



Introducing Grantley Hall – Opening Summer 2019

Excitement is building around the forthcoming opening of Grantley Hall this summer. Located against the stunning backdrop of the Yorkshire Dales, the historic property, a member of the prestigious association of hotels and restaurants Relais & Châteaux, will be a distinctly different luxury hotel and wellness retreat, featuring 47 exquisite rooms and suites. Grantley Hall is currently undergoing extensive renovation and owner Valeria Sykes is devoted to restoring the Grade II* listed mansion house back to its original splendour and making the most of all the wonderful produce and resources available in her native Yorkshire.

The property is set to make its mark on the culinary scene in North Yorkshire and recently announced a partnership with the highly acclaimed British chef, Shaun Rankin. The Yorkshire-born chef, who gained his first Michelin star in 2005, will be returning to his roots to preside over Grantley Hall's fine dining restaurant, Shaun Rankin at Grantley Hall.

The elegant 38 cover restaurant, set in one of the original public rooms in the Grade II* listed Hall, brimming with beautiful original features will showcase what Rankin does best, local produce cooked in season with his unique signature twist. At his request, and to support his vision for locally sourced sustainable produce, the hotel is developing its own kitchen garden complete with bee hives and fruit trees within the grounds. Signature dishes will include Yorkshire rhubarb crumble soufflé with rosehip and iced clotted cream.

In addition to the fine dining Signature restaurant, the property will also boast a vibrant Pan-Asian experience, Bar and Restaurant EightyEight; a relaxed all-day dining restaurant, Fletchers; The Drawing Room, serving quintessential British afternoon tea; a glamorous late night Champagne and cocktail bar, Valeria's and a spa lounge offering nutritious light meals and snacks.

As life is all about balance, guests will be able to rejuvenate at Grantley Hall's pioneering ELITE executive gym and wellness space, overseen by Duncan Roy, competitive athlete and ex Royal Engineer who recently competed in the Talisker Whisky Atlantic rowing race. Facilities are set to be amongst the best in the country and will include 3D body scanning and performance analysis, Cryotherapy chamber, altitude-enabled training, underwater treadmill, gait /postural analysis, personal training, group fitness sessions including spinning, yoga and Pilates, in-house nutritional advice and support and meditation and mindfulness. There will be three sizable fitness spaces as well as incorporating the idyllic surroundings of the Yorkshire countryside for hiking, running, cycling and outdoor training.

The high octane wellness facilities will be complemented by the neighbouring tranquil Three Graces Spa which will offer restorative treatments from prestigious spa brands Ila and Natura Bisse in the five state-of-the-art treatment rooms. Post-treatment, guests will be able to relax and enjoy an 18 metre indoor swimming pool, indoor to outdoor hydrotherapy pool, thermal experiences including sauna, steam room and snow room, relaxation room and Three Graces Spa Lounge.

With its English Heritage-listed Japanese Garden and lake, Grantley Hall will provide a striking backdrop for stylish events and gatherings, boasting an elegant wedding and banqueting suite as well as a number of incredible private events spaces.

Andrew McPherson, General Manager comments; "We believe Grantley Hall will be one of the UK's most exceptional five star luxury retreat experiences, combining rich heritage and 17th century splendour with beautiful contemporary design and state-of-the-art facilities, all set in the tranquil surroundings of the Yorkshire countryside."

"We can't wait to welcome our first guests this summer to mark the beginning of this new and exciting chapter for Grantley Hall."

Rooms at Grantley Hall will start from £345 per room, per night including breakfast.

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Notes to editors

Steeped in over 300 years of heritage, Grantley Hall was built by Thomas Norton and his son Fletcher Norton, first Baron Grantley, in the 17th century, based on a Palladian design by English architect Isaac Ware. Over the years, the property became firmly established on the British country retreat scene, welcoming high profile guests including Queen Mary and the Princess Royal, prominent international businessmen, politicians and society families. The multimillion pound restoration project, overseen by owners the Yorkshire-based Sykes family, will see Grantley Hall return to its former glory, capturing its elegant grandeur, along with the addition of several new buildings.