

AN INTRODUCTION TO BODYSGALLEN HALL

Bodysgallen Hall, which opened in 1982, was the first property to be restored by Historic House Hotels. The company acquired this decaying and sadly neglected mansion and spent two years transforming it into a splendid country house hotel. It is a Grade 1 listed house standing in 200 acres of its own parkland on a hillside above the Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno. The house was built mainly in the 17th century with some skilful later additions. The earliest part of the house is a 13th century tower, reached by a narrow, winding stone staircase, which is the perfect place to admire the magnificent views of Conwy Castle and the mountains of Snowdonia.

The restoration and decoration have been carried out in a way which emphasises the natural beauty of the house, and furniture and paintings have been chosen to create a warm comfortable atmosphere. The hotel has nineteen bedrooms in the house and sixteen cottage suites in the grounds, many within their own private gardens. Two of the finest rooms at Bodysgallen are the large oak-panelled entrance hall and the first floor drawing room with splendid fireplaces and stone mullioned windows. There are two dining rooms overlooking the gardens where you can enjoy food prepared by head chef David Thompson and his brigade using the finest fresh local ingredients, which has been awarded two rosettes by the AA.

The 7 acres of formal gardens feature a walled rose garden, a 17th century box hedged parterre and an 18th century Ladies Walk with views of Conwy Castle and the river valley. A walk through the woods leads to a fortified folly from which the elegant obelisk on Bodysgallen's highest point can be seen.

Small meetings can be held at Bodysgallen Hall in the Wynn Rooms – the 18th century stable block which has been restored to form a split level building capable of holding 40 people in each of two self contained rooms, with an additional syndicate room known as the Tack Room.

The Bodysgallen health and leisure Spa is situated a short walk through the grounds from the main house. It has a spacious 50' swimming pool, whirlpool spa bath, steam room, sauna, a superbly equipped gym, three beauty salons and a Club Room for drinks and light refreshment, which on warm days can be served on the terrace. The Spa has a programme of Health, Beauty & Champagne Breaks which include dinner, bed and breakfast, champagne and treatments in the Spa.

Bodysgallen Hall holds four Red Stars from the AA and a newly created Gold Ribbon award from the RAC demonstrating a commitment to overall excellence. Since the hotel opened it has received a number of awards including BTA Heritage Award, Civic Trust Award, Europa Nostra Diploma of Merit and a Prince of Wales Award for outstanding environmental improvement projects. In 1988 Bodysgallen Hall received a Cesar Award from the Good Hotel Guide for a 'notable contribution to architectural conservation and first rate hotel management'. The hotel was named a 1996 European Grand Winner by the Andrew Harper Hideaway Report published in the USA. In 1997 Bodysgallen was Cheshire Life Magazine North Wales Hotel of the Year.

In the autumn and winter months Bodysgallen Hall has a programme of two day Champagne Breaks which include accommodation dinner and breakfast, and a bottle of champagne in the room on arrival.

Bodysgallen Hall is a member of Relais & Chateaux, the prestigious international hotel consortium, and has the distinction of being the only Relais & Chateaux Hotel in Wales. Sister hotels Hartwell House in the Vale of Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire and Middlethorpe Hall in York are also members of Relais & Chateaux Hotels.

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