
THE LIMES GUEST HOUSE TERMS AND CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND:

The Limes Guest House of 21 Market Hill, Maldon, Essex, CM9 4PZ

These Terms and Conditions are the standard terms which apply to provision of any Services by the Guest House to any customer, other members of a customer's party, and their guest/s and their use of those Services (as "Services" is defined in Clause 1 below) only where the customer and such guest/s are "Consumer/s" as defined by the Consumer Rights Act 2015.

1. Definitions and Interpretation

1.1 In these Terms and Conditions, unless the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the following meanings:

"Business"	means any business, trade, craft, or profession carried on by You or any other person/organisation;
"Consumer"	means a "consumer" as defined by the Consumer Rights Act 2015, and in relation to these Terms and Conditions means an individual customer or guest of the Hotel who receives Services for his/her personal use and for purposes wholly or mainly outside the purposes of any Business;
"Guest House/We/Us/Our"	means The Limes Guest House and its premises and place of business, and whose contact address is [the same address as above] and includes all employees and agents of the Guest House;
"Price List"	means the Guest House's standard price list of Rates. The Price List is available from www.limes-maldon.uk or on 01621 850350;
"Rates"	means the prices payable for provision of room accommodation and (where applicable) other Services;
"Regulations"	means The Consumer Contracts (Information, Cancellation and Additional Charges) Regulations 2013;
"Services"	means provision of accommodation in rooms and any and all other facilities, services and items which We offer at the Guest House, including food and drink; and
"You/Your"	means an individual who is a customer of the Guest House who agrees to pay both for him/herself as a paying guest of the Guest House and also for members of his/her party and any of his/her guests;

1.2 Unless the context otherwise requires, each reference in these Terms and Conditions to:

1.2.1 "these Terms and Conditions" is a reference to these Terms and Conditions as amended or supplemented at the relevant time; and

- 1.2.2 a Clause or sub-Clause is a reference to a Clause of these Terms and Conditions;
- 1.3 The headings used in these Terms and Conditions are for convenience only and shall not affect the interpretation of these Terms and Conditions;
- 1.4 Words signifying imparting the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa; and
- 1.5 References to any gender shall include the other gender.

2. Reservations

- 2.1 You may book to make a reservation for a room in advance through info@limes-maldon.uk, www.limes-maldon.uk or on 01621 850350;
- 2.2 When You request Us to make a reservation, You must provide Us with Your identification information including, but not limited to, Your name, address, contact telephone number and email address;
- 2.3 You must give Us payment details for any reservation at the time of booking. [We will take Your credit/debit card details and You authorise the use of this card for any sums that become due to Us.] Unless the booking for the reservation expressly states that You must pay at the time of reservation or at the time of check in;
- 2.4 You may change Your reservation at any time before You arrive (subject to the cancellation provisions set out in Clause 4 below). We will use all reasonable endeavours to accommodate Your requested changes, but We do not promise that all changes that You request will be accommodated;
- 2.5 Instead of making a reservation in advance, You may make a booking when You arrive, and if We have availability of the type of room or the particular room or other Services that You request at that time, We will accept Your request for the booking, but We cannot promise that any room(s) or particular room(s) requested or such requested Services will be available; and
- 2.6 You may request additional nights at the Guest House at any time during Your stay. We will use all reasonable endeavours to meet such a request, and if We can meet any request We will accept the request as a booking and that booking will then be a binding contract between You and Us.

3. Fees and Payment

- 3.1 We make details of Rates including, where applicable, promotional Rates and other special offers available on www.limes-maldon.uk. All Rates shown in our Price List include VAT;
- 3.2 When You request a reservation and We quote any Rate(s), the Rate(s) will apply only to provision of Guest House bedroom accommodation unless We specifically state otherwise.

However, the Rate(s) will include all facilities which the Guest House has in all its standard and other bedrooms, and these are: [TV], [coffee and tea making facilities], [hairdryer], [iron], [ironing board], [wifi] and [breakfast].

- 3.3 Subject to sub-Clause 3.4 below, and unless We agree a different arrangement with You, We shall give you an invoice for all sums due and payable to Us and You must pay that invoice in full when You check-out from the Hotel;
- 3.4 You may pay Us for Services (and for any deposit or other advance payment on account of that payment) using any of the following methods:
- 3.4.1 Credit or debit card;
- 3.4.2 Cash
- 3.5 We may alter any of Our Rates without prior notice but if the Rate of any Service increases between the time when You make a booking and the date when the booked room accommodation or other Service is to be provided, any increase in the Rate will not apply to Your booking;
- 3.6 Whether these Terms and Conditions require payment upon booking or on check out or at any other time, **You must pay in full for any reservation booked and will not be entitled to any refund, except as stated in sub-Clause 3.7;** and
- 3.7 Where Clause 4 specifically says that You will be entitled to a (full or partial) refund, or where you become entitled to any refund either as a result of Our breach of these Terms & Conditions or as a “consumer” under the Consumer Rights Act 2015 or other consumer protection legislation, We will make a refund to You as set out in Clause 4 or as required by such legislation.

4. **Cancellations**

- 4.1 You may cancel a reservation without charge if You give Us prior notice of at least 48 hours before the earliest check in time we have given You for Your reservation. If You cancel under this sub-Clause 4.1, We will refund to You in full any sum (including, but not limited to any deposit) You paid in advance and You will not then owe Us anything;
- 4.2 If You cancel but do not give Us at least 48 hours prior notice of cancellation of a reservation, We will be entitled to charge You in full;
- 4.3 We may, at any time before You check in, cancel a reservation booked by You in the following circumstances:
- 4.3.1 The required accommodation and/or personnel and/or other resources necessary for the provision of the room are not available due to any cause outside Our reasonable control. If We cancel a reservation in such circumstances, We will offer You alternative accommodation of the same standard or better if it is available. If it is not available or We offer it to You and You decline it, We will refund to You in full any deposit or other advance payment that You have made to Us for Your reservation.

5. **Check-in and Check-out**

- 5.1 The earliest check-in time at the Guest House is 11am and the latest time is 7pm. [We will also permit check-in after that latest time of 7pm but if you check in after we will leave your key out.
- 5.2 The latest time by which You must vacate Your room and check-out from the Hotel is 10.30am. We may beforehand agree at Our discretion to an arrangement for a later time for vacating Your room and/or check-out but if We have not agreed to a later time and You do not vacate Your room and check out by the above latest time of 10.30am We will be entitled to charge You for an additional night's accommodation at the standard applicable Rate.

6. **Hotel Rules**

- 6.1 You must conduct Yourself in a reasonable and responsible manner at all times when on Guest House property and must not act in any which may disturb other guests. If You do not, We may ask You to leave the Guest House and in that case, You must immediately pay Us all sums due;
- 6.2 You may not smoke in any indoor public areas of the Hotel;
- 6.3 You may not smoke in any rooms;
- 6.4 If You do not comply with sub-Clause 6.3 We may charge You for any and all costs We incur by the Hotel in cleaning the room (including, but not limited to, fixtures, fittings and soft furnishings) and restoring it to a smoke-free environment;
- 6.5 Any child under the age of 18 may only stay at the Guest House if accompanied by an adult; and
- 6.6 We will charge You for any and all damage caused by You to any Guest House property during Your stay and will charge £15 if you take your key and do not return it or lose it.
- 6.7 All of the above rules will also apply to members of Your party and Your guests, and You shall be responsible for any breach of the above rules by any of them.

7. **Food and Drink**

- 7.1 If You or any of Your party or guests have any special dietary requirements, You should inform Us of them in advance of Your arrival. We will use all reasonable endeavours to accommodate those requirements and, where this is not possible, tell You that We are unable to do so;

8. **Car Parking Facilities**

- 8.1 We cannot guarantee that any car parking space(s) will be available for You, but [subject to sub-Clause 8.2] You may use any vacant parking space on a

first-come-first-served basis for Your vehicle.

- 8.2 Whilst You may park Your Vehicle as permitted by sub-Clause 8.1 above, We do not permit any other member of Your party or Your guests to park on Our premises, but if You request a parking space for them on or before they arrive at the Hotel, We may in Our discretion allow them to park [without charge].

9. Disabled Customers

- 9.1 We fully comply with all laws from time to time in force regulating the treatment of, and provision for, disabled customers; and
- 9.2 If you have any special requirements pertaining to a disability, You should inform Us of them before You arrive.

10. Limitation of Liability

- 10.1 We will be responsible for any foreseeable loss or damage that You may suffer as a result of Our breach of these Terms and Conditions or as a result of Our negligence. Loss or damage is foreseeable if it is an obvious consequence of Our breach or negligence or if it is contemplated by You and Us when Our contract with You is created. We will not be responsible for any loss or damage that is not foreseeable;
- 10.2 Whilst We will operate and maintain Our car park with reasonable skill and care, We do not guarantee that other Guest House guests or members of the general public will not enter Our car park and steal or damage Your vehicle or property in it and/or engage in criminal activity, and accordingly, when You park in Our car park, You accept risk of theft or damage of or to Your vehicle and property in it if it is caused by any person other than Our staff or contractors;
- 10.3 Nothing in these Terms and Conditions is intended to or will exclude or limit Our liability for death or personal injury caused by Our negligence (including that of Our employees, agents or sub-contractors); or for fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation; and
- 10.4 **Furthermore, if you are a “consumer” as defined by the Consumer Rights Act 2015, or a consumer for the purposes of any other consumer protection legislation, nothing in these Terms and Conditions is intended to or will exclude, limit, prejudice, or otherwise affect any of Our duties or obligations to You, or Your rights or remedies, or Our liability to You, under:**
- 10.4.1 the Consumer Rights Act 2015;**
 - 10.4.2 the Regulations;**
 - 10.4.3 the Consumer Protection Act 1987; or**
 - 10.4.4 any other consumer protection legislation;**
- as that legislation is amended from time to time.**
- For more details of Your legal rights please refer to Your local Citizens Advice Bureau or Trading Standards Office.**

11. Changes to Terms and Conditions

We may from time to time change these Terms and Conditions without giving You notice, but We will use Our reasonable endeavours to inform You as soon as is reasonably possible of any such change.

12. **How We Use Your Personal Information (Data Protection)**

12.1 In so far as the Services involve Us in collecting, using, or holding or otherwise processing any Data obtained from You which is personal data (including, but not limited to, Your name and address), We shall only do so with Your express consent and in accordance with any lawful instructions reasonably given by You from time to time, and the provisions of the Data Protection Act 1998 and Your rights under that Act and these Terms and Conditions.

12.2 We may use Your personal information as follows:

12.2.1 to provide Our Services to You;

12.2.2 to process Your payment for the Services;

12.2.3 in certain circumstances (if, for example, You wish to pay for the Services on credit), and with Your consent, We may pass Your personal information on to credit reference agencies. These agencies are also bound by the Data Protection Act 1998 and should use and hold Your personal information accordingly; and

12.2.4 We will not pass on Your personal information to any other third parties without first obtaining Your express permission.

13. **Regulations**

We are required by the Regulations to ensure that certain information is given or made available to You as a Consumer before We make Our contract with You (i.e. before We accept Your request to make a booking) except where that information is already apparent from the context of the transaction. We have included the information itself either in these Terms and Conditions for You to see now, or We will make it available to You before We accept Your request to make a booking. All of that information will, as required by the Regulations, be part of the terms of Our contract with You as a Consumer.

14. **Information**

As required by the Regulations:

14.1 all of the information described in Clause 13; and

14.2 any other information which We give to You about any Services or the Hotel which You take into account when deciding to make a booking or when making any other decision about the Services;

will be part of the terms of Our contract with You as a Consumer.

15. **Complaints**

We always welcome feedback from Our guests and, whilst We always use all reasonable endeavours to ensure that Your experience as a customer of Ours is a positive one, We nevertheless want to hear from You if you have any cause for complaint. If You have any complaint about Our Services or any other complaint about the Hotel or any of Our staff, please raise the matter with Hazell Kinsville-Lloyd or Paula Edwards who can be contacted at the Guest House on 01621 850350 or by email info@limes-maldon.uk.

16. **No Waiver**

No failure or delay by Us or You in exercising any rights under these Terms and Conditions means that We or You have waived that right, and no waiver by Us or You

of a breach of any provision of these Terms and Conditions means that We or You will waive any subsequent breach of the same or any other provision.

17. **Severance**

If any provision of these Terms and Conditions is held by any competent authority to be invalid or unenforceable in whole or in part the validity of the other provisions of these Terms and Conditions and the remainder of the provision in question shall not be affected.

18. **Law and Jurisdiction**

18.1 These Terms and Conditions and the relationship between You and Us (whether contractual or otherwise) shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with English Law; and

18.2 Any dispute, controversy, proceedings or claim between You and Us relating to these Terms and Conditions (whether contractual or otherwise) shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts of England, Wales, Scotland, or Northern Ireland, as determined by Your residency.