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Osea is an exclusive private island resort set in the most idyllic surroundings. It is situated on the Blackwater, at the base of the Thames Estuary, conveniently close to central London.

Enclosed by four miles of beaches and coastline, this beautiful Island provides an inspirational setting, as a marine sanctuary for an abundant variety of wildlife and rare birds.

It has a timeless quality and a serene character. There is a tidal road built in Roman times connecting the Island to the mainland. At just over one mile long it is accessible by car at low tide.

On Osea there are opportunities to either engage in a range of sporting and outdoor activities or simply enjoy the chance to just relax and take a break.

The Island has a variety of accommodation, designed to make your stay a truly unique experience.

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The Manor House was built around 1900 in the style of a grand Edwardian seaside residence. It is set 25ft above sea level with breath-taking views along the beach and across the Estuary. The interior has been sympathetically restored capturing the charm of the period, with the addition of some hi-tech features.

All 10 bedrooms and suites have been designed with great style for maximum comfort; featuring four poster and antique beds with Egyptian cotton linen, 42" plasma screen TV/DVD and bathrooms finished in classic Edwardian style.

The Manor House is available for exclusive hire throughout the year



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The village has evolved around the 16th Century farm buildings which are clustered together at the centre of the Island, set about 30ft above sea level. Today it comprises of a small hamlet of cottages and apartments, including The Old Chapel which has a double volume drawing room and gallery.

The whole aspect of the village is extremely charming, still retaining its hedgerows, copses and ponds from the 18th century. More recent additions to the village include an outdoor swimming pool, clubhouse with table tennis, pool table and the restoration of the Old Osea Farm.

The 10 cottages and 7 apartments are available for hire for conferences & events.



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Osea Island Resort and Inneventive provide over ten different venues for any of your conference & private events. Select from: The Orchard, Walled Gardens, The Manor House, The Old Chapel , Bedouin Tent, Beach, Fields, Art Barn, Music Studio and /or the entire Island.

Inneventive provide full event management on the Island and can organise an extensive range of team activities.

Perfect for: Launches, Private Hire, Private Events, Teambuilding , Conferences , a Film Location and the list goes on and on

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OSEA Island provides an incredible platform to explore, create and learn. From art, music, fishing and cooking, the list of possibilities is limitless.....

Art

Music

Cooking

Photography

Nature

Creative writing

Drama

History tours

Fishing

Sailing

Bird watching

Ladies Events

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F A C I L I T I E S

Sauna - Gym - Mini Viewing room - Book & DVD Film Library - Games Room with table tennis, pool table and music - Heated outdoor pool - Beaches - Sunbathing - Sea - Swimming - Art Studio - Yoga Studio - Ornamental Pond housing 1000+ Carp - Barbeque areas - Home Farm & Wildlife: Donkeys - Turkeys - Pheasants - Rabbits - Owls - Orchard - Walled gardens

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Osea island has a rich and diverse history having been occupied for over 5000 years. There are remains of Neolithic villages and later evidence of Viking burial grounds from the famous battle of Maldon.

The Romans were here in force. They built the causeway and the salt works, a pottery and grew arable crops. With the departure of the Romans, the island passed through the hands of many powerful and titled families, emphasising its importance through to Tudor times.

The battle of Maldon (991AD) took place on the shores of the river Blackwater in Essex. There was a heroic stand by the Anglo-Saxons against the Viking invasion, which ended in utter defeat for Brithnoth and his men.

According to The Domesday Book, at the time of Edward The Confessor in 1066, The Island, then called 'Uvesia' had become the property of a local lord called Turbet/Thorbet, who in turn lost it to the Normans.

After the Norman Conquest, William the Conqueror presented Osea as a gift to his nephew. This tradition continued over the centuries with the island passing into the ownership of crusaders who had pleased the royal family. These included the Earls of Essex, Sussex, Gloucester and March.

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In 1903 Osea was purchased by Frederick Charrington who created what was probably the world's first temperance society. He purchased the island with a vision of temperance, where alcoholics and people with addiction problems could retreat and seek help.

In 1917 The Island was requisitioned by the admiralty for use as a top-secret naval base, denominated S.S. Osea (the ship that never sails). So secret was its mission that people on the mainland had no idea of its existence until well after the war was over, despite having over 1000 sailors billeted on The Island.

With the onset of World War II, things were not quite as eventful as in the naval days, but were still not entirely without incident. A V2 rocket falling short of its target in London hit Osea instead.

After the war Osea went into the ownership of Cambridge University. It was declared a site of special scientific interest because of its unique ecology, rare plants, birds and marine life, before returning to private ownership in the 1950's.

Today, the district has also become a centre for classic sailing boats, such as the Blackwater Barges (pictured) taking part in the Osea Island Regatta



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