

# THE PIG



## THE PIG-in the South Downs

THE PIG-in the South Downs in the hamlet of Madehurst, four miles from Arundel, West Sussex nestles into the folds of the South Downs National Park. Dating back to the 1770s, this house benefits from high ceilings bringing an abundance of natural light and is made up of a Georgian main house with traditional greenhouse restaurant. Beyond the main house rooms comprise a collection of traditional brick, flint and timber clad Sussex stable yard buildings plus a selection of Field and Garden Wagons. All of these have been lovingly restored and sit comfortably within the gardens and courtyards of the hotel.

On arrival at the hotel, guests walk into a light reception area to the right of which is a quirky art room with an eclectic mix of portraits and landscapes collected, over the years, by Robin and Judy Hutson. Into the hall area with sweeping staircase up to the house bedrooms and then on to the sitting room and bar both with open fireplaces and inviting sofas and armchairs for guests to while away the hours. Beyond these rooms is The Pig's signature greenhouse restaurant. Long and elegant, this central hub is where guests can enjoy views of both the hotel's vineyard and the South Downs. At the far end of the restaurant is a private dining room - or further seating for those busy nights at The Pigs that we've all come to know and love.

The first floor of the main house brings a handful of the hotel's bedrooms with various shower rooms, bathrooms, and the odd avocado freestanding bath - a Pig first. Three of these rooms overlook the garden, vineyard and views beyond.

Separate from the main building is the Courtyard and Stable Yard housing further rooms, some of which can be joined together for larger groups. The Chicken Shack is just one of the bedrooms in this outbuilding collection with its own chicken shed features remaining in place. The Hayloft, Old Stable and Tack Room were exactly as described but have had a sympathetic and creative refurb thanks to Team Pig. As ever, we can never resist a hut so a selection of Field and Garden Wagons bring further guest accommodation. They come complete with log burners, freestanding baths and monsoon showers and are in both the kitchen garden and the garden space overlooking rolling Sussex fields.

From almost every window of the house and outbuildings there are beautiful views across the Downs. The two-acre South West facing field directly in front of the main greenhouse restaurant is where 4,500 vines were planted in May 2020 by Robin Hutson and his wine team. Previously used for grazing alpacas, this free draining chalky subsoil with silt and clay, together with the elevation and orientation, offers excellent conditions for planting the varietal vines of Champagne and Burgundy. Grapes such as Chardonnay, Pinot Noir and Pinot Meunier have been planted to create The Pig's very own small but perfectly formed Sussex vineyard with the first harvest due in Autumn 2022.

Needless to say, THE PIG-in the South Downs has a picturesque kitchen garden, the largest of any Pig at nearly two acres. It contains an old Apple Store which has been restored to its former glory and is now a cosy, quirky bedroom. At the end of the kitchen garden there are two Victorian glasshouses which now act as the walkway to the Potting Shed treatment rooms. Particular to this Pig is a collection of old English apple trees and 50-year-old espaliers. As ever, the abundant veg and fruit grown in this Sussex soil will help to feed the Pig's hungry guests with bountiful seasonal produce.

This Pig is a stone's throw away from four key Sussex hubs: the historic town of Arundel and Petworth; the yachting playground of Chichester and the vibrant and buzzy city of Brighton. Although only 48 miles from London this tranquil, unspoilt corner of West Sussex is within the South Downs National Park and is made up of open rolling hills, chalky downlands and scattered rural villages. It is just 20 minutes away from over 50 miles of coastline where charming West Wittering, Easthead, East Wittering, Climping, and Littlehampton sit plus natural harbours as well as sailing hot spots such as Bosham.

Rooms start from £155 per room per night. The Pig Hotel ([thepighotel.com](http://thepighotel.com))

### **Notes to Editors**

THE PIG group is a personal collection of small lifestyle restaurants with rooms where the focus is on authenticity and informality of design, food and service. There are currently eight PIG hotels; THE PIG, THE PIG-near Bath, THE PIG-on the beach; THE PIG-at Combe, THE PIG-in the wall, THE PIG-at Bridge Place, THE PIG-at Harlyn Bay and THE PIG-in the South Downs. With an obsessive commitment to home grown and local produce, THE PIG celebrates the seasons and uses only the best, freshest and most authentic foods and ingredients. It is all about the kitchen gardens, they are the beating heart of the operation. Everything is driven by the kitchen gardener/forager and chef. They grow and source the food and the chef then creates the menu; uncomplicated and simple kitchen garden food, true to the micro seasons with the emphasis squarely on fresh, clean flavours. What cannot be grown in THE PIG's kitchen garden is sourced within a 25-mile radius of each hotel. There are no 'cookie-cutter roll-outs'; each hotel has its own personality and sense of self. Every property comes with laid-back warm service and a genuine commitment to environmental and social responsibility. THE PIG hotels aim to deliver an outstanding experience for every guest; a 'wow' moment that surprises and delights for a price that won't break the bank. Home grown in every way – breaking the mould of designed hotels by working with what it has and recognising what is good about that. Designed in the style that has become THE PIG's signature, each hotel has a garden restaurant and bedrooms with a touch of luxury and bags of homely charm plus Potting Shed massage treatment rooms in or near the kitchen gardens.