THE Old Gaol
SERVICED APARTMENTS

LUXURY SERVICED APARTMENTS IN THE HEART OF HISTORIC ABINGDON-ON-THEAMES
ABOUT ABINGDON-ON-THAMES

The historic town of Abingdon-on-Thames lies to the south of Oxford, and as its name denotes, is located on the banks of the River Thames.

Founded in the Saxon era, Abingdon-on-Thames was a flourishing agricultural centre and renowned for wool trading and textiles.

In more recent decades it was to make its name as the centre for the MG car production and the Morland Brewery, echos of which can still be seen in the town.

Modern Abingdon-on-Thames is thriving - centrally positioned between internationally renowned centres of science, technology and academia. The space-related industries located at Culham, the Diamond Light Source at Harwell and of course the University town of Oxford are now within what is known as the ‘Science Vale’.

All of this greatly contributing to the local economy and success of the region.

Abingdon-on-Thames’s reputation for a centre of academic excellence is also growing, with schools such as Abingdon, Radley College and St Helen & St Katherine’s now being seen as first-class destinations for students from around the world.

For visitors, Abingdon-on-Thames provides a wealth of opportunity - whether messing around on boats, exploring the historic streets and buildings or using the town as a centre from which to explore the tourist trails.

Access to the Cotswolds and the Midlands is easy. Abingdon-on-Thames straddles the A34 which links both the M40 and M4. Train services from nearby Didcot provide easy access to London (Paddington) and the west country via Bath and Bristol. Birmingham New St station is a little over an hour’s journey. Heathrow airport is only 50 minutes away by road.

So, whether you’re using Abingdon-on-Thames as a base to explore the region, or as a focus for business, you’ll find a warm welcome and a relaxed location.

The new development within the historic Old Gaol exudes style and comfort. As well as the established apartments we have recently launched the serviced apartments at the core of the old gaol building.

A building once constructed by prisoners from the Napoleonic war, it has now been developed to the highest standards and its apartments are ideal for business users looking for a comfortable, convenient base, or visitors who may want an extended stay and the flexibility that serviced apartments offer.

We also place great importance on our positive contribution to the areas in which we build. At the Old Gaol we are introducing a cafe and restaurant quarter and reopening the waterfront area to the public in addition to new riverside moorings. All available to residents.

Immerse yourself in Old Gaol style and quality, call us or visit our website: www.oldgaol.co.uk

ABOUT CRANBOURNE HOMES AND THE OLD GAOL

Cranbourne Homes have set the highest standards for quality and individuality.

We have a strong reputation for craftsmanship and attention to detail, building with stylish, easy living in mind.

We bring together unique sites, architectural expertise and quality materials to ensure each development is more than just bricks and mortar.
WHAT IS A SERVICED APARTMENT?

A serviced apartment is a fully furnished apartment that offers all the comforts of a home, making it an impeccable alternative to a hotel. Serviced apartments are available for both short-term as well as long-term stays.

WHY CHOOSE A SERVICED APARTMENT?

The benefits of choosing a serviced apartment is predominantly space, privacy and convenience, especially if travelling with a family. Our apartments provide separate living and sleeping accommodation, along with a fully equipped kitchen, which most quality hotels are unable to offer.

Serviced apartments are very competitively priced against hotels and include free calls to UK landlines and mobiles, unlimited high speed broadband, internet, satellite TV, and housekeeping services.

Further savings can be made by having the freedom to cook meals as opposed to eating out in restaurants.

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT FROM OUR SERVICED ACCOMMODATION

Our serviced apartments are located in the town centre of Abingdon-on-Thames and offer luxury accommodation, many with views of the River Thames, with excellent networking links to Oxford and surrounding areas, the A34, M4 and M40. Apartments are tastefully furnished, with the added benefit of security as each apartment is fitted with a video entry phone system, keypad operated communal door entry system and CCTV throughout the development. They also provide secure underground car parking and the use of a fully equipped gym.
Daniel Harris (1761-1840) was a builder, prison governor, civil engineer, and architect who lived and practised in Oxford. He rose to become Governor of Oxford Castle and Prison from 1786 until 1809. He developed a contracting business with convict labour, supplemented by hiring wage-earning tradesmen. Harris was notable for his work on the Oxford Canal building ‘pound locks’ to replace ‘flash’ locks. From 1805-1812 he was responsible for the building of Abingdon Gaol employing prisoners from the Napoleonic Wars.

Located on the first floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this apartment has two bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen/living area and balcony with enchanting views of historical landmarks such as the Abingdon Town Hall, St Helen’s Church and the Former County Police Station.

Apartment offers:

- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
- USB port;
- Safe deposit box;
- Unlimited use of the residential gym.

*For the Standard apartment specification, please see page 18.*

If a view of the River Thames is what you are after, look at The Roysse Suite or The Tomkins Suite.

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John Roysse (1500-1571), mercer and benefactor, was brought up in Abingdon, Berkshire and was almost certainly educated in the grammar school at Abingdon. He was admitted to bachelor membership of the Mercers’ Company in 1526, graduated to the livery, where he developed his fortune. During the nineteenth century he came to be regarded as a civic hero, his name was adorned with various unsubstantiated legends, and he was credited with the foundation of the school he had probably attended as a boy.

Located on the first floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this apartment has two bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen/living area and a large balcony with a sun lounger and patio furniture to soak up the delightful views of the River Thames and the picturesque St Helen’s Church.

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- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
- USB port;
- Safe deposit box;
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If a view of the River Thames is what you are after, look at The Tomkins Suite. Alternatively if a balcony is your preferred option, look at The Daniel Harris Suite or The Morland Suite.

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THE BURFORD SUITE

Located on the first floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this apartment is “quirky” in design and has one bedroom, bathroom and open plan kitchen/living area. The original pillars situated in the lounge and bedroom add to the charm of this apartment and provides stunning views of the River Thames.

Aptartment offers:

- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
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- Safe deposit box;
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If you love apartments that are ‘quirky’ in design, look at The Thames Suite.

Abingdon Bridge was built in 1416 and comprises three bridges: Hart or Town Bridge (from the White Hart Inn which stood on the present site of the Old Gaol); Burford Bridge (a corruption of ‘Borough’ and ‘Ford’), over the main flow of the Thames; and Maud Hales Bridge, financed by the widow of a local businessman. Major improvements were made to the bridge in 1790 and again in the 1920s when the arches were rebuilt and faced with the original stone.

For more information about The Burford Suite, availability, and how to book, please go to our website: www.oldgaol.co.uk
The River Thames is the longest river in England, flowing 215 miles from the Cotswolds to the North Sea. It is believed that it was named ‘Tamesis’ during the Roman occupation, a word that means ‘dark water’. At Abingdon there are remains of a lock built around 1624. It is the oldest surviving lock chamber in the UK, and possibly Europe. This ancient lock, now acting as a weir, is near the top of Swift Ditch, a meandering stream that by-passes the town to the south. You can still see the old brick chamber at the head of Swift Ditch.

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- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
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- Safe deposit box;
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If you love apartments that are ‘quirky’ in design, look at The Burford Suite.

L o c a t e d on the second floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this vibrant apartment is ‘quirky’ in design and has one bedroom, bathroom and open plan kitchen/living area with superb views of the River Thames.

A p a r t m e n t o f f e r s:

- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
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The Tomkins Suite

Located on the second floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this apartment has two bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen/living area and has been sympathetically restored to retain many of the original beams that add further character to this tastefully furnished apartment. Guests can experience spectacular views of the River Thames, Abingdon Bridge (formerly known as Burford Bridge), Nags Head Island and ‘chocolate box’ views of historical landmarks within Abingdon-on-Thames.

Apartment offers:

- Unlimited broadband;
- Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
- Sky HD including the sports package;
- USB port;
- Safe deposit box;
- Unlimited use of the residential gym.

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Look at The Roysse Suite as this will provide you with an opportunity to enjoy outside living with stunning views of the River Thames and the historic St Helen’s Church.

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For more information about The Tomkins Suite, availability, and how to book, please go to our website: www.oldgaol.co.uk
Morland Suite

Located on the second floor of the historic Old Gaol prison, and serviced by a lift from the underground car park, this apartment has two bedrooms, bathroom, open plan kitchen/living area and striking original beams that add further character to this stunning apartment. Tastefully decorated with a balcony providing enchanting views of historical landmarks such as the Abingdon Town Hall, St Nicholas Church and the Former County Police Station.

Apartment offers:

• Unlimited broadband;
• Telephone in lounge and bedroom with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles;
• Sky HD including the sports package;
• USB port;
• Safe deposit box;
• Unlimited use of the residential gym.

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If a view of the River Thames is what you are after, look at The Roysse Suite or The Tomkins Suite.

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For more information about The Morland Suite, availability, and how to book online, please go to our website: www.oldgaol.co.uk
About Abingdon-on-Thames and Beyond

Nestling by the River Thames, many beautiful and historic parts of Abingdon town still remain.

The elegant spire of St Helen’s church rises from the medieval quarter, whilst further upstream the old Abbey is a treasure-trove of 10th Century buildings.

Approached from the South, immediately across the old Thames crossing point of Burford Bridge (a corruption of Borough Ford), is the Old Gaol. It still retains its imposing Victorian scale, but now with a new and stylish twist.

Beyond the Old Gaol is the ancient market square which still provides the focal point to the main retail area, with bustling cafés and independent retailers bringing a relaxed sophistication to the town. All types of restaurants can also be found in the adjacent streets, providing a real international flavour.

Exploring the old streets nearby, you can still see almshouses, grand townhouses, small mews and ancient courtyards with previous commercial landmarks such as the brewery, now sensitively converted.

All this makes Abingdon-on-Thames a real treat for the history enthusiast.

For the foodie - explore a little further and you’ll find Michelin star restaurants, idyllic gastropubs, country inns, modern eateries and lively riverside pubs all providing endless leisure opportunities.

Beyond the quiet rhythm of the upper Thames lie the lively destinations of Oxford, Birmingham, Bristol, Reading and Stratford upon Avon, providing a wealth of culture and entertainment - all within easy reach.

As a centre for the traveller, Abingdon-on-Thames is a great base - relaxing and easily accessible. For business, it’s well placed amongst the growing science, technology and knowledge-based activities of the regions.
Oxford is on the doorstep within easy reach by car, bus, bike or relaxing river walk.

There is a regular passenger boat between Oxford and Abingdon from May to September taking you from the heart of the town to the heart of the ‘dreaming spires’.

You’ll see other river users from the local boatclubs and pleasure cruisers can be hired from the marina close to the Old Gaol. The Old Gaol’s jetty is open to residents so boats can be moored in view of your apartment.

As the iconic River Thames flows by, remember this is the waterway beloved by Olympic oarsmen, world-class anglers, famous authors and those just to be happy splashing around or strolling the banks.

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APARTMENT Information

GENERAL SPECIFICATION

All of our serviced apartments offer a unique experience as each apartment is furnished to a very high standard, designed to appeal to both business and leisure travellers. Whilst each apartment has a different ambience, all have the following specification:

Kitchens

Contemporary handle-less kitchens that combine practicality with luxury and feature opulent touches such as quartz stone worktops and Bosch appliances. All of our apartments include integrated double oven, induction hob, stainless steel extractor hood, microwave, dishwasher, fridge freezer and washer/dryer, plus a fashionable stainless steel bowl sink with chrome mixer tap.

Accessories pack consists of:


Bathrooms

Our bathrooms and ensuites are fitted with a contemporary white suite, which includes concealed cistern w.c., shower with chrome fittings, heated chrome towel rail, vanity units and mirrors. Bathroom floors and walls are fully tiled.

Joinery

All internal doors are finished in an oak veneer and fitted with attractive contemporary chrome door handles.

Electrical

We provide plenty of sockets in our serviced apartments and telephone sockets in the lounge and principal bedroom along with a flat screen TV with Sky HD and a DAB radio in the lounge, unlimited broadband, internet and a USB port. All bedrooms also have TV points.

Energy efficiency & central heating

Our serviced apartments are highly insulated and fitted with thermally and acoustically efficient, double-glazed windows. Central heating is provided via a cost-effective electric system, with hot water being supplied via an EcoCent heat pump.

Storage

Every bedroom has built-in mirrored wardrobes and most apartments include integral storage in the hallway.

Security & safety

Entry to the Old Gaol building is controlled via secure door entry and individual apartments are fitted with a video door entry handset. A mains smoke detector system with battery back-up pack is also fitted to each apartment as well as fire sprinklers for additional peace of mind. Safe Deposit Boxes are also fitted in each apartment.

Gardens & landscaping

Most of the serviced apartments overlook the River Thames and benefit from both contemporary landscaping and listed gardens.

Garages & parking

Every serviced apartment has an allocated parking space in the underground car park. The main car park entrance is fob operated and access to the lift is via a secure gate.

ADDITIONAL GUEST SERVICES

The Old Gaol Serviced Apartments priority is to ensure that you enjoy a stress-free stay and offer the following guest services as standard:

- Telephone – In lounge and bedroom 1 with free calls to UK landlines and mobiles.
- Internet – Wireless broadband internet.
- Welcome Pack – A complimentary pack designed to assist you upon arrival. It includes cereal, tea, bread, butter, jam, marmalade, orange juice, coffee, sugar, milk, dishwasher tablets and washing powder tablets.
- Information Folder – This pack contains information on the apartment including how to operate the different appliances, what to do in an emergency call out, Tourist information maps and brochures, restaurants, local transport and useful telephone numbers.
- Bed Linen and Towels – All bedding and towels are changed weekly.
- Housekeeping – All apartments are cleaned throughout on a weekly basis, including a change of clean bedding and towels.
- Cot and High Chair Hire – These can be provided subject to availability. Please request at the time of booking to avoid disappointment.
- Parking Space – An allocated parking bay is assigned upon arrival in the secure underground car park.
- Gym Membership – An on-site residential gym is available throughout your stay.
- Meet and Greet – We are there to welcome our guests within office hours.

The following guest services are available for an additional charge:

- Early Check-in - Our standard check-in is from 2pm, however if you are arriving to your apartment earlier than 2pm, we can offer a priority check-in between 12pm and 2pm, subject to availability. You will need to notify the Reservations Team at the time of booking.
- Late Check Out – Our standard check-out is 10.00am. However, if you wish to
extend your check-out until 12 noon, please contact the Reservations Team at least 24 hours in advance to see whether this is possible.

Bespoke Welcome Pack – If our complimentary welcome pack is not suitable, our Guest Relations Team are more than happy to substitute specific items to accommodate you. However, this must be highlighted at the time of booking.

Celebration Pack – This pack includes a bouquet of flowers, chocolates and a bottle of champagne upon arrival. A minimum of 48 hours notice is required by our Reservations Team.

Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services – Please contact our Guest Relations Team if you require any of your clothing dry cleaned or laundered.

Additional Cleaning Services – Our apartments are cleaned weekly whilst occupied, but we are happy to tailor our cleaning service for you as an additional service. Please contact our Guest Relations team who will arrange for our housekeeping team to assist you.

Forgotten Essentials – Our Guest Relations Team can arrange to have these delivered to your apartment.

Airport Collection and Return Service – We can organise airport transfers from any international airport. Please request this service with our Reservations Team at the time of booking.

Collection from Train Station or Place of Work – We can organise one of our reputable taxi companies to collect you from Didcot, Radley or Oxford train stations and also arrange transfers to and from your place of work. Please request this service with our Reservations Team at the time of booking.

Personal Shopping Service – If you wish to reserve seats at the theatre, book a restaurant or spa treatments etc. our Guest Relations Team would be happy to assist.

Car Hire – We can arrange car hire for the duration of your stay. Please inform our Reservations Team at the time of booking.

Daily Newspaper – If you require a daily newspaper, please contact our Guest Relations Team who will arrange this.

FAQs

Is there a minimum length of stay? We aim to financially benefit long-term stays. There is a minimum stay of 2 nights, however subject to availability, we may consider one night stays, especially in off-peak periods.

How much does an apartment cost? Please see the current tariff details on the website.

Are there any additional costs? All taxes are included in the quoted price as are utility bills and broadband. However, guests may wish to check out late or check in early, request mid-stay house-keeping, require extra guests etc which will be subject to additional costs. Please request additional guest services at the time of booking.

How do I pay for my Serviced Apartment? We accept most major credit and debit cards for payment or bank transfers.

Do I have to pay a security deposit? We retain the right to take a security deposit of up to £500 should there be any damage caused to the apartment or its contents. Funds will not be debited unless necessary.

What happens if I amend my booking? Once your booking has been confirmed, any amendments you wish to make to your booking must be requested in writing by email via reservations@oldgaol.co.uk. Where amendments can be made, an administrative fee of £25 plus VAT per booking may be incurred together with any additional costs (this will not apply should the booking be extended).

What is your cancellation policy? This is dependant on how many nights you have booked and ranges from 4 days to 21 days. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions for a full breakdown of our cancellation policy.

Can I extend my stay? You can extend your stay subject to availability, but we recommend that you inform our Reservations team as early as possible.

Are pets allowed? Unfortunately, due to management company regulations, we are not permitted to allow pets to stay in our serviced apartments.

Is there a lift that services the Apartments? All of our apartments benefit from a lift that can be accessed from the underground car park and ground level which services the first and second floor apartments.

For a full list of FAQs please refer to our website or contact our Guest Relations Team via guestrelations@oldgaol.co.uk

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Please see our website for full details.

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Simply visit our website: www.oldgaol.co.uk and select your preferred serviced apartment.

Prices and availability are displayed online.

Follow the booking instructions, payment can be made online.

Our Reservations team will then contact you to confirm the booking and discuss any other facilities services you might need.

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For help about any aspect of Serviced Apartments please contact our Reservations team: 01235 521750 or email: reservations@oldgaol.co.uk

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