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A Warm Welcome to Oxford and the River Hotel

Access Statement for River Hotel, 17 Botley Road Oxford, OX2 0AA.

Introduction

The River Hotel is a detached end of terrace property facing Botley road, with car park behind and the River Thames and Osney Bridge to the side. Originally an 1870's Master Builder's home on three floors with steps / stairs to each entrance. Located next to the river and on the 'Thames Walk', near Osney Lock. The hotel comprises two buildings and our Annexe is directly opposite across the main Botley Road, also with steps to the entrance. There is a pedestrian crossing 20 metres away to facilitate crossing the main road.

Special Needs

Please request any special needs upon booking; we are a small privately run hotel and will do our best where possible to assist you.

We have steps and stairs to all entrances of the hotel and no lift. All public areas are carpeted.

Since 1st July 2007 in accordance with government regulations, the policy is strictly 'no smoking', in all areas of the hotel.

Booking

It is recommended to book in advance, either by telephone (+44) 1865 243475 to check availability, or via our online website enquiry form found at www.riverhotel.co.uk. A brochure is available for download on our website. You can email us in English at reception@riverhotel.co.uk

Arrival

Train: Oxford main railway station is 200 metres from the hotel, platform 4 (arrivals from London, Didcot Parkway) has an assisted

exit during day hours. Alternatively exit from main platform 3, and head under the railway bridge. There are bridges with ramps to assist the route. There is a taxi rank in the station concourse for this short distance.

Bus: Gloucester Green bus/coach station for local buses, National Express arrivals, airport buses from Heathrow, Gatwick, Luton and Stansted, is approximately a ten minute walk from City - follow directions to the railway station. There is a taxi rank nearby.

By Car: Easy access from ring-road A34 Southern by-pass onto the West exit at Botley/Seacourt interchange slip road on to Botley Road (A420) one mile towards City and railway station, the hotel is on the right after crossing Osney Bridge. Avoid central Oxford with a car as there are many one-way streets and through roads are closed to general traffic during the day.

Car Parking Facilities

On site car park at rear of the Hotel, no need to reserve a space. Satellite Navigation enter Mill Street OX2 0AA. As a resident you are welcome to leave your car here in the day time and after checkout to collect later on your departure day. All parking is at driver/owner's risk. There is CCTV protection covering most of the car park. Contact us in advance if you will require help with luggage, especially up the steps on arrival.

Taxi: It is recommended to arrive and depart from the car-park at the rear of the hotel. Book taxi service in advance for journeys from the Hotel to avoid last minute disappointment.

Main Entrance and Reception Area

From the main road you enter the property via stone steps into a stained glass porch with one step leading to main reception hall. Due to fire regulations you will need to negotiate two closed doors, all at least 80 cms wide.

Rear Entrance

Rear entrance accessed from the car park via steel steps, approx 100 cms wide with hand rail on both sides. There is a closed door at

the top of the stairs, unlocked during the day. This entrance allows registered residents to enter 24 hours via keypad and motion detector lighting. Upon entry a staircase with handrail leads up to the hall floor and reception.

Public Areas

All public areas, including reception, bar and restaurants are on the hall floor level. The bar/ lounge is next to the reception lobby and with table service available to suit personal needs.

Public toilets for both ladies and gents are down one flight of stairs from the reception lobby.

The restaurant overlooks the garden and River Thames, again on the reception floor. A buffet breakfast is on offer with table service requested. Tea/coffee and cooked meals will be served to you at your table.

Our Conference and Meeting Room in the basement, with direct entrance to garden and the car park via steps. Dimensions of meeting room approximately 4.5 metres by 9 metres with available stacking seats. Multi-use tables are length 182cms, width 61cms, height 70cms. Theatre style layout for ~30 persons or in boardroom layout for 20 persons. Parquet floor.

Bedrooms and Sleeping Areas

Two bedrooms are located on the first floor close to the reception. Other rooms are upstairs on floor 2 and 3, without any lift access. Our bedrooms are all carpeted with limited floor space and furnished with fixed dressing/writing table with drawers, stool, wardrobe, bedside cabinet and headboard. Divan beds with sprung mattresses normally on legs to the floor, but not suitable for adjustment or moving. There is a moveable and folding luggage rack provided.

All bedrooms have televisions, mostly wall mounted with swivel stands and remote control. Clock radio alarm with LED display beside the bed and direct dial telephone. WiFi is also available throughout the premises. A beverage tray is placed on the dressing table and some kettles are on a cordless base. Fixed hair-dryer with push

button held down to operate. Kettles and hair-dryers have a safety cut out. Most windows are sash-cord with secondary double glazing, assistance can be offered if you wish to open the windows during the day time. All doors are fire regulation, self closing and fitted with a Chubb security lock approximately 1m 20cm from floor level. All rooms have central heating radiators with a thermostat at floor level for personal adjustment.

Lighting: All main on/off switches are approximately 1m 20cm from floor level, with extra wall lights beside the bed with on/off switched accessible from the bed.

Bathroom, Shower-room and WC

En-suite bathrooms have limited floor space approximately 1.4m² and are equipped with enamel bath with an overhead integral shower mixer. Bath bases are non-slip in manufacture or with safety strips, some have a hand rail. Wash basin has separate hot and cold taps. Toilets are standard height with low level cistern/flush handle. All bathroom sanitary ware is white. Bathroom lights and fluorescent with energy bulbs, normally with a pull cord. Shaver sockets are above the basin, approximate 1m60cms from floor level.

Grounds and Gardens

The main entrance leads to a path to the garden on split level down to the river, with barrier railings at 130 cms alongside River Thames. Paths are hard gravel or tarmac, but not level. Chestnut trees cover the main part of the garden. A large grass lawn with flower beds and a border with moveable tables and chairs with a garden bench overlooking the River Thames.

The garden is on ground level and the same level as the tarmac car park with space for 20 vehicles, with vehicular access from a side street. Large vehicles including fire-engines can access the car-park.

Contact Information

Address: River Hotel, 17 Botley Road, Oxford, OX2 0AA

Telephone:

International dialling code +44. Oxford area code 01865. International calls should dial +44 1865 followed by the six digit number as below.

Reception: 01865 243475 and 01865 249756

Email: reception@riverhotel.co.uk

Website: www.riverhotel.co.uk

National grid reference: SP 503 062

Hours of operation: 0800 - 2300 GMT with a member of staff on call overnight in an emergency.

Emergency number: 01865 243475 or dial 0 from room or house telephone.

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