pigs in the autumn pannage season.

It is a unique area of historical, ecological and agricultural significance, and retains many of the rural practices conceded by the Crown in historical times to local people. The principal of these is the pasturing of ponies, cattle, pigs and donkeys in the open forest by local inhabitants known as commoners. The New Forest has also been an important source of timber for the Crown with much of the woodlands felled to make Navy ships in the late 1600s. In 1781 Nelson's favourite ship, the 'Agamemnon' was built at Bucklers Hard using 3,000 oak trees at a cost of £24,000.

Nowadays the New Forest is nationally recognised for its recreational opportunities. Walking is the most popular with a number of way-market forest walks that start from car parks at Boldrewood, Blackwater, Knightwood, Ober Water, Whitefield Moor and Wilverley Plain and Enclosure. Horse riding is an excellent way to see the forest and many horses are kept in the New Forest for recreational use by both private individuals and commercial riding stables. Part of this popularity is because the by laws allow free access to the Crown Lands by horse. Cycling has also greatly increased over recent years and its use as an alternative form of transport. The Forestry Commission has provided a safe network of over 100 miles of marked off-road cycle routes.

There are around 170,000 people living in the New Forest District. The six forest towns range from historic Fordingbridge and Ringwood to Lympington on the coast. Hythe has very much a

Victorian feel to it and is also on the coast, while New Milton and Totton are the largest of the towns in the New Forest.

The forest towns are an excellent centre for shopping, recreation and historic interest, but the villages are the jewels in the crown of the New Forest. From tiny hamlets such as Bank to the rural delights of Minstead, the burial place of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Burley, each village has its own character and charm.

The New Forest contains sixteen Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSIs) but is dominated by the main New Forest SSSI, which covers nearly 29,000 hectares. The forest contains a huge variety of species. It is estimated that nearly half of the 2,500 species of British butterflies and moths have been recorded in the New Forest. Many of these and other invertebrates are rare. In addition, nine rare and 25 nationally scarce species of plant are recorded. There are also nationally important breeding populations of birds and all native reptiles.

Useful contacts within the New Forest

Forestry Commission	www.forestry.gov.uk/newforest
New Forest District Council	www.thenewforst.co.uk
New Forest National Park Authority	www.newforestnpa.gov.uk
Verderers of the New Forest	www.verderers.org.uk

THE JURASSIC COAST

In December 2001, the Dorset and East Devon coastline was designated by the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) as England's first natural World Heritage Site.

Extending from Exmouth in East Devon to Studland Bay in Dorset, approximately one hours drive from Chewton Glen, the 'Jurassic Coast', as it is more commonly known, was awarded its status in recognition of its importance to the Earth Sciences; the 95 miles of truly stunning exposed coastline shows a sequence through 185 million years of the Earth's history and evolution.

World Heritage status was achieved because of the site's unique insight into the Earth Sciences as it clearly depicts a geological 'walk through time' spanning the Triassic, Jurassic and Cretaceous periods of geological time.

The vision of the World Heritage Site Management Plan is to inspire people to celebrate, enjoy, value and learn about the Dorset and East Devon Coast, and to safeguard it for future generations in the best possible condition. Working to ensure World Heritage Status becomes a vibrant strand of life of Dorset and East Devon, and the wider South West, benefiting local people, visitors and the environment throughout the area.

There are many options for places to visit. The following websites will provide more in depth information about visitor centres, museums, boat trips and general information on the Jurassic Coast which may be of interest.

www.jurassiccoast.com/towns

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GROUP ACTIVITIES

Located on Hampshire's South Coast in one of the most beautiful areas of England, Chewton Glen has been described as having 'possibly the best combination of country house grandeur, food and spa facilities anywhere in the UK'. Add to that a range of wonderful meeting facilities and a myriad of opportunities for spectacular events and you have an ideal location for top corporate events and incentives.

Guests can enjoy the hotel's sumptuous spa and hydrotherapy centre as well as its award winning restaurant. The New Forest is on Chewton Glen's doorstep, and guests are within easy reach of opportunities for sailing and powerboat trips on the Solent, a range of country pursuits including riding, fishing and shooting, and sightseeing possibilities such as Winchester and Stonehenge. There are a myriad of options for groups, including a spectacular evening at the nearby Somerley estate or the National Motor Museum at Beaulieu.

The property has easy access. We are only two hours away from central London (1 ¾ hours by rail) and only 30 minutes from both Southampton and Bournemouth airports – both of which have regular flights from many cities within the UK and the rest of Europe.

Events in the New Forest

Chewton Glen is ideally placed for guests to experience the best of one of Britain's most scenic and fascinating areas. A 100,000-acre National Park, The New Forest is the perfect backdrop for a variety of exciting 'hands-on' activities. Guests can enjoy organised 4WD or bicycle safaris on off-road cycle tracks through sunlit leafy glades and deer-filled meadows, or thunder through some of the most challenging 4x4 courses in the UK designed to test the limits of both vehicle and driver. Groups can float down the stunning Beaulieu River in canoes or take on the ultimate high-adrenaline challenge of an air, sea and land adventure, offering an unforgettable range of experiences including power yachts, 4x4s and helicopters.

Events on the Solent

This unique stretch of water, just minutes from Chewton Glen, is the perfect location for a multitude of water-based activities including power boating and sailing. The Solent separates the coastlines of the UK mainland and the Isle of Wight, and the protection from the open seas of The English Channel offered by the island has naturally created one of the safest and most picturesque stretches of water in Britain. Guests can enjoy year-round opportunities for one-of-a-kind water-based events and team challenges in everything from racing yachts and luxury powerboats to sailing barges and RIBs – all guaranteed to exceed expectations and deliver a truly memorable and prestigious corporate event.

Teambuilding and Country Pursuits

A myriad of traditional and modern country pursuits is available on Chewton Glen's 130 acres of exquisitely maintained woodland and parkland. Qualified professional instructors provide tuition allowing guests to try their hand at archery, clay pigeon shooting, crossbow shooting, cannon firing and black powder shooting with antique guns, as well as duck herding, ferret racing, falconry, gun dog handling and fly casting. For a more high energy challenge the hotel is miles ahead with its fully motorised teambuilding that puts guests in the driver's seat in an array of vehicles from a racing mini to a 4WD tractor and plough. Chewton Glen's events field can accommodate anything from human table football to a 'testing' cricket clinic, with unlimited opportunities for fun.

Fantastic Facilities

Chewton Glen offers a wide range of resort facilities including a beautifully manicured 9-hole par three golf course, a tennis centre with indoor and outdoor courts, and a croquet lawn, with unlimited use included for all hotel guests. Clinics can be arranged for any of the activities with professional instructors on hand. You can even tell your colleagues to "go fly a kite" as

they take to the air over the nearby coastal cliffs, or giggle their way through a round of night golf with illuminated hats, balls and tees.

Spa Experience

Voted 'the most luxurious spa in the UK' the hotel's health spa offers sumptuous surroundings and outstanding service. Guests can enjoy the 17-metre indoor pool and hydrotherapy centre, indulge in a soothing treatment or shake a leg with a salsa dance class.

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

For over 40 years, since its establishment as a country house hotel, the owners, directors and staff of Chewton Glen have been committed to the sensitive custodianship of the hotel and its 130 acres of grounds, and have actively supported the local environment and economy wherever possible.

Building on this policy of environmental awareness we continue to be focused on reducing our environmental impact by adopting positive measures aimed at reducing energy consumption and wastage, the control of waste products and the sensitive usage of water supplies.

Raised awareness of key environmental issues and their impact has led Chewton Glen to establish a Corporate Social Responsibility Committee, whose remit is to monitor and take steps to improve the Environmental Policy in operation at the hotel and to ensure its full implementation.

Initiatives include:

- Implementation of the recommendations of the Carbon Trust Survey of the hotel.
- Accreditation under the Green Tourism Business Scheme and maintaining an on-going audit of the criteria for membership, adopting wherever possible the recommendations made by the auditor.
- Membership of the New Forest Tourism Association's Green Leaf Scheme.
- Communicating our environmental policy to staff and managers. Developing greater awareness of the importance of implementing the strategy including establishing an Annual Departmental Green Award.
- To continue to operate sound business practices which identify the financial and environmental importance of reducing waste, improving energy efficiency and conserving and recycling materials.
- To inform guests of our environmental policy and the initiatives taken and to actively seek to improve our levels of service without prejudicing our guests' enjoyment of Chewton Glen.
- To review the environmental policies of all our suppliers and actively encourage good environmental practice wherever possible.
- To continue to source local produce without compromising on the quality of the ingredients supplied.
- To work with the environmental agencies to monitor the flora and fauna on our estate.
- Good stewardship of the estate at Chewton Glen, including the planting of native species of trees, developing wildlife habitats and minimising our environmental impact on the areas of special interest.

- To actively lobby against any activities which could prejudice the harmony and amenity of the environment locally, including action against the planned increase in gravel extraction and landfill locally.
- To work with nominated local charities and organisations to assist in their fundraising and environmental awareness campaigns when possible.