



Celebrate the festive season and a truly unique and memorable stay at Thornbury Castle Hotel

October 2021: Fancy celebrating the holiday season in style and feasting like a King or Queen while staying in *the* most unforgettable of settings? Then look no further than the newly refurbished Thornbury Castle Hotel where guests are able to enjoy a majestic break this Christmas.

Steeped in history and set in 15 acres, the Tudor castle was built in 1511 during the reign of Henry VIII and was regarded as one of the grandest buildings of its time in England. It has been the home of kings, queens and dukes over the centuries before becoming a luxury hotel in 1966.

This December sees Thornbury Castle celebrate its first festive season following a multi-million pound refurbishment which has included the beautiful restoration of its dining rooms, lounges, library, as well as its luxurious 27 bed chambers and suites.

Simone Arcucci, General Manager, Thornbury Castle, comments: “Located near Bristol and adjacent to the Gloucestershire countryside, Thornbury Castle is the only Tudor castle in the UK which operates as a luxury hotel and restaurant and we are really looking forward to providing a truly unique experience this festive season.”

Executive Chef Carl Cleghorn is looking forward to his first culinary Christmas at the Castle and has created a series of mouth-watering menus using the best seasonal and local ingredients from the Castle’s kitchen and herb garden and local suppliers.

Frederic Bellard, the Castle's Sommelier, has used his unparalleled knowledge of fine wines and spirits to create a wine list featuring more than 200 new wines and spirits along with an innovative menu of bespoke and handcrafted cocktails and mocktails to suit all palettes.

Guests can take advantage of a number of different festive packages including:

1. Christmas at Thornbury Castle

Leave the tree trimming, turkey basting and washing up to someone else and look forward to mince pies, mulled wine, exquisite canapés, mouth-watering cocktails, impressive dinners in Thornbury Castle's atmospheric and award-winning restaurant, lively entertainment and most importantly, the most delicious festive fare and celebrate this Christmas at Thornbury Castle with an inclusive three or four-night package.

Activities on offer range from a festive game of A Tudor Quest where guests embark on a search for a mysterious lost jewel 'The heart of Jasper Tudor' believed to be hidden in the Castle grounds to A Wine Tasting Experience. There are also ample opportunities to enjoy traditional Tudor activities including axe throwing and longbow in the Castle's grounds. For those who prefer something less active, spa treatments* are available to enjoy in the comfort of the Castle and history buffs can book in to one of the Castle's history tours and learn all about its fascinating history. (*supplementary cost)

- Rates from £2,995 for a four-night package in a Deluxe Bedchamber.
- Rates from £2,495 for a three-night package in a Deluxe Bedchamber.

Activities are included within the package and will take place at a set time.

2. Festive Recharger

Fancy a bit of me time with your loved ones between Christmas and New Year? After Boxing Day, the Christmas adrenaline stops and most of us crave some time to recharge our batteries. Thornbury Castle's two-night Recharger package does just that, allowing guests to sit back and relax and enjoy being served breakfast and dinner throughout their stay.

- Rates from £814 for a two-night break in a Deluxe Bedchamber.



3. New Year Celebration

Seeing in the New Year in Thornbury Castle has to be done in style of course and family and friends are able to enjoy a truly memorable two or three-night New Year's stay.

Highlights include a New Year's Eve black-tie drinks reception with champagne and canapés, followed by dinner and a selection of wines served in the restaurant. After dinner, guests head to the Tudor Hall to be entertained and dance the night away, enjoying the evening with a spot of gambling Tudor aristocratic style. A traditional piper will welcome in the New Year, followed by fireworks at midnight to celebrate the arrival of 2022.

- Rates from £1,965 for a three-night stay, based on two adults sharing a room.
- Rates from £1,525 for a two-night stay, based on two adults sharing a room.

Please note that New Year celebrations are for adults only.

Unique stays guaranteed

This Christmas will see guests being able to experience a luxury stay given all of the Castle's 27 bedchambers and suites have been fully refurbished to the highest standard along with the Howard Family Gatehouse. Fifteen of the bedchambers and suites feature sumptuous four-poster beds, rich period detailing, with décor throughout the rooms and suites artfully recreating the Tudor style in which royalty and aristocracy would have languished, feasted and relaxed in.



As well as a range of planned activities available, guests will also have a chance to explore the Castle's Tudor gardens at leisure, enjoy a delicious cream tea served with all the trimmings, and relax in the historic lounges and historic library throughout their stay.

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Note to Editors

Accessible rooms: The Castle has one accessible room, fully equipped for a visitor in a wheelchair. This is located on the ground floor.

Dogs: Well-behaved dogs are welcome at the Castle (apart from in the dining areas) and it is requested that dogs be kept on leads at all times.