



THE MANOR HOUSE  
HOTEL AND GOLF CLUB



## **The MANOR HOUSE HOTEL in Castle Combe, Wiltshire, wins The Tea Guild's Top City and Country Hotel Tea Award 2010**

The Manor House Hotel in Wiltshire has been awarded one of The Tea Guild's highest accolades. These awards, now in their 25<sup>th</sup> year, are known as the 'OSCARS' of the tea world, with Britain's best tea rooms, country and city hotels all competing for the coveted honour. The Top City and Country Hotel Tea Award is new for 2010 to recognise the overwhelming quality of afternoon teas served in this category.

The Tea Guild inspectors awarded The Manor House Hotel a near perfect score praising the 'excellent' food on offer with particular reference to the hotel's scones as 'supreme – light, yet moist and full of flavour'. With a tea menu offering 15 varieties of loose-leaf tea which includes speciality tea customers are spoilt for choice. The judges were highly impressed with the 'well presented and beautifully served tea' with one judge declaring that 'the staff knowledge of the tea was the best [they] had ever experienced'.

The staff at The Manor House Hotel are delighted to have been recognised by the acclaim of this award. Nicolas Roulier, Food and Beverage Manager prides himself on the quality of service and food on offer: "We've worked hard to create a soothing and relaxing environment, where guests can unwind safe in the knowledge their every whim will be catered for".

A member of the Exclusive Hotels' luxury hotel group The Manor House Hotel in Castle Combe is a 14th century retreat offering spectacular accommodation in 365 acres of gardens and woodland. Afternoon tea is taken in one of the hotel's six cosy lounges, many with roaring fires, in the comfort of the hotel bar or in one of the many quirky nooks and seating areas. In better weather guests can request to take afternoon tea on the lawn outside or by the river. Staff will set up a comfy rug and a thermos of tea with an afternoon 'picnic' so that you can relax in your choice of setting in the hotel's extensive grounds.

Originally built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century to replace a Norman castle, The Manor House was used by the lords of the manor for hundreds of years until being sympathetically converted in 1947 into the magnificent hotel that stands today. Noteworthy guests of the hotel have included Margaret Thatcher, David Bowie and HRH The Prince of Wales with The Manor House itself adding its own star quality to a number of Hollywood films including Stardust featuring Robert de Niro and more recently The Wolf Man starring Anthony Hopkins.

The Manor House Hotel offers afternoon tea throughout the year and is delighted to be awarded the Top City and Country Hotel Tea Award 2010 in its first year of inception.

Indulge in a champagne afternoon tea at The Manor House with a glass of Perrier Jouët, a selection of 15 teas, lemon cake, chocolate cake, carrot cake, bath buns, homemade scones with clotted cream and strawberry jam and a selection of freshly made sandwiches. Champagne afternoon tea at The Manor House costs £29.95.

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