

THE OLD CHAPEL

STYLISH, LUXURIOUS
HOLIDAY HOME
IN SLAD VALLEY,
THE COTSWOLDS



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Welcome to The Old Chapel,
in the famous Slad Valley



The Old Chapel in Slad, Gloucestershire is a spacious converted Cotswolds church, with a stylish, contemporary interior. This characterful family holiday home is set on the slopes of the Slad Valley, in the heart of the Cotswold Hills, one of the most picturesque and unspoilt locations in England. It is available for vacation holiday rentals and short breaks all year.

The hamlet of Slad, immortalised by Laurie Lee in 'Cider with Rosie', boasts glorious views, endless great walks and one of the best pubs in the Cotswolds, The Woolpack, just 300 metres from the Old Chapel.

Built in 1865 and thoroughly renovated in 2008, the converted chapel is stylishly furnished without being contrived.

The furniture is a mix of antique, retro and contemporary. It offers very comfortable holiday accommodation for up to 10 guests (no more than eight adults), and is ideal for two families to share. We continuously maintain the chapel to a high standard.

Home comforts include a large and very well equipped kitchen-dining room, a huge open-plan living space with wood-burning stove, and separate TV areas for you and the kids. With a wonderfully quirky graveyard in the garden the Old Chapel is far from your usual holiday cottage in the Cotswolds.

Surrounded by wild flowered meadows, ancient woodland and rolling hills, with breath-taking views and walks directly from the front door, this is an ideal self-catering base for walking holidays, and is well-positioned for visiting other parts of the Cotswolds, and towns such as Bath and Cirencester. Rentals are available for a minimum of three nights.



“The Old Chapel is a gem. The building has been beautifully and authentically renovated and is really well-equipped, but it also has a gloriously quirky, unique edge. – S Biddulph, London”



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- Sleeps up to 10 (max eight adults)
- Spacious state-of-the-art kitchen/dining and large open plan living area
- Large garden, wraparound terrace, separate elevated terrace for great views, picturesque graveyard
- Area of outstanding natural beauty – fantastic walks, woodland, nature reserves
- Separate children's den with beanbags, TV, DVD, Playstation, books and board games. Cot and highchair
- Large, enclosed trampoline
- Wood burning stove and central heating
- Stylish, contemporary furniture and art – no chintz
- Outdoor fire pit
- The famous Woolpack Inn only 300 metres away - great food and local ales
- Two miles from Painswick - the 'Queen of the Cotswolds'
- Close to golf, horse-riding, dry slope ski-ing and the rest of the Cotswolds region
- Two miles from Stroud; supermarkets, award-winning farmers market, mainline station (London Paddington 90 mins), cinema, bowling, leisure centre, tennis, swimming
- Off-road parking for up to four cars
- Sorry - no smoking and no stag / hen parties.
- One well-behaved pet by arrangement

Living Space

The Old Chapel is set on a slope - the 20 metre paths up to the house are quite steep so guests need a reasonably good degree of mobility. The property has central heating, constant hot water and a wood-burning stove. There's a mix of vintage and modern furniture and artwork is contemporary throughout. All fittings are new and of high quality.

Upstairs at The Old Chapel

Bedroom 1 - huge room with feature rose window and ensuite shower-room and toilet.

Great views across valley. Super king size bed and room for cot if required. Sleeps 2 adults.

Bedroom 2 - large room at rear with views of countryside to rear. King size bed and space for cot if required. Sleeps 2 adults.

Bedroom 3 - large room with views across valley. Two single beds and one bunkbed. Sleeps 2 adults and 2 children, or 4 children.

Bedroom 4 - small room, with great views across valley - single bed that can pull out into two singles or one double.

Bathrooms - as well as Bedroom 1's ensuite shower room and toilet, there is a bath/shower room and a separate toilet upstairs. A further shower/toilet is downstairs.



“The Old Chapel is ideally positioned for exploring the Cotswolds but it also feels quite removed from everything which was just what we were after. – A Woodward, Surrey”



Downstairs

Sitting room - open plan entrance hall leads into large, comfortable sitting room with oak floors, wood-burning stove, Sky-Plus TV and DVD. Wireless internet access is free throughout the house and a phone is provided with free calls to most destinations. A complimentary bag of logs is provided. There are comfortable chairs and sofas to lounge on.

A choice of board games and Playstation games are available. Kitchen/dining room – large contemporary kitchen, well equipped with double oven, induction hob, microwave, dishwasher, fridge freezer with ice and filtered water dispenser and a large wooden dining table and church pews that seat 10 guests. We provide cooking basics such as oil, salt, pepper, sugar, condiments and herbs. Cloak room-utility room – with shower, toilet, basin, washing machine and tumble dryer and ironing board.

Children's room - their own cosy sitting room, with beanbags, Playstation and DVD player (and a choice of games/DVDs).

Outdoors at The Old Chapel

Sloping gardens to the front and side (approx 1/3 acre), with drystone wall and gates to the front. A wrap-round terrace overlooks the graveyard across the valley on one side and the garden on the other. Small children will need to be supervised due to the steep slopes. Equipped with garden bench, two picnic tables and barbeque. Steps lead up to a separate, elevated terrace with fantastic views - ideal for sunny breakfasts or evening drinks. We have added a large, enclosed trampoline to keep your kids entertained. The property is not overlooked and behind it lies open meadows and beyond those, woodland. Deer, badgers, foxes, owls and other wildlife can all be spotted nearby. Parking - there is gated, off-road space for several cars.

Services

Central heating and electricity included in the rental. A quantity of firewood is provided for a wood-burning stove. Wireless internet access is included in the rental. Mobile reception is not great (Orange works best, Vodafone hardly at all), so a landline telephone is provided - UK and most overseas landline calls are free. Freshly laundered linen and towels are included in the rental and are changed weekly. For two week stays, the house will be cleaned and linen and towels replaced on the Friday at the end of the first week. Additional mid-week cleaning is optional.



“ We spent hours out pounding the footpaths between Slad and Painswick, Bisley, The Camp, and the countryside in every direction is just wonderful. – Dr J R Stevenson, Oxfordshire ”



Exploring in the Slad Valley & The Cotswolds

12 great ideas for seeing the area

1 Walking in the valley

Explore Laurie Lee's Slad Valley by foot. There are several nature reserves within the valley. Frith Wood is an ancient beech wood, Snows Farm is an unspoilt and tranquil reserve with wild orchids and Swift Hill offers commanding views as far as Wales. There are short walks options for the less fit or able.

2 Local food and drink

Spend Saturday morning at the award-winning farmers' market in Stroud, with its delicious array of local and organic meats, cheeses, bread, vegetables, cider, soups, puddings.

3 Nature and gardens

Stroll around Painswick Rococo Garden the last remaining Rococo garden, carefully restored using an original painting as a blueprint, and boasting a brand new Anniversary Maze. Only a few miles away.

4 Cotswolds villages

Enjoy the timeless beauty of this unspoilt part of England. The Cotswold stone villages of Bisley, Sheepscombe and Minchinhampton are all close. Other golden market towns and villages of the Cotswolds include Bibury, Bourton-on-the-Water, Stow-on-the-Wold, the Slaughters and Tetbury.

5 Historical homes

A choice of stately homes and historical buildings include Woodchester Mansion, Owlpen Manor, Sudeley Castle, and Prinknash Abbey and the adjoining Prinknash Bird Park – a perfect venue for children who will enjoy the pygmy goats, baby deer and feeding trout.

6 Discover the Romans

Within 5 miles you can wander around the ruins of a Roman villa at Great Witcombe. Cirencester offers the outstanding Corinium Museum and the ruins of a Roman amphitheatre. A trip to Bath and you can enjoy the impeccably restored spa

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7 **Wildlife**
Spend the day at Westonbirt Arboretum (17 miles) – stunning landscaped grounds, which are home to some of the world’s tallest, oldest and rarest trees. Or visit the Slimbridge Wetland Centre and see hundreds of bird species including all six species of flamingo.

8 **Watersports**
Book a lesson in wake-boarding and knee-boarding at Cotswold Water Park, where 145 lakes offer a huge range of activities, including sailing, wind-surfing and canoeing.

9 **Pampering**
Indulge yourself at Cowley Manor, with its award-winning spa facilities, beautiful indoor and outdoor pools and wonderful grounds to wander around. There’s also a fine restaurant and bar with large outdoor sun terrace. Rural and chic.

10 **Cycling**
The Forest of Dean offers a safe and easy route for casual cyclists, and more challenging facilities for experienced riders. You can hire bikes, there’s a café and 27,000 acres of woodland to explore.

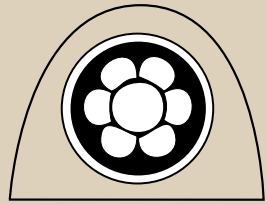
11 **The local**
Sample some of the fine local food and local ales in the Woolpack Inn. A few minutes walk from the Old Chapel is Laurie Lee’s old haunt, a fantastic pub, untouched by time. Further afield there are plenty of good quality country pubs, and top-end restaurants.

12 **Rainy days**
If the heavens open, light a fire and play one of the board games, DVDs or Playstation games provided. Two miles away, there’s a cinema in Stroud showing the latest blockbuster releases.





The Old Chapel ... "A million miles from your average country rental, this really feels like a fabulous home from home." - L Griffiths, Suffolk



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