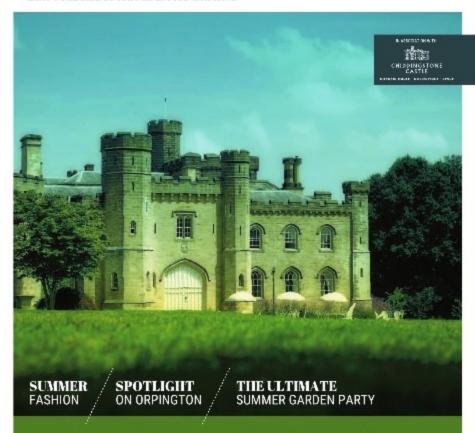
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## Country house hospitality and total escapism at

## HARTWELL HOUSE

THERE ARE MANY THINGS THAT THE ENGLISH DO WELL... A GOOD CUP OF TEA, THE ABILITY TO FORM ORDERLY QUEUES FOR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING, AND BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE – IN THE CASE OF THE LATTER AT VERY LEAST, HARTWELL HOUSE IS A BREATHTAKING EXAMPLE. BY SAMMINA, READY





Navigating through the hit-and-miss traffic of Aylechury was an interesting start to our arrival at this National Trust-owned. Grade I tisted Acothean and Georgian house, but from the moment we lumed into the long winding driveway that ultimately leads to a stunning toode-complete with perfectly formed uning circle and grand status, you were immediately tearnoported away hum the huste and bustle of modern life and into the calm severity of this statuescles stately home and it immediately analysis.

All around these are mode to as fusionic part, the trea fined attention that would have been the original entranceway for hoses and care, the wooden business with intricate hand-careed tools and the transity stumming certing and times of the diswing room, hand painted and moulded to represent the elements and the easients, and where many a quest spends their attempon tea or pre-supper cockat has well while employing camages of new vertical mointenance or cockat has not displayed and provided the first provided the same of the provided the first provided the first provided the first provided the first provided the Gueen Mother at Hartwell House and truly understand the draws of this beautiful abode.

Having been paintaking and sympathetically restored by Elistonic House Haitels, there are now 48 bedincoms for guesta – the most recent additions being the bedincoms and states in Harwell Court, a reconviet bish century stables, crach house and indoor risting school – as well as the classic rooms. Royal moons and Rondo unless of the main house.

It was our very own Royal noors, superbly adtuated at the top of the initiately carted statutured of the main house with far-exacting views over the grounds, that my guest and I called home for the eventual And, while antique furniture, queen-size bad and home-made shoothered blackits were a big politic granted by the gardens beyond the window were calling.

Provided with a handy map of the grounds qual one example of the faultess services demonstrated throughout our study you'll see there are a wartety of pathways and walks to be followed allowing guests to gently stroft or go full-on expicer mode around the grounds and beyond to the Childrens. We were able to catch the attempon our and work our way around the entire perimeter of the house uncovering flower gardens, hadden status. and the lake before bypassing the main house and heading to the spa block for a quick swim and sauna before dinner.

As if the house itself wasni enough, the thoroughly deserved 2 AA Rosette. Restaurant at Hartwell would be worth the visit slove. With its sermi-domed ceilings, columns and this arched windows, the diming open itself is arbasulful as the dishest it presents. The Bill of Tayle with its one-wood ment if the Bill of Tayle with its one-wood in ment littlegs is a wary modest. Way of describing far more complete dishest that see as pleasing on the eye as they are out the patient.

My guest's fehichen' actually presented a delicate cannellout filled with otherwise, using yastiffs english mashroom consomeré, whole his main of 'cod' offered a delicate, builer-peached fillet with a semi-seret golden raisin pures, violet articholes and spinach, with testare in the form of homemade crips and all out through beautifully with a caper and let mon-triagrette.

My 'cauliflower' appeared as a steaming bowl of hearty soup with added warmth from delicate curry spices offset with sweet and







sharp flavours of apple. The 'steak' that followed delivered a perfectly seared beet filler with sed wine sauco, termato, triustroom and seasonal vegetables and, my favourite accompaniment, homernade chips, that secured is disappear scrops the table.

Using the Unsubtle chip theft acmy justification for publing, we, after much deliberation, optied for the choolable delice with saleed caramel, apricoting and justicibilities cream and the choolable fandant – after from the prerequisite goody middle, the

carametised banaria, banaria ice cream and hazelnut brittle was a great touch

Taking after dinner coffee and petit fours in front of the fire in the library was a perfect end to the evening.

Waking to the stin faling access the gardens, we were grateful for our decision to have healthst delivered to our room as we decoursed fresh warm croissants and toa making the most of our last moments as residents of this grand and welcoming home. Hartwell House & Spa Oxford Raad, Valo of Agleobury Backinghamshire HPI2 BNR infughamvell-house com 0296 747444 www.hartwell-house.com

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