

A STAY AT HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE: PEOPLE CLAIMING TO BE INMATES HAVE RATED BRITAIN'S MOST NOTORIOUS PRISONS LIKE HOTELS IN THE STYLE OF TRIPADVISOR. SPOOF REVIEWS THAT HAVE APPEARED ON GOOGLE MAPS AND EVEN COME WITH STAR RATINGS. THEY'RE NOT ALL BAD EITHER...

H. M. Prison Altcourse

- Feel so safe, nice to have some privacy, room service.

H. M. Prison Belmarsh

- The inhabitants of HMP Belmarsh make excellent neighbours, lights are always out at ten o'clock and they never throw noisy parties.
- This was a fantastic experience. With 'friendly' inmates, tons of facilities and a low, low discount price due to government sponsorship available, you will never want to leave!
- A very modern hotel within a stone's throw of the river. Very popular and filled with lots of celebrities and people in the news. Unfortunately it will never be a terribly desirable address as it is South of the river.

H. M. Prison Birmingham (Winson Green)

- Really can't wait till the next time I check into one of the high standard rooms, as it delivers a high class service.
- Liked: Food is of 3 Michelin star quality, and the comfiest beds in the city.

H. M. Prison Bullingdon

- I had a wonderful stay here. Nice decor - double cells were roomy. They def need more power points as charging mobile from stereo was tiresome. Free tracksuit and Velcro trainers meant I was very trendy on the wing. Check out seemed to take forever (5 years).

H. M. Prison Featherstone

- Unfortunately Mr Big you have got it wrong ... you have tagged HMP Featherstone, and yes we will provide soap and no doubt someone will offer to scrub ya back for ya!
- Once you're off house 5 it's not long before you get your own pad. Loads of drugs in there because 90% of the screws are on the take.
- A lovely place to stay. I frequently visit for short breaks. Good views over the countryside and courtyard. Locals are friendly, as long as you stay on their good side. Shower facilities are good, but bring your own soap.

H. M. Prison Littlehey

- A warm friendly place set in pleasant countryside. Staff were very helpful and a few even went the extra bit to make life a bit more pleasant. The only down side was the rather large fence around the outside preventing a longer ranging walk on a sunny afternoon and the large number of rats running about outside the windows. I won't be rushing back but this place is much better than most in its class

H. M. Prison Manchester (Strangeways)

- Food was exquisite and the room service was excellent. Accommodation good but neighbours were very loud and obnoxious, with the occasional riots.

- Excellent food and accommodations.

H. M. Prison Parkhurst

- Cheap smuggled goods supplement to pigswill food. Can do better, long stay available.
- Staff have poor manners, food is bad for a queens hotel, the only good thing is staff offer to bring u stuff at a good cheap price!
- Cheap accommodation, single en suite rooms, not recommended for long stay. Free transport provided from the mainland.

H. M. Prison Pentonville

- Great atmosphere, amazing bedspace, lads are helpful, food is great. I recommend.
- You can check out any time you like but you can never leave.
- Basic but ok. It had everything you need. Beds, food, dry, warm. And hardly any rape.
- A lovely jubbly prison. Rude staff with simply dreadful manners. The powdered eggs in the canteen were quite nice although I didn't care for the pies. They're made with suet and generally hard to digest...
- I most severely cannot recommend this establishment. The staff, although pristinely uniformed were abusive and most unco-operative. My room was little more than a small concrete room with a small barred out window. I was forced to share my room with three other people, who verbally abused me: calling me names and trying to make me lose my mind in some sort of sick gamble with the other residents. Hygiene facilities

were communal and I was very unnerved by one of the larger members of staff persistently warning me not to drop the soap. Entertainment facilities were minimal, consisting of an exercise yard and something the other residents fondly referred to as "the hole" although I cannot review it as I was unable to visit. I assume it was "members only." The food was repulsive. Breakfast consisted of porridge and the other two meals an indescribable gruel which vaguely resembled meat and vegetables. The only redeeming factor was when I left I was not charged for my stay or the inclusive meals. This aside I did not enjoy my stay here and will not be returning.

- Cheap... but not cheery. Love the fact that Google maps recommends that the best way to Camden from my house is to cycle through the prison grounds. Nice one googs!

H. M. Prison Wandsworth

- Snug with ample space within to stretch legs. Was a wonderful stay and included breakfast. If you're going to go to one Prison Visitor Centre this year, make it Wandsworth. Local amenities include a pub and a post box and they even have a big building next door to keep your loved ones safely away from society.
- The location is quite central, and you'd be hard pressed to find something this close to the city centre for so little £££! That said, it seems to have become more popular - I find it hard to book ahead, and sometimes have even been asked to share accommodation with other last-minute bookers!
- If I have one complaint, it's the food. Bland, hardly nutritious and small portion sizes - it's as if the restaurant has a captive audience that just can't be bothered to go elsewhere!

H. M. Prison Woodhill

- Poor health care, safety issues, gangs running prison, wings officers show very little concern for inmates' safety and some appear to find it amusing. Hygiene issue, clothes not always issued and not always laundered with soap powder lack of jobs and courses staff obstructive and unwilling to help, do not ensure that prisoners are given time and help to complete courses I found the healthcare wing very well ran. The induction wing was not as good. Very disorganised!!

H. M. Prison Wormwood Scrubs

- If you arrive late just ignore the "No Vacancy" sign and ring the doorbell. There's a caretaker on duty 24hrs.
- Cheap and cheerful lodgings for those on a budget. Food is pretty average but clientele are friendly, as are the staff.
- Pros: central location, community spirit Cons: the tea and coffee making facilities left much to be desired
- Awful food and the waiters wear funny uniforms
- The ride in the complimentary G4S shuttle-bus service was average enough, if not a little damp, as was check-in, if not a little intimate. Upon arrival the concierge clearly lacked the prerequisite enthusiasm and panache which would ordinarily be associated with a (supposedly) upmarket chain. Indeed, he unceremoniously delivered me to my 'room' by means of a flatbed trolley, a disused car battery and some straps. Thank Christ he didn't demand a tip! Cuisine bordered on bland (save for the occasional limb), but did encourage a sense of weary camaraderie among the guests. It's seemingly easy to disregard quality when catering for so many guests, so I'd actively encourage a champion like Jamie Oliver to come in

and advise the hapless chefs. Vending machines still selling Marathon bars, are useless due to the fact that guests did not have readily available access to currency or imodium tablets.

Wi-Fi connectivity is limited, telephone access is monitored. I'm only giving this place two stars, in recognition of the even more traumatic holiday I endured at the mercy of the Butlins Red Coats at Bognor Regis.

- The view from the room was poor and obscured by iron bars. Facilities were rudimentary to say the least - no television, mini bar or en suite facilities. Due to overbooking I was forced to share with a rather charmless individual by the name of "Mike the Hatchet" who was keen to know why my stay was so short. I sought out the shower facilities in the morning and had to queue and was then told "not to bend down for the soap" by a surly member of staff. When I checked out I was interviewed by a panel of three people who asked a lot of strange questions such as whether I had kept my nose clean etc. For some reason my departure was met with some unruliness by the other guests who banged their mugs against the iron bars and shouted obscenities. The only plus point was that after checkout I discovered that reception had forgotten to charge me for my stay.
- The facilities here leave a lot to be desired. Staff are not customer focused. Check in and checkout procedures are frankly bizarre. The restaurant is poor. Interesting bunch of guests.
- The people here are so nice. I made a friend on the first day, and he seems to really like me. Hopefully the rest of my stay will be as pleasant.
- 4 out of 5 Lenny Henries recommended.
- Poor food, especially the porridge - charmless staff and room service is practically nonexistent.
- Good prices for extended stay. ●