



The gardens of Langar Hall; (below) the hotel's Cartland room

# A very BIG house in the COUNTRY

With eclectic charm, a characterful history and its quintessentially English backdrop, Langar Hall offers countryside escapism that just so happens to feel like home

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Just a few miles outside of Nottingham, in the rural, timeless English setting of the Vale Of Belvoir, sits Langar Hall, a charismatic, apricot-washed 18th-century building that opened its doors as a hotel 30 years ago. The estate began its accidental journey into hospitality after the hotel's founder, Imogen Skirving, inherited it from her father. At first, the idea was just a way of funding the expensive upkeep of the property, but as time went on Skirving realised Langar Hall's true potential as a unique hotel experience and never looked back. Today still a family-run business, Langar Hall prides itself on being a home first and foremost – a credit to its unique, laid-back style of hosting. In fact, it's a style that has gained the hotel a renowned following, with guests such as Sir Paul Smith, Keira Knightley and Jools Holland all passing through its doors over the years.

This "home-comfort" charm is echoed throughout Langar Hall. From antique-filled rooms and an eclectic art collection to a snug library and pillared dining room, it makes for



an enchanting stay, with something new to see after every corner you turn. There are 13 bedrooms, all of which are individually themed and have their own tale to tell. The Bohemia room, once an artist's studio, is a particular favourite. With walls adorned with poetry and a super king-size canopy bed draped with tastefully clashing fabrics, this room is a slumber haven. It's exactly this type of warmth and attention to detail that sets Langar Hall apart from other hotels.

Its cosy and intimate environment intentionally makes you feel as though you are staying in a private home – and you are very much part of the family. You can stroll down to the drawing room to enjoy an afternoon tea or why not get settled in for an evening of fine dining? Choose from an elegant menu of classic dishes, reimagined with a twist of the unexpected and all made from fresh, locally sourced produce (be sure to try the braised shoulder of Langar lamb). Or stretch your legs by walking the grounds: explore the gardens of the private estate and its ancient moat, rivers and waterfalls. Built on the ethos of creating a friendly space, where you can relax and unwind with a glass of wine while looking out to the beautiful surroundings, Langar Hall proudly offers a home from home environment for its guests. It's safe to say you'll be charmed, well fed and warmly welcomed. All you have to do is make yourself at home.

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