



CLIVEDEN

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It could only happen at Cliveden

... a Bubble for 'The Bubble'



Those familiar with Cliveden House and its remarkable grounds, will no doubt have to do a double-take, if they are fortunate enough to see the 'ultra-meta' Judd Apatow Netflix comedy 'The Bubble', which was released on 1st April 2022. Cliveden and its close neighbour Hedsor House, both feature prominently as locations for the movie, which was filmed during lockdown in March 2021.

This film within a film, features Karen Gillan, Pedro Pascal, Leslie Mann, Keegan-Michael Key and David Duchovny, supposedly quarantined in a luxurious hotel waiting to complete a dinosaur-packed action thriller 'Cliff Beasts 6' ... but then things start to go badly wrong!

Actually, in reality, things could not have gone much better, since Cliveden was itself already in a bubble due to COVID protocols, which made it the ideal location for the film makers.

Commenting on the filming project, Cliveden's General Manager Francisco Macedo said: "It was great to see first-hand the processes involved in film making, especially during such a challenging time due to all the necessary restrictions. It was fascinating to see how everything came together with our team on property, and the production team and cast working alongside each other. Luckily we had worked with Location Manager Adam Richards previously, and his recommendation to use Cliveden was spot on".

"As well as the 376 acres of National Trust gardens and woodland that was available to the production team, filming also took place at locations throughout the building, on the roof space and of course on the South Terrace, with several changes being made to accommodate the filming, but also to protect the building, however most of these will not be noticed in the actual film itself, concluded Macedo.

Cliveden is of course no stranger to film makers. It stood in for Buckingham Palace in the iconic 1965 Beatles film 'Help!'. The estate's iconic Fountain of Love and Golden Clock Tower were recreated for the 2014 remake of Cinderella starring Lily James, and many of the scenes from the Hollywood movie 'A Little Chaos' starring Kate Winslet and the now late Alan Rickman, were also film at Cliveden.

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Editor's Notes:



THE BUBBLE – synopsis. A major Hollywood studio is taking the bold move of shooting the sixth instalment of their mega blockbuster franchise during a global pandemic. Forced to operate inside a ‘production bubble’ the cast and crew of “Cliff Beasts 6” are locked down inside a country hotel, all willing to “do their part” in keeping the world entertained. After mandatory quarantine for 14 days the cast are excited for Day 1 of shooting which is filled with spectacular effects and stunts - Cliff Beasts is back! But after someone tests positive for covid, the production enforces a 21-day shut down where the isolation starts to take an emotional toll. Old resentments between cast members re-surface and one cast member snaps - running into the forest never to be seen again. Production security tightens as wristband tracking devices are enforced and hazmat suited guards are on every corner. A stunt gone wrong results in a further shut down and things get weirder for those already cracking under the pressures of isolation in what has become a prison. Being pushed to the edge, the lead actress makes a run for it but is caught by the Producer - she is detained and told; the Hollywood machine will always win. After a traumatic stint in custody, the actress is released and with the help of the other cast members they make a REAL escape. Amid gunfire and helicopter explosions the cast successfully break free.

CLIVEDEN HOUSE is a five-star luxury hotel; the building is owned by the National Trust and operated under a long lease arrangement by Iconic Luxury Hotels. Less than 45 minutes west of London and 20 minutes from London Heathrow Airport, the hotel has 47 spacious rooms and suites in the main mansion plus Spring Cottage, a summerhouse on the banks of the River Thames, together with boathouse and boats, luxurious spa and a range of sporting and leisure facilities. The Cliveden Dining Room is complemented by the relaxed informality of The Astor Grill, together with a range of private dining, banqueting, and meeting facilities. A member of Relais & Châteaux, Cliveden is unique, the

setting, architecture and interiors all speak eloquently of extraordinary extravagance and remarkable refinement. There is a palpable sense of history for this is a house that for well over 350 years has been dedicated to the pursuit of pleasure, power, and politics.

ABOUT ICONIC LUXURY HOTELS

Iconic Luxury Hotels was founded in December 2016 and is part of L+R Hotels (landrhotels.com) - a highly motivated family-owned global hotel investment and management company - who have an extensive portfolio of over 105 hotels, with approximately 21,000 bedrooms. Iconic Luxury Hotels is an expanding collection with an international focus. The collection is comprised of an eclectic array of properties each of which celebrates distinct architecture, cultural heritage, and natural surroundings.

Each property has its own character, traditions, and stories but they share a common commitment to delivering outstanding experiences. The current portfolio includes some of the world's most famous hotels from Cliveden House, one of England's finest country estates, to the Hotel Excelsior in Italy which is the home of the Venice International Film Festival. The other UK hotels are comprised of Chewton Glen an English estate on the South Coast, The Lygon Arms a 14th Century Coaching Inn in the Cotswolds, 11 Cadogan Gardens in Chelsea, one of London's most prestigious residential areas and The Mayfair Townhouse, London which opened in December 2020.