

Access Statement for Alexander B&B Cambridge UK

Introduction

The Alexander Bed and Breakfast is run from our family home in a Victorian house located in a quiet residential area of central Cambridge. We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in our home based two bed roomed bed and breakfast.

The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions please feel free to call us and we will endeavour to help.

The extremely central location, near the city centre and train and bus stations, makes it an ideal place to stay whether working, studying, or visiting the city and outlying attractions.

We have 2 en suite bedrooms.

No smoking.

Off street parking is available.

Early booking is essential.

Minimum two-night stay required.

Free Wi-Fi connection is available.

Good continental breakfast included.

Various European languages are spoken.

Discounts may be available for long-stay guests.

Pre-Arrival

- The closest airport is Stansted Airport, from where there are direct trains or coaches to Cambridge.

- From London Heathrow or Gatwick airports there are direct coaches to Cambridge. Trains from London Kings Cross station are the fastest and most direct to Cambridge. Liverpool Street Station trains are also direct but slower. From elsewhere or for further details please look at our website under "location".

- We are a 15-20 minute walk into town. Bicycles can be rented locally for anything from one day to one year! It is the easiest way to get around Cambridge although there are local bus services too.

- If you to have any questions about how to get here, please do not hesitate to phone us on 01223-350543 or email us before arrival.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Off street parking is available on a first come first served basis for one car. There is a dropped curb allowing access to the gravelled parking space immediately in front of the house.

- If you park on the road there is one step up from the pavement to the red and black Victorian tiled path to the red front door of our home.

- There is a small "lip" step at the entrance to the house from the outside.

- The door bell is on the left as you face the house.

- **N.B.** There is no B&B sign outside of the house as we wish to retain the intimate and discrete feeling of a private home.

- At night there is a light left on both outside the house and in the entrance hall.

Main Entrance & Reception

- Both our rooms are on the ground floor and are en suite. They are off the corridor as you enter the house. The corridor is lit at night.

- If you need to arrive before the previous guests have left and hence before your room is ready you are welcome to leave your luggage with us until your room is ready. This also applies for the end of your stay. If possible we will give you a set of keys immediately so that you can make yourself independent and feel free to come and go as you please.

Public Areas - General (Internal)

N/A

- Entrance hall/corridor. Typical of a Victorian home, not very wide but well lit 24 hours a day. Not suitable for wheelchair users.

Public Areas - WC

- N/A

Restaurant / Dining Room, Bar & Lounges, Take Away & Cafe

- Breakfast is served in the breakfast room on the ground floor and access is via the corridor into the open plan kitchen which has just one shallow step down to the breakfast/dining room.

- Breakfast is served if at all possible to suits individual guests – so there is no set time.

Furniture is flexible and can be moved on request.

- The dining room looks straight out via French windows onto the garden. During the summer – weather permitting – guests may have breakfast outside on the patio.

We do not play background music in any area of the B&B

- We provide a continental breakfast of fresh fruit, yoghurts, cereals and toast with jams etc along with a selection of teas and fresh coffee. Ham and cheese are also available. Vegan, vegetarian, gluten free and all other diets catered for if requested in advance.

- Guests are also welcome to use the fridge if they wish to keep their own drinks or food cold.

Laundry

- For our long stay guests we are happy to do personal laundry at no extra cost and there is always an iron and ironing board available for your use.

Shop

- N/A

Treatment room/s

- N/A

Leisure Facilities

- N/A

Outdoor Facilities

- Guests are welcome to use the garden with our prior permission.

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting, Clubs, Entertainment

- N/A

Bedrooms

- Both of our rooms are on the ground floor and both are en suite.

- Both rooms have a secure lockable doors.
- A bell is provided in each room to call for assistance.
- Neither of the rooms have suitable access for wheelchair users.

- The bedrooms, and the hallway have been fitted with electronic smoke detectors and alarms and there is a heat detector located in the kitchen. All alarms are interconnected so that the actuation of one detector will cause all alarms to sound. This complies with the recommendations contained in the most recent Fire fighting and fire detection regulations.(March 2008)

- Free Wi-fi internet access is available for moderate internet use

- The rooms have flat screen TVs with teletext and radio.

- The floors are of wood laminate with rugs either side of the beds.

- The rugs can be taken out if visitors request this due to allergies.

- There is good overhead and bed side lighting.

- The bed in the double bedroom is 4'6"x6'3" (135cmsx190cms cms) wide; the beds in the larger twin room are 3' (90cmsx190cms) wide or 6' (180cmsx190cms) wide if made up as a double bed. All bed linen is of good quality and is changed as frequently. Cotton padded mattress protectors are provided. Pillows and duvets are all non-feather, non-allergenic

anti-allergy ones. Extra blankets are provided for the use of our guests as are hot water bottles!

- The rooms have cordless automatic kettles and tea/herbal teas, coffee, and chocolate is provided for each room. The rooms have a jug of filtered water. Sugar and milk are provided and we are always happy to provide fresh milk if asked.

- Hairdryers and irons are also provided for our guests. Bottle openers, glasses, crockery, etc are available on request.

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [En suite or Shared]

- Both rooms are en suite with excellent showers, a W.C. and small sink. The en suites are fitted with heated towel rails. Towels are changed as frequently as requested.

- Soap, shampoo and conditioner are also supplied.

Self-Catering Kitchen

- N/A

- However, for long stay guests, there is a fridge available for guests to use to put their food into in case they occasionally wish to make use of the microwave to heat up a simple meal in the evenings.

There are plenty of restaurants in the vicinity. The main restaurant road is just a couple of minutes away on foot. These vary from Italian/Indian/Chinese/North African etc. and many pubs too, some of which do food. There are also plenty of take away restaurants.

Caravans, Holiday Homes & Twin Units

- N/A

Touring Facilities (Holiday Parks)

- N/A

Boats - Narrow Boat, Cruiser & Hotel Boat

- N/A

Attractions (Displays, exhibits, rides etc.)

- N/A

Grounds and Gardens

• Guests are welcome to use our garden with but we request that they ask our permission first.

Additional Information

- We are a NO SMOKING establishment.
- There are discounts for guests who wish to stay with us for 7 days or longer.
- Unfortunately we cannot accommodate pets.
- Several European languages spoken.
- Credit cards accepted only via PayPal for deposit
- Bookings are not accepted without a pre paid deposit.
- We always ask for an Estimated Time of Arrival so that we can be sure to be here to welcome you !

Contact Information

- Address: 56 St. Barnabas Road. Cambridge. CB1 2DE
- Telephone: + 44 - 01223-525725 (or 350543)
- Fax: N/A
- Minicom: N/A
- Email: enquiries@beesley-schuster.co.uk
- Website: www.beesley-schuster.co.uk
- Hours of operation: Open all year round.
- Home number: 01223-350543
- Local accessible taxi numbers: 01223-715715

Future Plans

• Having had the kitchen refurbished and redecorated this year, we will refresh the décor and repaint the bedrooms and their en suite bathrooms in 2011.

We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve. If you have any comments please phone 01223-525725 or email enquiries@beesley-schuster.co.uk. Thank you & we hope you enjoy your stay with us.

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