



ROCKLIFFE HALL

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WHAT'S ROCKING UP NORTH?

DESTINATION: ROCKLIFFE HALL

July 2010 – One of the most glamorous debuts to take place in the North East for some time, Rockliffe Hall (www.rockliffehall.com) is in full swing. The resort's 375 acre estate is set on the banks of the River Tees in the village of Hurworth in County Durham, on the border of the Tees Valley and North Yorkshire. Rockliffe Hall is the perfect base from which to explore this picturesque and historic corner of England that has something for everyone.

Best for... Culture Vultures

- Bowes Museum, Barnard Castle – internationally significant collections of fine and decorative arts
- Middlesbrough Institute of Modern Art (MIMA) – Anish Kapoor's exhibition running until 15th August
- Durham Cathedral – the greatest Norman building in England and a fine example of ecclesiastical architecture. Listen to the acclaimed Cathedral Choir, Durham Cathedral Consort of Singers and The Palatinate Ensemble

Best for... History Buffs

- Beamish Museum – world famous open air museum telling the story of people in the North East England in 1825 and 1913
- Yorkshire Air Museum – the largest independent air museum in Britain and also the location of The Allied Air Forces Memorial
- Richmond Castle – one of the greatest Norman fortresses in Britain with breathtaking views of the Yorkshire Dales

Best for... Nature Lovers

- Nordic Walking in the North Yorkshire Moors and Yorkshire Dales – train with the specialist Rockliffe Hall fitness instructors before striding out into the great outdoors
- Stroll around England's oldest public park – South Park, Darlington

- Walk along the River Swale and waterfalls in Richmond
- Nature's World, Middlesbrough – the North of England's pioneering eco-experience

Best for... Thrill Seekers

- Redcar and Saltburn-by-the-sea are a haven for surfers and the UK Pro Surfing Championships looks set to return to the area next May following this year's success
- Croft Circuit, Dalton on Tees – Drive a Ferrari F355, a Porsche Cayman, an Aston Martin V8 Vantage and the unique and exclusive Lamborghini LP640 around the British Motor Sport Circuit
- Rise to the challenge of one of Europe's longest and most challenging courses at Rockliffe Hall, designed by Marc Westenbourg from world renowned Golf Course Architecture firm, Hawtree Ltd.

Best for... Foodies

- The Orangery Restaurant at Rockliffe Hall – Head Chef Kenny Atkinson delights with his winning six course Great British Tasting Menu
- Head to North Shields' Fish Quay to see fishing boats arrive back with their daily catches
- Darlington Food Festival, 1st – 3rd October, features 100 stalls, tastings and a demonstration kitchen plus special restaurant, pub menus and promotions

Best for... Fashionistas

- At 50,000 square feet, the Spa at Rockliffe Hall is the perfect place to relax, escape and indulge with a range of treatments using exclusive Comfort Zone and organic ILA products
- The MetroCentre, Gateshead – with over 330 shops it is the No1. Shopping and leisure centre in the UK and the largest in Europe
- The elegant Georgian-style buildings of Yarm house a varied choice of chic boutiques - BBC Breakfast viewers voted this the UK's Best High Street

Although Rockliffe Hall only opened months ago, it already has regular guests who return time and again – one was heard to say recently, "I used to go on holiday – now I come here!"

**Rockliffe Hall is offering 3 nights for the price of 2 until 31st August 2010.
Starting from £270 per room, per night on a bed and breakfast basis.**

Sunday Getaway at Rockliffe Hall includes one night's accommodation, 3 course dinner in The Waterhouse, traditional English breakfast in The Orangery and full use of the world class spa facilities starting from £95 per person, based on two people sharing

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Note to editors:

Opened in November 2009 **Rockliffe Hall** (www.rockliffehall.com) in County Durham is the most exciting hotel

debut in the North for many years. Set on 375 acres on the banks of the River Tees just outside the village of Hurworth, the heart of this privately owned hotel is a wonderfully Gothic mansion, the former home of the family behind the Stockton to Darlington Railway and Barclays Bank. It was designed by Alfred Waterhouse, the architect responsible for the Natural History Museum in London. With 61 spacious guestrooms and suites; two bars, a gourmet restaurant 'Kenny Atkinson at The Orangery'; 12 meeting and event rooms; an 18-hole championship golf course; a dreamy 50,000 square foot spa and wellness centre featuring ILA and Comfort Zone products and treatments and a 20 metre indoor swimming pool.

Rockliffe Hall is five minutes from Darlington Railway Station and Durham and Tees Valley Airport. It is a two and a half hour train journey to London and two hours by train to Edinburgh. The historic city of Durham is on the doorstep, as are Newcastle, York, Leeds and the Yorkshire Dales. Newcastle International Airport is an hour away