



## **4 Red Star Ettington Park, Stratford-upon-Avon**

### **Midweek Bridge Break**

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018**



Due to popular demand, Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays are excited to be hosting an additional midweek break to the delightful AA 4 Red Star Ettington Park Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon.

Ettington Park Hotel is a striking Neo-Gothic mansion and the only AA 4 Red Star hotel close to the medieval market town of Stratford-Upon-Avon. The AA awards red stars to the highest-rated hotels, which are deemed 'Inspectors' Choice'.

The hotel is set in 40 acres of parkland just six miles from the centre of the famed 16<sup>th</sup> century birthplace of William Shakespeare and just a few miles from the start of The Cotswold Way. Ettington Park has an acclaimed 2 AA Rosettes restaurant and an indoor swimming pool. ARBH will organise an optional half day excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle or Blenheim Palace.



As it is a midweek break we are able to stay for an extra night, so more time to hone up your skills at the Bridge table! The Bridge standard is friendly Intermediate, as always, and no partner needed. Jack Stocken will teach Andrew Robson's lessons and excellent set hands. The Bridge is not suitable for players that are used to a serious 24 board duplicate. To avoid disappointment, please book early as numbers are limited in this country house hotel.

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**Facilities:** **Restaurant:** The hotel offers the critically acclaimed The Oak Room restaurant and 19<sup>th</sup> century Chapel which has 2 AA red Rosettes. A renowned restaurant in its own right, The Oak Room offers seasonal and regional dishes made, by Head Chef David Guest and his team, with creativity and served with a touch of flair. There is a fantastic wine list to complement the menu.

**The Great Drawing Room and The Bar:** The Great Drawing Room is a special part of any stay at Ettington Park Hotel. Featuring an ornate ceiling with friezes, as well as tapestries, beautiful oil paintings and ceiling high sash windows with extensive views of the grounds and Norman chapel. Enjoy relaxing in The Great Drawing Room, or on the beautiful terrace (pictured on the front page), whilst enjoying either morning coffee, afternoon tea (including Champagne), evening cocktails or late night digestifs at The Bar.



**Leisure:** Facilities include a heated indoor swimming pool, jacuzzi, sauna and steam room, and outdoor tennis courts.



**Bedrooms:** All 48 bedrooms are non-smoking and are individually furnished with special care and attention to detail befitting the style of the country house hotel. Rooms include flat screen TVs, complimentary WIFI and many have a media hub to connect devices to a TV. Rooms also have direct dial telephones, safe, hair dryer, courtesy tea/coffee tray, fridge and bottled water.

**Classic Room:** Classic bedrooms, located in either the main house or garden wing, have a more contemporary feel. Some rooms are available to configure as a twin room, as opposed to a double bed. En-suite with shower over bath.

**Executive Room:** These are spacious double and twin rooms, many affording views of the grounds and gardens and some having original features such as fireplaces. Some are situated in the main gothic mansion house, whilst others are in the garden wing. These rooms are generally larger although they do vary in size and shape and include all of the amenities you will find in a Classic room.

**Suite:** ARBH is not holding any suites. However it may be possible to book a suite, subject to availability and cost. Please contact us for further information.



*Classic room in Garden Wing pictured above*

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**Bridge Room:**

ARBH has exclusive use of The South Room for our Bridge sessions. The South Room has a large antique stone fireplace, wood panelled ceiling and plenty of natural daylight overlooking the main entrance and grounds of the hotel.

**Excursion:**

ARBH will arrange a half day optional excursion, to include lunch, to either nearby Stratford-upon-Avon, birthplace to William Shakespeare, or possibly to Warwick Castle (pictured below) or Blenheim Palace. Please note that the excursion is not included in the package price, the itinerary is subject to change and minimum numbers apply.



*Shakespeare's Birthplace, the 16th Century Half Timbered House*



*Warwick Castle*

**Stratford-upon-Avon:** Stratford-upon-Avon is a quintessentially English town synonymous with one of the most quoted authors in the English language - William Shakespeare's birthplace. From quaint side streets offering unique shops, galleries and eateries to open parklands, with more than 800 years of history to uncover there is something for everyone. Situated on the River Avon, Stratford was originally inhabited by Anglo-Saxons and remained a village before it received its town charter from King Richard I in 1196, after which it saw an increase in trade and commerce as well as urban expansion.

Today, the picturesque Warwickshire town is a popular destination - part in thanks for being home to the world famous Royal Shakespeare Company and the five beautifully preserved Tudor homes and gardens, all directly linked with Shakespeare and his family.

**Warwick Castle:**

One of the best-preserved medieval castles in Britain is only a half-hour drive north-east of Stratford.

**Blenheim Palace:**

A UNESCO World Heritage Site boasting a long and diverse history. Home to the 12th Duke of Marlborough and his family and the birth place of Sir Winston Churchill.

**Provisional midweek programme:**

<b>Tuesday</b>	Afternoon	Arrive at Ettington Park Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon Check-in from 3pm
	6.45pm	Welcome Drink in The Great Drawing Room
	7.15pm	Dinner in The Oak Room Restaurant and Chapel
	8.45pm - 10.45pm	Bridge with supervision (Chicago scoring) in The South Room
<b>Weds &amp; Thurs</b>	10.00am - 10.15am	Last Night's hands
	10.15am - 1.00pm	Tuition Session (including short coffee break at 11.15am)
	1.00pm - 4.45pm	No organised Bridge but you are welcome to play amongst yourselves in the bridge room or explore the local area. On the Wednesday afternoon we will organise an optional excursion.
	4.45pm ish - 6.45pm	Bridge with supervision (Chicago scoring)
	7.15pm	Dinner
	8.45pm - 10.45pm	Gentle Duplicate or Supervised Play (minimum numbers apply)
<b>Friday</b>	10.00am - 10.15am	Prizegiving and last night's hands (please check out before the start of Bridge session, as hotel check-out is 11am)
	10.15am - 1.00pm	Tuition Session (including short coffee break at 11.30am)

<b><u>Package Price:</u></b>	Classic Room:	2 sharing	£625 per person
		1 person	£745
	Executive Room:	2 sharing	£725 per person
		1 person	£945
	Suite:	2 sharing	Prices TBC

**Package Includes:**

- ♠ Dinner on Tuesday night, breakfast and dinner on Wednesday and Thursday nights, breakfast on Friday.
- ♥ Bridge playing, course notes and tuition.
- ♦ Rooms and facilities as described on pages two and three.
- ♣ Welcome drink on Tuesday night. Wine with dinner (1/3 bottle pp), and coffee during morning Bridge sessions.

**Bookings:** £100 per person non-refundable deposit is required on booking, and the full balance for the holiday is payable ten weeks beforehand. All bookings will be treated on a "first come first served" basis.

**Cancellation:** Once the balance has been paid, it is non-refundable. In case of cancellation, it should be possible to claim back on your holiday insurance policy.

**Travel:**     **By car:**     Ettington Park Hotel is approximately a two hour drive from London and is the perfect way to travel if you want to stay on for a few extra days to explore the delights of Stratford-upon-Avon and the surrounding area. Please see the directions and local map below.

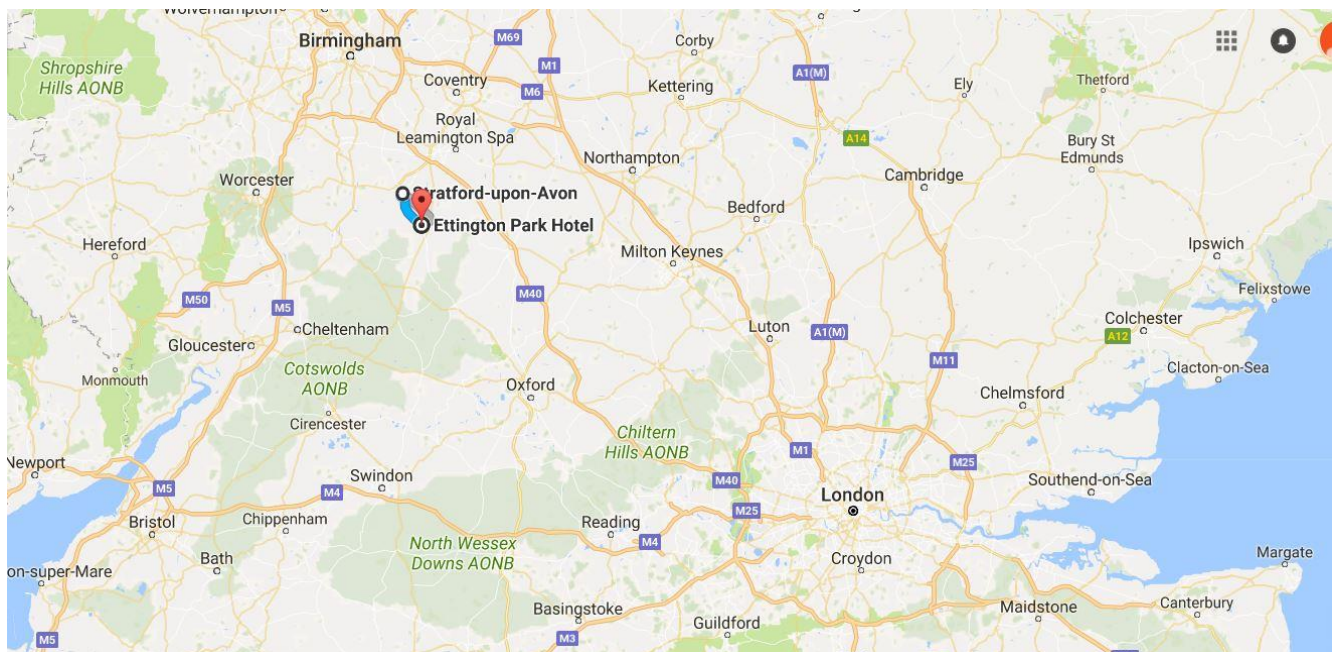
**By train:**     From London, take the train from Marylebone to the nearest mainline station of Leamington Spa train station, taking between two and two and a half hours. It is possible to take a connecting train to Stratford-upon-Avon or a taxi to Ettington (either 5-10 mins or 25 mins respectively). Travel costs are not included in the package price and travel is not organised by ARBH.

Please call Chiltern Railways Ticket Enquiries on 03456 005 165 (press option 1, then option 2), Monday - Sunday 07.00 to 22.00 and website [www.chilternrailways.co.uk](http://www.chilternrailways.co.uk) or [www.thetrainline.com](http://www.thetrainline.com) often offer good prices.

### **Directions to the Ettington Park Hotel, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 8BS**

#### **From London and the M40:**

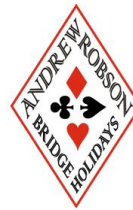
Leave the M40 at junction 15 and take the A429 signposted towards Stow and Cirencester. Continue on this road and after approximately 15 miles at roundabout, do not turn left towards Ettington Village, but continue straight ahead on the A429 towards Stow and Cirencester. After approximately 1/2 a mile, turn right at the sign to Ettington Park. Continue for approximately 1 mile and the entrance to the hotel is via the second turning on your left after the Business Park. Journey time approximately just under two hours by car.



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### BOOKING FORM

Please fill in this form (or book online on our website) and preferably pay the £100 deposit via online banking (email Jack for details) or post a cheque made payable to "ARB Holidays" to Jack Stocken at 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire, DL8 4SL. One booking form per person please (except couples)

1. I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) on the mid-week break, detailed as below (please circle relevant preference: double or twin bed below):

Name(s)

Room type

Classic Room (double or twin)

Executive Room (double or twin)

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2. Insurance: Please sign below, on behalf of your party, to state that you guarantee to have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as on the home page of our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

Name ..... Signature .....

3. Please note any supplementary requirements below, e.g. vegetarian meals, allergies etc.

4. Address .....

Landline: ..... Mobile:.....

Email .....

5. Next of Kin: Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name: ..... Main Contact Number:.....