

Lord's brings a taste of South Africa to the cricket this summer

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Lord's Cricket Ground (<https://www.lords.org/>), owned by Marylebone Cricket Club, will bring a taste of South Africa to its cricket experience this summer with the opening of the exclusive Nursery Lodge, a one-of-a-kind hospitality package. The Nursery Lodge is a brand new offering for 2017 and will be available for the first time for the hotly anticipated England v South Africa Investec Test Match which is taking place from 6th to 10th July.

The Nursery Lodge hospitality experience

(<https://www.lords.org/fixtures/hospitality/hospitality-options/the-nursery-lodge/>) will be available on the first, second and third days of the England v South Africa Investec Test Match. Located on the Nursery Ground, it offers up-close-and-personal views of players from both teams as they warm up before the match and during the day as they practise in the nets before taking to the field.

The open-sided structure has been designed to emulate a South African lodge, providing the perfect setting in warm summer months in which to enjoy sumptuous hospitality and an exceptional experience at the Home of Cricket. The Lodge will enable guests to mingle with former international players, before transferring to the Grand Stand where their premium, highly sought-after seats are located.

Within the Nursery Lodge, guests will be treated to a South African themed spread, which includes breakfast, a two-course rolling buffet lunch and the famous Lord's Afternoon Tea, in addition to complimentary drinks (including Champagne) throughout the day. The menu, will include: mouth-watering chilli sugar-glazed aged rib of beef; delectable salt-crusted sweet potato rostitis; aromatic peri peri chicken salad; and sweet maple curd custard with hazelnut cookies.

Nick Kenton, MCC Head of Sales, Meetings & Events and Hospitality said: "With the excitement already building for a spectacular summer of cricket, I am delighted to be able to offer our guests the option of our stylish new Nursery Lodge, which will undoubtedly make for a spectacular day out. In the past, England and South Africa have provided some of the Ground's most exhilarating contests and we pride ourselves on creating unforgettable experiences to match for all of our guests. Demand is expected to be extremely high for this rare experience at the Nursery Lodge so we advise early booking to avoid disappointment."

Nursery Lodge hospitality packages start from £499 + VAT per person and are suitable for all group sizes. For more information, including a range of other hospitality packages, please contact the Hospitality Sales Team at Lord's on 020 7616 8598 or hospitality@mcc.org.uk.

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About Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

MCC is the world's most active cricket club, the owner of Lord's Ground and the guardian of the Laws and Spirit of the game. Founded in 1787, it issued the first code of Laws in 1788 and moved to its current home in 1814. There are 24,000 full and Associate Members of MCC.

MCC also has a World Cricket committee, which is chaired by Mike Brearley and contains eminent current and former players and administrators – including Sourav Ganguly, Ricky Ponting and Shaun Pollock. It has a remit to act as an independent think tank, debating issues and making recommendations about the health and state of the game and to commission research.

MCC owns the most comprehensive collection of cricket artefacts and books in the world, housed in its museum and library at Lord's which is visited by tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world each year.

About Lord's Cricket Ground

The current Lord's Cricket Ground is its third incarnation. The first ever match played at 'Lord's Cricket Ground' came in 1787 when businessman Thomas Lord staged a game between Middlesex and Essex at a newly built ground in what was then known as Dorset Fields.

By 1811, MCC had moved to a new Ground in the Eyre Estate of St John's Wood. This ground proved unpopular but when plans emerged for the Regent's Canal to be built straight through it, Thomas Lord gratefully accepted compensation and moved the Ground to its current location in 1814.

About meetings and events at Lord's

Lord's has thirteen unique spaces which can host meetings, conferences, receptions, dinners and weddings for up to 1,000 people. From the grandeur of the Long Room in the Grade II* listed Pavilion, to the modernity and style of the J.P. Morgan Media Centre, the venue boasts a variety of spaces, many with great views of the pitch. The venue attracts clients from a variety of industry sectors including corporates, associations and agencies.

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