



Blantyre

In New England, Blantyre is nestled deep in the bucolic Berkshire Mountains about three miles outside Lenox, Massachusetts. There, the aristocratic 1902 Tudor-style manor house appears past the gatehouse at the end of a sylvan quarter-mile drive. The imposing redbrick masterpiece testifies to its Gilded Age roots, when opulent moguls commissioned rambling country houses for summer entertaining. It continues to welcome discerning guests in search of serenity, graciousness, and the gourmet fare.

Choose among 21 luxuriant accommodations in the Main House, Carriage House, and Cottages, replete with four-poster beds, fireplaces, and cheerful sitting areas. As if the stunning architectural details and antiques-filled rooms were not enough, the decided emphasis on

flowers always blows first-time visitors away.

Credit Blantyre's owner, Ann Fitzpatrick Brown, and in-house florist, Christina Alsop, with the glorious creations. "We are over-the-top with flowers," Alsop says. "We use lots of French tulips and roses, as well as seasonal blooms we grow, such as dahlias, snapdragons, peonies, zinnias, and cosmos, among others." These wonderful arrangements transform Blantyre's dining experience into a glorious extravaganza where each table is set with different china, glassware, and harmonious blooms.

Guests enjoy use of tennis courts, croquet lawns, a swimming pool, and a spa. Lenox and Tanglewood are nearby, as are the Berkshire Botanical Garden and The Mount, Edith Wharton's beloved cottage and gardens.

THIS PAGE, CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: An outdoor gathering spot • The 1902 Tudor-style manor house • A guest room's bed decked in toile de Jouy • The dining room
RIGHT: One of the public rooms at Blantyre, where flowers are a large part of the décor