# MAKE THE MOST Of Your Stay

RHINEFIELD HOUSE

# SHAPE YOUR BREAK

We are delighted to welcome you to Rhinefield House, where we invite you to reconnect, unwind, and make our house your home.

All year round you will be spoilt for choice for things to do within the hotel, not to mention the abundance to see and do on our doorstep.

Below are just a few of the things you can discover during your stay. This is your time - how will you spend it?

# IN THE HOTEL

Arriving at Rhinefield House is just the start of a unique experience...

# Dining

There is a host of delicious food and drink experiences to try at our country estate:

#### The Conservatory

Boasting double aspect views of the garden terrace, ornamental pond and manicured grounds, guests dining here can enjoy the outdoors all year round.

#### The Armada

The 2 AA Rosette Armada offers a menu of classic British dishes enhanced with a contemporary twist. With a focus on provenance, many of the items on the menu are sourced from trusted suppliers based in and around the New Forest.

#### The Lounge Bar

With comfortable seating and fabulous views, The Lounge Bar is the perfect place to relax during your visit. Serving light lunches, Hand Picked favourites and traditional afternoon teas, there is something for everyone.

# **Private Dining**

Make your dining experience extra special and ask us about our private dining rooms:

- The Alhambra Room
- The Keepers Room
- The Kings Room

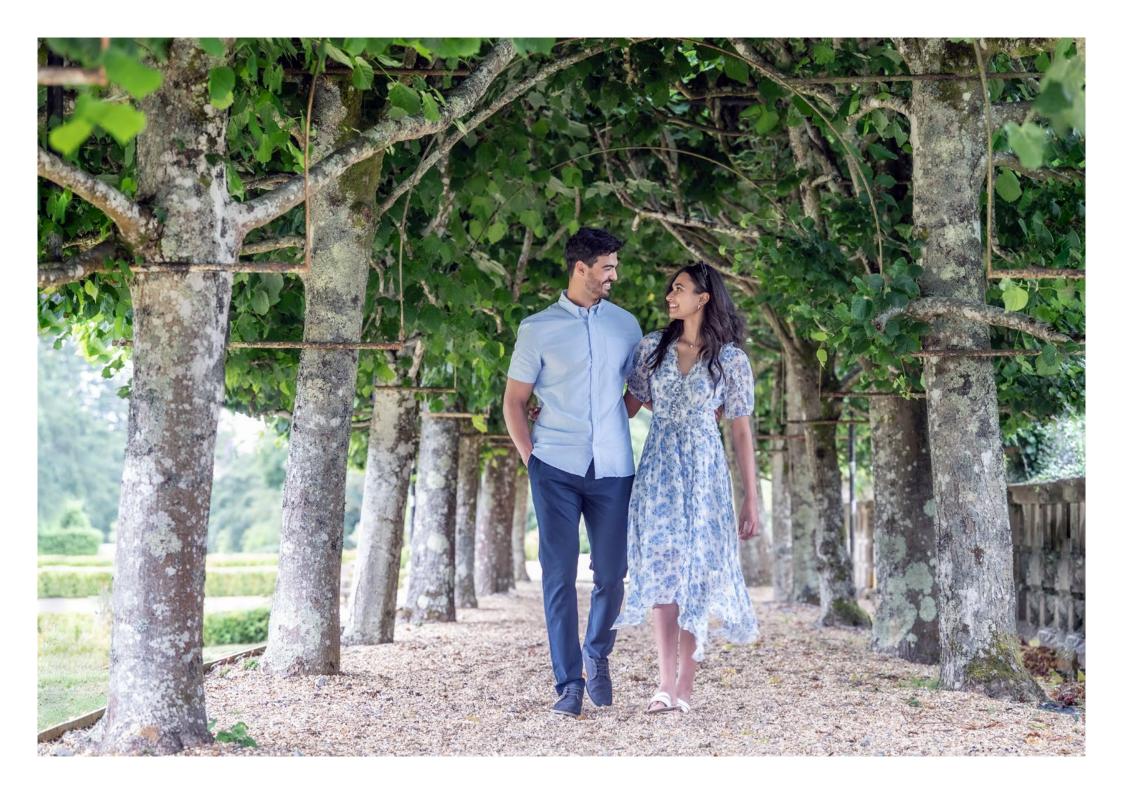
# Health Suite

Enjoy some 'me time' at the health suite, where we offer:

- Treatment rooms
- Indoor splash pool and spa pool
- Sauna and steam rooms
- Fitness centre
- Outdoor swimming pool and tiki bar
- Bike hire (24-hours notice required)







# BEACHES

Less than an hour's drive from the coast, Rhinefield House is the perfect base for exploring local beaches.

# Highcliffe Beach - 25 minute drive

This shingle and sand beach is ideal for bodyboarding and bathing, plus it has plenty of promenades and cliffside paths to explore.

## Lepe Beach - 35 minute drive

Lepe is a coastal country park in the New Forest National Park. The long stretch of shingle beach is popular with windsurfers, kitesurfers and families, offering views across to the Isle of Wight.

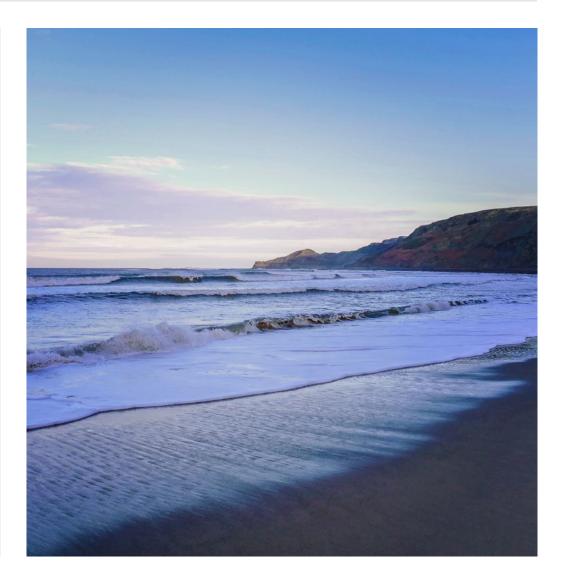
Lepe has nature reserves all around, and the beach played an important role in the D-Day preparations. An audio trail is available plus there is a 5-mile circular walk with views over the salt marsh and Beaulieu Estate.

## Calshot Beach - 36 minute drive

On the edge of the New Forest National Park, Calshot Spit is a shingle beach lined with brightly coloured beach huts, leading up to the Calshot Activities Centre, one of the south's biggest outdoor centres offering sailing, rock climbing, a velodrome and indoor skiing.

The beach is popular with water sport enthusiasts and on a clear day you can see across to the Isle of Wight and the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth.

At the end of the spit is Calshot Castle, built by Henry VIII and on the other side of the spit you'll find a salt marsh nature reserve which is home to birds and wildlife.



# WALKS

Surrounded by the open heath, woodlands and river valleys of the New Forest, you are in a rambler's paradise.

## Rhinefield to Lyndhurst - 7 mile circular walk, 2.5 hours

This walk is perfect for those wanting to explore the forest. Why not make a stop at the Oak Inn pub for refreshments?

**Directions:** After leaving the hotel driveway, walk straight up the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive until you reach the Blackwater car park. Follow the path that is near the public toilets into the forest. At the first crossroads, continue straight until you reach an enclosure (on your left) with a small "tower" used by the foresters, as it is a good place to watch the deer (especially at sunrise and just before sunset).

Leaving the enclosure on your left and following the path straight ahead, you will soon reach another crossroads, with directions to Brockenhurst and Lyndhurst. Continue in the direction of Lyndhurst until you reach a gate, which marks the end of the forest enclosure. You then have two options: left will bring you to Bank, with The Oak Inn pub and, ultimately, the A35 or continue right will take you to Lyndhurst in about 1 mile.

# Rhinefield Ornamental Drive - 3 mile circular walk, 1 - 1.5 hours

This is a close and easy way to enjoy nature without going very far from the hotel itself. Along the driveway enjoy the view of the Redwoods (some of them over 150 years old) and the Rhododendrons between the end of April and early May.

**Directions:** Walk to the end of our driveway and go straight ahead (this is the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive) until you reach the Blackwater car park. Then you have two options: you can continue towards the car park footpaths or you can turn to the left into the Arboretum Park.



# WALKS

# Rhinefield to Bolderwood (Deer Sanctuary)

The main attraction of this walk is the possibility of watching the deer at close range, and admiring the ancient trees (some of which date back to 1860).

**Length:** If you decide to walk all the way from the hotel, it will take a good 3 hours to complete the circular walk (plus the time you stay in Bolderwood).

If you drive to the car park, you can follow a couple of easy routes that will take between 30 and 45 minutes.

**Directions:** From the hotel (either driving or walking) you should continue straight from our driveway, following the Rhinefield Ornamental Drive. Follow the road until you reach the A35 crossroad. Go straight across and after approx 3 miles (about 15 minutes if you drive, a bit more than an hour if you walk), you will reach the Bolderwood enclosure (the car park is on the right-hand side).

Once in Bolderwood, you can admire the deer from the viewing platforms just in front of the car park, or you can try a couple of trails:

**Jubilee Grove Trail:** Approx 1 mile long, follow the green trail from the Bolderwood car park.

**Radnor Trail:** It is approx 2 miles long (about 45 minutes), following the red trail from the Bolderwood car park.

#### Rhinefield to Brockenhurst - 6 mile circular walk, 2 hours

This walk will take you to the nearest village from the hotel, where you can shop in the local stores or have something to eat or drink in one of the pubs...

**Directions:** after leaving the hotel driveway, turn right. Continue walking for about 3 miles, walking on the moor if you prefer. You will pass the Whitefield Moor car park, as well as the Forest Park Hotel (on your right-hand side). Toilets are available in the car park, as well as an ice cream van during the summer months.

Once in Brockenhurst, turn left over the water splash: the road in front of you is Brookley Road, the main street of the village, with local shops and numerous tea rooms and restaurants.





From the educational to the inspirational, you will find plenty of fun for all the family.

# Lyndhurst - 10 minute drive

Lyndhurst is often referred to as the centre or 'capital' of the New Forest. There is plenty to do in the area and the town makes a great base for exploring the New Forest on foot or bike. A good place to start your visit is a trip to the Forest Heritage. Here you will find a wealth of information about the special history of the area.

# Beaulieu Motor Museum - 20 minute drive

From the earliest motor carriages to classic family saloons, this world-famous museum has one of the finest collections of cars, motorcycles and motoring memorabilia in the world. Why not hop on the mile long monorail and take a tour of the attraction from above, offering sweeping views of the Beaulieu grounds and gardens before passing right through the roof of the National Motor Museum!

# CycleExperience - 14 minute drive

Explore the New Forest on two wheels. This award-winning bike hire company allows you to escape the everyday and come to a world where wild ponies, donkeys, highland cattle and deer roam free.



## Paultons Family Theme Park - 25 minute drive

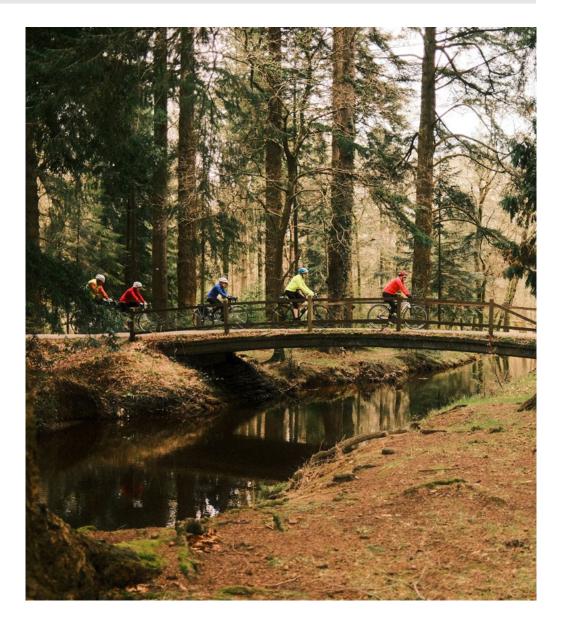
Also home to Peppa Pig World, this is a great family day out with over 60 rides and attractions including a collection of exotic birds and animals.

# New Forest Activities - 20 minute drive

Discover both land and water based adventures. They offer everything from canoeing, kayaking, ropes courses, BattleZone, bushcraft, archery and learning outdoor necessities on their survival style days in the Forest.

# New Forest Wildlife Park - 20 minute drive

Children will love discovering rare breeds at the New Forest Wildlife Park and Otter Sanctuary.



# Southampton

If you are wanting to visit one of our closest cities, Southampton is not to be missed. With a rich history, docks, and plenty to do Southampton has a little something for everybody.

## **Museums & attractions**

#### Solent Sky Museum

Solent Sky depicts the incredible story of aviation in the area, with more than 20 airframes from the golden age of aviation.

#### SeaCity Museum

SeaCity Museum tells the story of the people of the city, their fascinating lives and historic connections with Titanic and the sea.

#### **Steamship Shieldhall**

Steamship Shieldhall is the largest working steamship in Britain. You too can experience the golden age of steam by booking on an excursion or visiting her in Southampton.

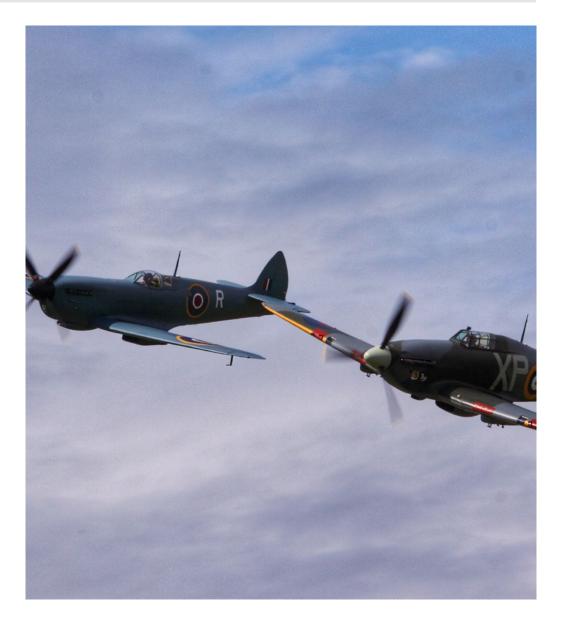
## Dining, shopping & sightseeing

## Ocean Village

A lovely marina filled with restaurants and bars - a stunning spot for lunch, dinner or drinks.

## **Bedford Place**

A quirky area full of independent bars, restaurants, shops and beauty spots.



# Bournemouth

Another close city is Bournemouth, another great day trip. Whether you like to relax on the beach, or explore a city, Bournemouth has plenty to offer.

# **Museums & attractions**

### **Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum**

A Museum & Art Gallery with stunning panoramic views of the sea.

## **Oceanarium**

Explore marine ecosystems at a waterside aquarium, plus feeding sessions and an underwater tunnel.

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#### **Boscombe Pier**

The pier is free to enter and has a plethora of activities for individuals and families. Try scaling the nearby, purpose-built boulders next to the pier or have a go at slacklining!

## **Bournemouth Pier**

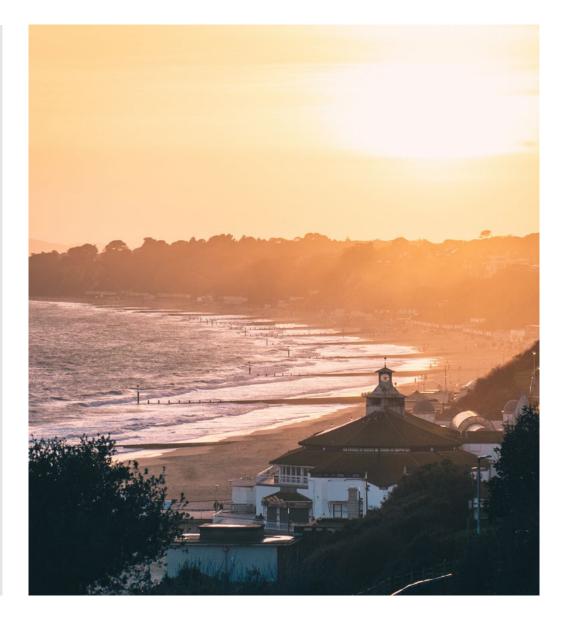
This is a must-visit attraction with amazing views. Attractions include indoor climbing, zip wire, restaurant, cafes & gift shops.

## Westbourne

Affectionately known as 'The Village', it has a charming Victorian Arcade, pubs, bars and restaurants.

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# FOR COUPLES

With romantic scenery all around you, here are just a few places to enjoy with your special someone.

## **Ringwood Brewery** - 25 minute drive

Their brewery tour experience includes a complimentary drink, a tour of the brewery where you can taste the malted barleys, have a sniff of the hops, and see the fermentations bubbling away. They also include a tasting session and the opportunity to browse the Brewery Store.

# Brockenhurst - 5 minute drive

Located in the heart of the New Forest National Park situated between Lyndhurst and Lymington, Brockenhurst is a bustling village. Here you will find ponies and donkeys roaming free in an old-world setting full of charm. Brockenhurst has excellent local amenities, from an abundance of top quality pubs and restaurants to boutique shops and friendly tea rooms.

# Beaulieu Palace House and Gardens - 25 minute drive

Palace House is the family home of Lord Montagu and one of the 'Treasure Houses of England'. It is a beautiful stately home overlooking the picturesque. Beaulieu River millpond.

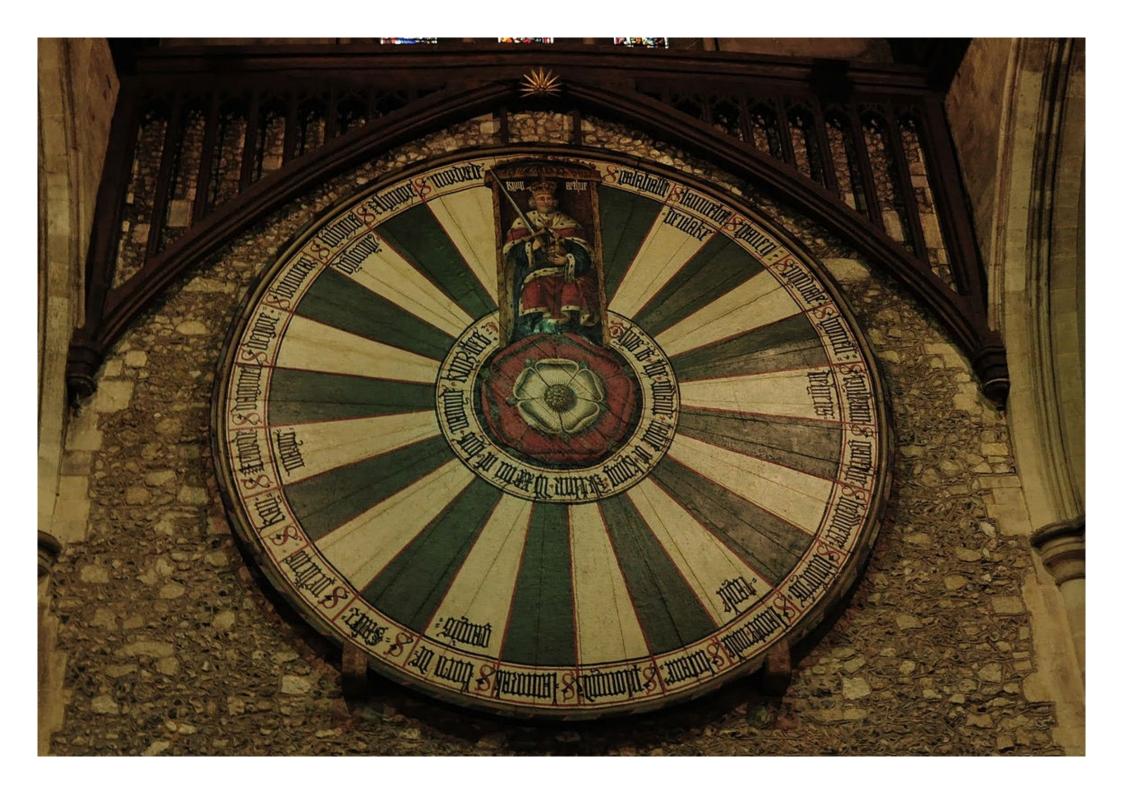
# Lymington - 20 minute drive

The Georgian market town of Lymington is set on the coast in the beautiful New Forest National Park. Famous for its sailing history, there are two large marinas filled with fishing boats and yachts, as well as two sailing clubs. The town's narrow streets are lined with pretty period cottages and houses, as well as plenty of local pubs and restaurants.

# Exbury Gardens - 30 minute drive

With 200 acres of stunning woodland to explore and remarkable landscapes, Exbury Gardens offers a colourful walking experience that lifts the spirits.





# HISTORICAL

Step back in time and uncover both Rhinefield House and Hampshire's rich heritage and cultural legacy.

# Hurst Castle - 25 minute drive

Built by Henry VIII at the seaward end of a coastal spit, this was one of the most advanced artillery fortresses in England. Commanding the narrow entrance to the Solent, it offers stunning panoramic views. Exhibitions around the castle provide you with a chance to piece together Hurst Castle's long history.

# The Great Hall & The Round Table - Winchester, 45 minute drive

Located in central Winchester, the Great Hall is one of the only surviving parts of Winchester Castle and it is also home to King Arthur's Round Table.

# National Trust, Kingston Lacy - 55 minute drive

A lavish family home re-imagined as a Venetian Palace in the rural Dorset countryside.

# Highcliffe Castle - 22 minute drive

Highcliffe Castle is an important example of the romantic and picturesque style of architecture; its significance recognised nationally by its Grade 1 listed status. Discover the fascinating story of how this once lavish home was destroyed by fires, left to ruin, and subsequently brought back to life.

# Solent Sky Museum - 35 minute drive

Hampshire and the Solent region were once the centre of the world for aviation research and development. Solent Sky depicts the incredible story of aviation in the area, with more than 20 airframes from the golden age of aviation.



# LET THE ADVENTURE BEGIN

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