



KNOWLTON COURT

KENT





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Knowlton Court is a much-loved family home set within a stunning and extensive country estate of over 1,700 acres located in the heart of Kent, the Garden of England.

With 19 luxury bedrooms and a suite of sumptuous reception rooms, Knowlton Court is available for exclusive hire for country house weekends and private stays for the first time in generations.





Perfectly placed

Our location in the heart of the Kent countryside is perfect for exploring all our county and spectacular coastline has to offer. Knowlton is just ten miles from the historic city of Canterbury, and close to the coastal towns of Whitstable, Margate, Deal and Folkestone – now renowned for their cultural and food scenes.

London and its international airports are within easy reach via the motorway and train networks, as is access to the continent via Folkestone and Dover.

We also welcome private helicopters to Knowlton by arrangement.



The Sitting Room



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The renowned architect Edwin Lutyens, famed for some of England's most beautiful country houses, public buildings and war memorials, was commissioned to work on Knowlton Court in around 1905.

As well as a large part of Knowlton Court's interior, Lutyens built the current gatehouse (The Lodge) and created the sweeping main drive with its impressive avenue of lime trees.

Behind an imposing and elegant red brick façade, Knowlton Court has once again been lovingly and painstakingly refurbished to the very highest standard, providing the perfect backdrop for large family gatherings, intimate celebrations and country house weekends.





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The Boudoir

An exquisite country house

There are plenty of spaces for quiet contemplation and reading throughout the house, or more boisterous board games and convivial conversation. Pre-dinner drinks can be enjoyed in the Billiard Room, which is complete with a full-size snooker table.

The intimate sitting room boasts high ceilings, an open fire with an ornate mantelpiece and a stunning bay window, which add to the elegance of this room.

There is also the Boudoir Sitting Room, another splendid wood-panelled room. Knowlton Court boasts complete with classic and period country house furniture and period features.



The Drawing Room

The opulent Drawing Room is a perfect entertaining space and is one of the reception rooms designed by Lutyens. Its ceiling, like that in the Dining Room, has been copied from one found in Hampton Court.

Grinling Gibbons was an Anglo-Dutch sculptor and wood carver known for his work at Windsor Castle, Hampton Court and St Paul's Cathedral in the 17th and 18th Centuries. Lutyens used a number of Gibbons's carvings, which were made from pear and rosewood, to create the ornate friezes found in this room.

As was common at the time, the carvings would have come from another house that was being demolished or refurbished. Lutyens also designed the Drawing Room's chimney and pillars, and had the coat of arms copied from one that can be seen in St Clement's Church, which sits within the Estate grounds.



The Drawing Room



Dining

The grand wood-panelled dining room is naturally lit but exquisite by candlelight, making it ideal for formal dining.

In addition to the formal dining room, there is a newly refurbished family-style kitchen - complete with Aga - for breakfast and kitchen suppers.

A walk-in pantry with traditional slate shelves is available, offering our guests a wide range of culinary treats and refreshments. Knowlton Court is equipped with a catering kitchen.

We are able to arrange a fully catered stay, alternatively, our Estate and housekeeping teams can ably assist to ensure the success of any weekend stay should guests wish to bring their own chefs and household staff.



The Kitchen





Bedrooms

Each of the 19 bedrooms, which are located across two floors, are super king size - or larger - and the ensuites are resplendent with roll-top baths or luxury showers. The furnishings and decorative finishes have been hand-selected for each room, and classical artworks adorn the walls. Each bedroom has views that extend across the gardens or parkland.







Gardens and grounds

Knowlton Court is set within some 1,900 acres including woodland walks and formal gardens.

Lutyens engaged the services of Reginald Bloomfield, the prolific landscape designer and architect, to create the gardens at Knowlton Court. Today, the garden's distinctive banks, sunken croquet lawn and ha-ha are enjoyed by family and guests through the seasons.

There is an abundance of nature, flora, fauna and wildlife to be enjoyed in close proximity. There is a croquet lawn and tennis court, and arrangements can be made for country pursuits, such as riding and shooting, on request.





The Hall

A place in history

Described as a 'timeless work of Tudor history', Knowlton was built in 1585 by Sir Thomas Peyton Baronetcy; the estate became the property of Sir John Narborough in the 18th century before being passed to the D'Aeth family in the 19th century.

At its heart a working farm and Estate, Knowlton has been under the stewardship of the Fox-Pitt family for over a century.

One of Britain's best-known equestrian families, the Fox Pitts share a passion for agriculture, environment, conservation and preservation, and are committed to seeing the Knowlton carefully handed to the next generation.

Knowlton has an array of solar panels, located on farm buildings, and a bio-mass heating and hot water system powered by timber from the Estate's own woodlands.



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Contact Knowlton Court

To enquire about exclusive private country house hire of Knowlton Court:

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"Our guests still talk about our stay at this stunning House and Gardens and its idyllic location. Knowlton Court oozes history and at the same time provides the most luxurious accommodation and amenities where no expense has been spared.

We greatly look forward to our return."





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