FARLEIGH WALLOP

HAMPSHIRE ENGLAND



Only an hour from London, Farleigh Wallop, owned by the same family since the 15th Century, is perfect for private events, weekend house parties, corporate gatherings, shooting parties, and exclusive-use holidays.

Farleigh Wallop sits at the heart of a 4,000-acre Hampshire estate down an ancient tree-lined avenue. The house, set back from the road is a classic English home whose interior has been recently redesigned, refurbished and fitted with state-of-the-art amenities, whilst preserving its inherent heritage, seen by the collection of family books, paintings and furniture.





A luxurious, exclusive retreat where you can host your event in quintessentially English surroundings. Hidden from the road by woodland and a high garden wall, Farleigh Wallop offers complete privacy, a rarity so close to London.

The house has eight reception rooms, all adaptable in format, unique in character, size and views.

The main dining room is ideal for intimate lunches, grand dinners or a reception for up to 40. With a large, airy country kitchen, as well as a commercial kitchen to cater for large parties, the house lends itself to entertainment.

Eleven guest bedrooms and nine bathrooms provide beautifully-appointed accommodation.

Our hospitality is flexible, with space for music and dancing indoors, outdoors and poolside. A bespoke marquee area, adjacent to the house, caters for larger parties.

















THE GARDENS

The gardens at Farleigh Wallop are a continually changing place of contemplation and beauty, commissioned by Lord and Lady Portsmouth in 1992 from renowned garden designer Georgia Langton.

These immaculate gardens provide the setting for lunches, picnics, peaceful afternoons and relaxed walks.

The three-acre walled garden is divided by yew hedges into formal 'rooms'. Herbaceous borders and vegetable beds which, with the cuttings garden, supply the house with flowers throughout the year.

The kitchen garden is lovingly tended all year, and provides fresh produce for the house, where it is prepared for the lunches and dinners that our guests enjoy.

The classic English style of the rose garden creates a pleasing contrast with the contemporary wild rose and sculpture garden. A ha-ha at the end of the croquet lawn leads the eye from the gardens to the parkland, fields and woods beyond.



ON THE ESTATE

- Swimming pool
- Tennis coaching
- Croquet (coaching can also be arranged)
- Cycling
- Outside dining experiences
- Personal training; yoga; zumba
- Beauty treatments and massage
- Cinema Room
- Walking: nature/wildlife walks maps of suggested routes around the 4,000 acre estate and ancient woodland
- Truffle hunting
- Archery
- Falconry
- Clay pigeon shooting
- Cricket pitch: Farleigh Wallop team play on the lawn some Sundays in summer, otherwise the wicket is available for hire and coaching
- Highly acclaimed pheasant and partridge shoot; roe and fallow deer stalking

















ACTIVITIES NEARBY

- Farnborough air show (21 miles)
- Thruxton Race Circuit (26 miles)
- Ascot horse racing (29 miles)
- Southampton Cruise departures (30 miles)
- Goodwood Revival and horse racing (37 miles)
- National Motor Museum, Beaulieu (40 miles)
- Portsmouth Historic Dockyard: visit Nelson's HMS Victory, HMS Warrior and the Mary Rose Museum (45 miles)
- Chichester Festival, Theatre (48 miles)
- London (50 miles)
- Horse riding, on the estate as well as a number of local options
- _ Go karting (5 miles)
- Ice skating (5 miles)
- Opera at The Grange Festival (9 miles)
- _ Jane Austen's House Museum (10 miles)
- Winchester, medieval city and Cathedral (17 miles)
- Highclere Castle: tours of the real Downton Abbey (18 miles)
- _ Trightiere Castle, tours of the real Downton Abbey (10 filling
- _ Fly fishing on the world famous River Test (18 miles)
- _ Wine Tours of local vineyards and wineries
- Hot Air Ballooning







HISTORY OF A GREAT BRITISH ESTATE

Where Farleigh Wallop stands today, a house has stood for almost a thousand years. The building and its surrounding land has travelled through the generations either by marriage or inheritance since the Domesday Book; it has never been bought or sold in recorded history.

In 1450 John Wallop inherited Farleigh House and the then Farleigh Estate from his mother, Margaret de Valognes. Apart from a period of confiscation by the Crown as a result of royal disfavour, the house and estate have always been in Wallop family hands.

The house began its tradition of hosting the greatest in the land when Sir Henry Wallop entertained Queen Elizabeth I there. Later, Robert Wallop, having refused to sign Charles I's death warrant, had his estates seized by the Crown. Farleigh House burned down the same year, allegedly on the King's orders.

Robert's great-grandson, John Wallop, was instrumental in improving the family's fortunes. He was ennobled as Viscount Lymington in 1720 and Earl of Portsmouth in 1743.

During the 19th century the family or their estates played host to Jane Austen and Lord Byron.

The estate became the family seat again under Gerard Vernon Wallop, later 9th Earl of Portsmouth. The house of today is very much his creation. He hired architect H. S. Goodhart-Rendel to fuse these ideas with local building styles and materials.

The 9th Earl moved in just before the outbreak of World War II and lived there for only 13 years. The house stood empty until 1954, when it became a prep school for boys. His successor and grandson Quentin Wallop, the 10th Earl of Portsmouth, modernised the house and landscaped the garden, living at Farleigh Wallop with his family from 1989 to 2014.

The house enters a new stage of its story under the stewardship of his son, Oliver Wallop, Viscount Lymington.



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