

## Hotel review: Brooks Country House, Herefordshire

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Rolling countryside surrounds the hotel (c) Brooks Country House

**For a slice of affordable luxury in the heart of glorious Herefordshire countryside, book a stay at Brooks Country House**

The term “hidden gem” can be thrown around loosely, however in the case of **Brooks Country House**, it rings completely true.

The beautiful Georgian hotel, with 22 bedrooms, overlooks acres of rolling countryside, and although positioned at the end of a short driveway off the busy A49, your break away will feel as if you’re the only ones in the world.

Jump in the car for 20 minutes and you’ll find Hereford in one direction and Ross-on-Wye in the other. Both of these historic market towns are perfect to while away an afternoon admiring pretty buildings, shopping or grabbing some lunch (burger lovers should definitely try Beefy Boys or Rule of Tum in Hereford). Symonds Yat and the Forest of Dean are also nearby, and offer plenty of walking routes through gorgeous woodland and the Forest’s fascinating Sculpture Trail.



*The beautiful Georgian hotel frontage (c) Brooks Country House*

Upon arrival, the manor house exudes luxury: log fires were roaring in both lounges, a grand staircase winds up to the bedrooms of the main house and there's a buzz of chitter chatter as couples tuck into dinner in the dining room overlooking the hotel's acreage.



*Roaring log fire in the lounge (c) Brooks Country House*

The 22 bedrooms are spread out over the main house and renovated outbuildings, with a mix of king-size four-poster beds and more modern doubles. My partner and I stayed in room 2, at the top of the staircase, which boasted a grand four-poster bed, period features, a lovely, light bathroom and pretty views across the gardens (with a wonderful looking veranda that would be perfect with a bottle of wine or a cold beer al fresco in the warmer months).



*Four poster bedroom (c) Brooks Country House*

On the second night we stayed in one of the recently renovated, vintage horseboxes in the courtyard. We stayed in the double but they do offer slightly larger holdings for groups and those with children. The horseboxes were novel: it's not everyday you glamp in a horsebox, is it?

In the summer the small decking outside each horsebox is perfect to soak in the sun with a book. In the winter, the cosy interiors would be great to relax in with the heating on full.



*Glamping horsebox (exterior) (c) Brooks Country House*

Our horsebox didn't boast a lot of room but on a chilly early-spring evening it made for a lovely place to cosy up and appreciate complete seclusion and tranquillity.

Breakfast was delightful. It was a help-yourself affair for the continental options of cereals, fresh yoghurt, home baked muffins and juices and the option of plenty of cooked breakfasts to order.

We enjoyed dinner on the second evening of our stay, browsing a lengthy menu of unpretentious British classics. We opted for gooey Camembert with chutney and warm bread to start followed by melt-in-the-mouth pork belly with noodles and pak choi for me and pie of the day (steak and ale) with mash, vegetables and lashings of gravy for my partner. Washed down with a glass of delicious white wine, we retreated back to the horsebox feeling very satisfied.



*Countryside view from the dining room (c) Brooks Country House*

Service by all the staff was attentive but never pushy or obtrusive. Nothing was ever too much; from fires being lit when a brief mention of feeling chilly was uttered to ensuring everything we needed was to hand. This was my favourite part of the stay – the atmosphere was pleasant from breakfast through to last orders at the bar, everyone was warm and friendly, and it genuinely felt like a home away from home.

For a slice of affordable luxury in the heart of glorious Herefordshire countryside, book a stay at Brooks Country House – venture out and enjoy all the local sights by day, and return in the evening to relax in the wonderful manor house.

### **Hotel**

Prices start at £64 based on two sharing a Main House Compact Double room on a B&B basis.

## **Glamping**

Prices start at £99 per night based on two sharing a double glamping van on a B&B basis and an increase to £139 per night based on up to four sharing the largest vehicle.

## **Combination**

A 2 night stay at Brooks Country House starts at £163 (£82pp) based on two sharing (1x night in a double room and 1x night in a double glamping van) on a B&B basis.

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