



London and Oxford, the perfect ending to the trip of a lifetime

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Le ManoirAux Quat Saisons' original structure was built in 1470.

Photo by G. Gwin

When they arrived at Victoria Station in London, Gig and Terrie hailed one of the famous London cabs, known for its never-changing classic look. Transferring to another station and a commuter train, they were transported to historic Oxford and Le Manoir Aux Quat Saisons. This award-winning hotel's original structure was a manor house built in 1470, which was remodeled, expanded and opened as a hotel in 1984.

Though its exterior is centuries old, the hotel features every modern convenience, and each of its 32 guest rooms has been individually designed with a specific theme. The hotel's Michelin Chef and also owner, Raymond

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Blanc, specializes in whipping up intoxicating creations using produce from the hotel's own two-acre kitchen garden, where 90 types of vegetables and over 70 varieties of herbs are grown. Some guests come here just for the culinary experience, but it is impeccable service for which the hotel is best known. In 2008 and 2009 the restaurant's cuisine was named to the Conde Nast Traveler's Gold List as "Best for Food."



The hotel's garden can be seen from the restaurant. Photo by G.Gwin

After a relaxing stay in Oxford and a visit to the University for which it is known, Gig and Terrie headed back to London and a final night in London at Knightsbridge. Their hotel was conveniently located two blocks from Harrod's, and there was still time for some last minute shopping and sightseeing.ood."

All good things must end, and so the next day they boarded their first class Continental luxury flight back to New York City and then St. Louis ...and reality.

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