



The Hedges Inn
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The inn has been around for centuries; tell us about the extensive history.

The Hedges Inn is one of the Hamptons' oldest homesteads dating back to 1652 when William Hedges acquired the land. The landmark property and private residence at the gateway of the Village of East Hampton was built around 1770 serving as home to eight generations of Hedges family and as an inn since 1870.

There was renovation in 2007; are you trying to keep the historic ambiance?

The colonial-style architecture remains as iconic and welcoming a presence as it as ever been. Inside however there was a complete modernization. State-of-the-art bathrooms and flat-screen televisions also prevail. But the great room, den and 12 en-suite guest rooms function as a 21st century home with old-world character.

The garden is beautiful too.

Each day in high season, flowers grown in our back garden are cut to decorate breakfast tables. Out front, in early spring, we have beautiful pink tulips lining the path to the porch. In summer, an English-style garden with pink baby roses, soft yet lush, is in bloom.

What's on the dining room's menu?

When we host private events, our top Hamptons chefs source seasonal and local bounty from land and sea. Our main meal for overnight guests is breakfast. We prepare it to order. On the menu are fresh fruits and cereals, house-made muffins and waffles, French toast and eggs Benedict, salmon and bagels, and omelets made with herbs fresh from our back garden.

What's the story behind the swans?

The swans came to the Town Pond, which we are fortunate to be steps away from, via Europe for ornamental appeal around 200 years ago. They return every year to build their nest rearing new signets each May. They are a darling and welcoming sight. They remain a fixture for visitors and locals alike to admire.

Any celeb sightings?

Past guests have included Alec Baldwin, Marcia Gay Harden, Angie Harmon, Cheryl Hines, Anne Jackson, Pierce Brosnan, Kim Raver, Keri Russell, Jason Sehorn, Senator Charles Schumer and Eli Wallach.

Everyone is always complimenting the smiling staff—what's the inn's service mantra?

Our goal is to create an environment of luxury within a "home away from home" atmosphere. We share a desire to give our guests a great Hamptons experience. We do this with the highest quality accommodations and service that caters to each guest's individual needs. We are also a small and very connected team. While we have worked together for more than ten years, each of us is a long time East Hampton resident. We also enjoy all The Hedges Inn and the Village has to offer our visitors.

What's next for the inn?

What we're always looking for next is how to improve the guest experience. We go beyond the typical bed and breakfast with yoga instruction on Sunday mornings and complimentary gym access, beach passes and boxed lunches. We let our guests unwind upon arrival with complimentary glass of wine too.

Are there any upcoming events?

We are open year-round. In October, we'll host an annual opening party for the Hamptons International Film Festival. On November 26, we'll host refreshments for the East Hampton Historical Society's House & Garden Tour. In December, we'll host breakfast for the Christmas holiday tour of Village. In high-winter, we'll become a retreat for guests who enjoy the stark yet striking beauty of one of America's top ten beaches, Main Beach, along with village shops and dining at some of the Hamptons' finest restaurants.

