

## **THE MARQUIS AT ALKHAM– MICHELIN RATED ‘RISING STAR’ RESTAURANT WITH 5 STAR LUXURY ACCOMMODATION IN EAST KENT’S ALKHAM VALLEY**

Charlie Lakin of The Marquis is one of only three chefs in England to be awarded a rising one star in the 2010 Michelin Guide.

200-year-old former village inn has been converted into a luxury boutique restaurant with rooms in the heart of Kent’s picturesque Alkham Valley, near Dover. Nestled in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, The Marquis offers a seasonally inspired menu created by head chef Charlie Lakin.

The emphasis is on robust, fresh flavours and locally sourced ingredients - whether it’s the catch of the day landed by the fishing boats at Deal, rabbit from the Alkham Valley, or wild herbs foraged straight from the countryside.

Charlie’s ever changing menu’s of traditional dishes with a thoroughly modern twist is now beginning to earn accolades from the Michelin guide, the good food guide and the AA restaurant guide - well worth a detour on your way to the continent !

Lunch time table d’hote menus Tuesday – Sunday offer fantastic value for cooking of this quality, and the evening offering now includes a tasting menu at £ 50 for 7 courses which includes some of Charlie’s emerging signature dishes, such as Ham hock stuffed pigs trotter with a cauliflower piccalilli & fried quails egg or Duo of Dexter beef with stock pot carrots.

The Marquis at Alkham, formerly The Marquis of Granby, was built by John Collard in 1810, replacing the old ale house. The pub originally served as the village inn, where auctions of wood and properties were conducted. Later on it served as the village shop and post office. The Marquis has now been transformed into a fine dining restaurant with rooms. The building has been stripped back to its original brickwork, extended, refurbished, and furnished to provide contemporary style and elegance in a rural setting.

After an evening of fine food and wine, you can relax in boutique style luxury with an overnight stay in one of The Marquis’ five individually designed bedrooms, all of which boast sumptuous furniture and fabrics, flat screen TV, contemporary bathrooms, towelling robes and the finest toiletries.

Dinner, bed & breakfast rates start from £139 per night per room, including full English breakfast & table d'hote dinner for two.

The Marquis is just five minutes from the M20 and 10 minutes from the Channel Tunnel and Dover's port and cruise terminal, making it ideal for an overnight stay on the way to or returning from the Continent.

For further information, to reserve a table or book accommodation, visit [www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk](http://www.themarquisatalkham.co.uk), telephone 01304 873410 or email [info@themarquisatalkham.co.uk](mailto:info@themarquisatalkham.co.uk).