



# UNIQUE HOME STAYS

*Unique Home Stays... Extraordinary houses... Simply the best hospitality*



## PRESS RELEASE

### ANTIQUE APPRECIATION IN THE LAP OF CLASSIC CHIC

*Indulge your passion for antiques, take a master-class in period interior design, and relax in decadent elegance in a magnificent historical house nestled in Dartmoor National Park.*

Byleat on Dartmoor boasts a unique history and heritage, evident in its grand interior brimming with rare furniture, beautiful antiques and meticulous 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century Period decor. Combined with modern creature comforts, this is one of the most stylish and glamorous homes of its type in the West Country. Here your hosts will welcome you into their private house and take you on a journey through the centuries, from ancient times to the millennia, through a tour of some of the grandest interiors in the region.

Undertake one of Byleat's exclusive antiques appreciation courses, and not only will you open the doors to some truly spectacular period properties, but you will also receive in-depth information on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century English and Continental furniture and interiors. Your guide is a knowledgeable expert who has recently been featured on radio and television, and his unrivalled enthusiasm is teamed with valuable advice on buying antiques, maintenance and restoration.

On arrival at Byleat you will be introduced to the programme and enjoy a fine dinner at the 16<sup>th</sup> Century Drake Manor Inn at Buckland Monachorum. The tour really begins the next morning with a visit to Saltram House at Plympton where you can experience the only great house with 'State Rooms' in Devon or Cornwall, as well as superlative examples of George III and Regency interiors. During the afternoon you will pay a visit to the erstwhile home of Sir Francis Drake, Buckland Abbey, before being left to explore your surroundings and dine at the restaurant of your choice.

Day two includes a visit to Cotehele House in Cornwall – the fortified medieval manor house of the Earls of Mount Edgcumbe, which features fabulous 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Century furnishings and glorious tapestries. Take your time to discover the historic market town of Tavistock in the afternoon, and return for an exquisite, locally sourced dinner, served by candlelight in Byleat's 17<sup>th</sup> Century dining room.

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After breakfast on day three you will be given a lecture on 'Living with Antiques allied to Contemporary Lifestyles ', based on the fine period furnishings surrounding you at Byleat. After lunch at the Royal Oak at Meavy, a famous ancient Dartmoor tavern, explore the beauty of the rugged moors on the doorstep.

As a treat for your final evening, a Limousine will take you to Plymouth to see the Mayflower Steps and Plymouth Hoe. Visit the world famous Blackfriars Distillery for pre-dinner drinks in preparation for dinner at Tanners Restaurant – the oldest surviving 16th Century building in Plymouth. The Tanner brothers are celebrity chefs who are guaranteed to serve up a sumptuous menu using the very best of local West Country produce.

All in all, this is an indulgent break during which you will enjoy fine dining, classic antiques and expert knowledge on historic interiors... This is a trip made for anyone with a passion for period interiors and life's little luxuries.

For more information about Byleat on Dartmoor see: <http://byleat.uniquehomestays.com>

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### **Notes to Editors:**

- Courses are by arrangement only (maximum 6 people, minimum 2).
- Double rooms cost £130 per night (Inclusive of breakfast; all other meals are an additional cost).
- The fee for your personal expert guide is £300 per day (split between the number of participants).
- The entrance fees to all National Trust properties featured within the course is payable by participants at each venue.
- A selection of high-resolution images is available.
- Launched in 2001, Unique Home Stays offers the crème de la crème of privately hosted accommodation that offers a unique alternative to run-of-the mill hotels.

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