



### Welcome, Gravetye Manor

Dear Friends,

There is something so rewarding about reconnecting with an old friend, which is why we're excited to re-introduce former Rebecca Recommends client [Gravetye Manor](#) to our portfolio. This enchanting, Elizabethan property with an exceptional English garden and award-winning dining is a welcome addition to our UK properties. We offer this review for those who may recall our partnership with the Manor, or as an introduction for those just becoming aware of Gravetye.

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### Gravetye Manor's Story



In 1598, Sussex local Richard Infield built Gravetye as a beautiful home for him and his bride, Katharine Compton. To this day, evidence of their love story can be seen throughout the Manor, including the initials "R&K" engraved on the main entrance door and an oak-carved portrait of the couple in one of the bedrooms.



Fast-forward to 1885, when Gravetye's most notable owner, William Robinson, took over the house and the thousand acres on which it still stands. Renowned gardener Robinson lived here until his death in 1935, realizing his ideas for an English natural garden during that time. He brought his experience with formal gardens throughout England and France to Gravetye, working hard to enhance the natural beauty of the land's existing gardens and woodlands.

### Heritage Gardens



Truly the heart and soul of Gravetye, Robinson's historically important gardens, meadows, and orchards continue to live on. Subsequent owners, including today's management team, have nurtured these natural spaces, which make up one of England's most important heritage gardens. Head gardener Tom Coward and his dedicated team offer tours from April to October, taking guests through the flower garden and kitchen garden. Those staying overnight and anyone with a lunch reservation in the dining room can sign up for the tour.



Garden-loving guests find much to ooh and aah over, whether they're wandering through carpets of sky-blue scilla, drifts of daffodils, or native wildflowers in the Meadows, or touring the standout walled Kitchen Garden, where everything grown is used by the Manor's chef and many of the gardening methods are the same as they were a century ago. Gardens tours with a private lunch for groups of 7 of 20 guests may also be arranged.



### Restful Rooms and Suites

With just 17 rooms and the Robinson Suite, Gravetye Manor has a deliciously intimate ambiance. Guests are ensconced in old-world charm and modern-day luxury, and surrounded by beautifully restored antiques, original paintings, and quirky period features in individually decorated accommodations. The bright and spacious rooms are each named for trees that grow on the estate - and, of course, are adorned with freshly picked flowers from the Gravetye garden.

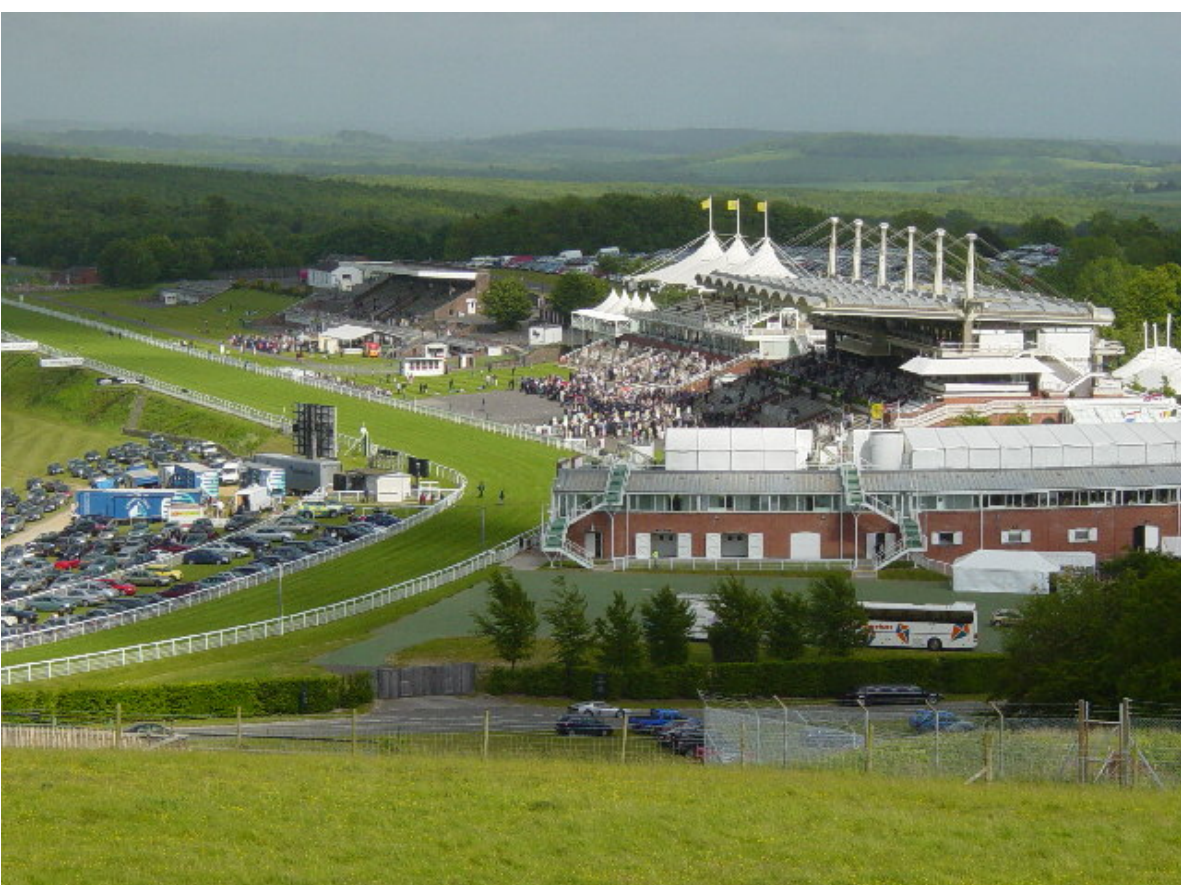


### Fine Food Cooked Beautifully

Perhaps unsurprisingly, dining at Gravetye Manor is singularly fresh and wholesome. Drawing upon the Kitchen Garden's harvest, Executive Chef George Blog creates taste sensations throughout the year, which has resulted in a Michelin Star for the restaurant.



As one dines on ingredients that have either been grown in the Kitchen Garden or sourced from a trusted, local supplier, they'll have a view of the gardens out of the dining room's floor-to-ceiling glass walls - providing a true sense of place and adding new significance to garden-to-plate dining. Advance reservations are highly recommended. Vegetarian and vegan menus are also available.



Goodwood Racecourse. Photo credit - Wikimedia Commons

### Exploring Sussex

In between scrumptious dining, garden tours, and relaxing in one's room, the Sussex area offers plenty to do. From Gravetye Manor, it's easy to visit antiques fairs, attend racing events at Goodwood, and ride the Bluebell heritage steam railway, with a station on Gravetye's doorstep (at the right time of year, swaths of bluebells line the tracks and it was gardener William Robinson himself who would throw bulbs from the moving train to encourage the blooms).

Guests may step back in time at several nearby historic houses and castles, including the 15th-century Wealden Hall house, owned by Henry VIII, Thomas Cromwell, Anne of Cleves, Mary I, and Elizabeth I; and Standen, with its original Morris & Co. furnishings and decorations from the Arts and Crafts movement.

Gravetye Manor's gracious staff can arrange colorful visits to more in the area if one can't get enough gardens. The 2,000-acre Borde Hill Estate, with its

Grade II-listed Elizabethan Mansion House, is just 15 minutes away in 383 acres of an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty on the High Weald. Other nearby botanical beauties include Wakehurst Place, High Beeches Gardens, and Sheffield Park.



Borde Hill. Photo credit - Flickr

Horseback riding, polo, shooting, spa days, and golf round out the slate of activities available to Gravetye guests throughout the year.

For more information and an introduction to the Gravetye Manor team, please reach out to us at [vip@r-recommends.com](mailto:vip@r-recommends.com) and we'll connect you.

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