

Accessible holidays



A visit to Pentillie Castle in Cornwall

As soon as you drive through the gates, and enter the long, sweeping driveway, you just know that you are about to arrive somewhere very special, and it does not disappoint.

Pentillie Castle and its 2,000 acre estate, is owned and run as a home and family business, by the Coryton family. The estate overlooks the beautiful Tamar valley and has spectacular scenery around every corner.

The castle itself, is run as a very upmarket, boutique style, bed and breakfast accommodation. It is like nowhere we have ever stayed before.

There are nine beautifully furnished bedrooms, all of which have en-suite, well-appointed facilities. There is one ground floor accessible room for visitors who cannot manage the stairs.

The Coryton family and their staff, are extremely welcoming and cannot do enough to make their guests feel welcome. Internally, the castle is beautifully furnished to a very high standard. You are encouraged to feel totally at home and we felt immediately relaxed.

The surrounding woodland and gardens are an absolute joy, and everyone is encouraged to explore them. There is a communal boot room which has a selection of wellington boots for visitors to wear during their walks. Their two black Labrador dogs are more than willing to

accompany visitors around the estate, especially if a picnic is involved.

Parts of the walks and pathways around the estate are accessible to wheelchair users but due to the geography of the area, there are some very steep and uneven tracks that cannot be made accessible. Having said that, we were allowed to take our car and drive to some of them. The Mausoleum overlooks probably the most spectacular views of the whole estate as it sits high on the hillside looking down over the Tamar valley and into Devon.

There is an outdoor heated swimming pool, with easy access for visitors to use. The whole estate and its interesting history can be read about in the books in the drawing room that have been provided for visitors.

The breakfasts were lovely, and included freshly pressed apple juice and jams all made from the produce of the estate. They also aim to provide some evening meals which were equally delicious. On evenings when these are not available, there is plenty of information on where to eat in the surrounding areas.

It is well worth a visit, and we cannot wait to return.

Further details can be obtained from their website www.pentillie.co.uk

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