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# UK GETAWAY THE FOLLY

ESCAPE THE EVERYDAY WITH A TRIP TO *THE FOLLY*, A LUXURY COTSWOLDS COTTAGE EXQUISITELY RENOVATED BY NORTH LONDON INTERIORS SPECIALISTS MATRUSHKA

## THE HOTEL

With the Folly, Matrushka have created a rural bolthole to make you wonder why cities were ever invented. Originally built in the 16th century, the cottage offers a chic, cosy and wonderfully indulgent take on country living, with all the crooked romance of exposed beams and old stone plus a ton of luxury touches to ensure your stay is defined by contemporary comfort rather than agrarian privation. There's an elegant salon, a huge kitchen with Aga and butcher's block, a dining area with a table for ten, a utility room, a cloakroom, a snug (with 50-inch plasma screen and Bose surround sound) and a vestibule with wood-burning stove - plus all the books, movies and welly boots anyone could ever need.

## THE ROOM

The main house has four double bedrooms, while a separate garden studio contains another. That means bedspace for ten guests in total, and with each room brilliantly designed around its own theme, no one will feel they've drawn the short straw.



The master suite is under the attic eaves and features an adjoining bathroom with spectacular copper bath, while the remaining rooms range from the soothing Provencal

rusticana of the Dorothy to the colourful, child-friendly charm of the Toad (complete with antique rocking horse). The furnishings and decor betray a masterful magpie's eye for everything vintage and unique - you'll probably find yourselves talking about the many beautiful ornaments and objets d'art long into the cosy Cotswold night.



## THE GARDEN

Clamber from your car onto the sweeping gravel drive and the first thing you see is the grey stone and clinging ivy of the cottage itself; a few steps more and the garden is revealed. A lush lawn sweeps up to a near horizon shaded by a spectacular walnut tree complete with a swing, while a series of steps (plus a safely covered fishpond and cute hump bridge) lead down to a large paved terrace that's perfect for entertaining. At the foot of the lawn is a full-sized tennis court and a couple of garden sheds, one of which contains tennis equipment, two mountain bikes and lots of stripy wooden deckchairs. By day, the garden is activity central; by night, it's a sublime spot in which to sit and enjoy the stars.

## THE AREA

The Folly is both easy to reach and pleasantly secluded, tucked away down a quiet lane on the fringe of the village of Didmarton. Within walking distance are a few neighbours, a teeny chapel and some lovely allotments teeming with raspberries and rhubarb. It's all very Cotswolds in the best possible way, and the wider landscape continues the theme with its rolling pastures and grazing horses. The cottage is also just a few miles from Tetbury, which must be one of the nation's best-preserved country towns - as well as being internationally renowned for its antiques shops and the rural seat of a certain Prince Charles.

## THE DAMAGE

The Folly can be rented for a short break or by the week. Prices range from £1,335 for a two/three night break at off-peak times to £5,000 for a week over Christmas (including seasonal decorations and food). See the website for full details plus information on a range of bespoke additional services, from massage and spa treatments to helicopter transfers.

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