

BEAULIEU

## THE MONTAGU ARMS HOTEL

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Set in the heart of Beaulieu the Montagu Arms Hotel offers beautiful accommodation and excellent food.

Exbury Gardens is situated just 2 miles from the hotel.

Picturesque Beaulieu is an ideal location from which to explore the delights of the New Forest. Bucklers Hard the historic shipbuilding village, where Lord Nelson's fleet was built and Exbury gardens (garden of the year 2001) are just a short drive away. The nearby town of Lymington, with direct access to the Solent and Isle of Wight, offers a range of facilities including boutique-lined cobbled hills.

**B&B from £145 DB&B from £199**

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## SOUTHAMPTON, City in Bloom

With no fewer than seven parks in the city centre, Southampton has earned a glowing reputation as one of our greenest cities. The parks were established in Victorian times and their current layout is reminiscent of the era. Their creators would still feel at home amongst their tree lined promenades, exuberant flowerbeds and rose gardens, adorned with ornamental statues, monuments and spectacular water features. Today you can choose between tennis, guided walks or an unhurried stroll, pausing to consider displays of modern art or enjoy open air concerts from a superb bandstand. For further information on Southampton and its attractions, contact: Southampton City Information, 9 Civic Centre Road, Southampton, Hampshire SO14 7FJ. Tel: 023 8083 3333, or visit [www.southampton.gov.uk](http://www.southampton.gov.uk)



# Cross the Solent to the Isle of Wight... A PLACE OF ONE'S OWN, QUIET AND RETIRED



## Osborne House

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert built this magnificent mansion to provide "a place of one's own, quiet and retired" and it remained the Queen's country retreat for over 50 years until her death here in 1901. Its opulent interiors include the royal and private apartments, furnished with personal possessions, and the stunning Durbar Room with its extravagant display of Indian gifts.

Designed by Thomas Cubitt and Prince Albert in Italianate style, house and grounds provide a unique and intimate glimpse of royal family life. Formal features of the grounds include the Victorian Walled Garden, with its triumphal arches of roses and hot-house tropical plants, and terraced gardens with graceful fountains and sweeping views over the Solent. Visitors also make a beeline for Queen Victoria's bathing machine and the miniature Swiss Chalet built and furnished for the royal children. The children grew vegetables here in its well-ordered garden and their garden tools are still on display.

East Cowes, Isle of Wight. Tel: 01983 200 022 [www.english-heritage.org.uk/visits](http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visits)

**Open:** 1 Apr-30 Sept, daily, 10.00-18.00; 1-31 Oct, daily, 10.00-17.00.

Last admissions: 14.00.

**Admission:** House & Grounds: Adults £8, Children £4. Grounds: Adults £4.50, Children £2.30. Concessions. ☑️ 🚶 🚶 🚶 🚶 (partial) 🚶 🚶 🚶 🚶



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