

manor['mænə] *n*

1. (феодальное) поместье, манор
2. *ycm.* = manor-house

manor

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manor [manor manors] *BrE* ['mæne(r)] * *NAmE* ['mænər] * *noun* (BrE)

1. (also **'manor house'**) a large country house surrounded by land that belongs to it
2. an area of land with a **manor house** on it
3. (*slang*) an area in which sb works or for which they are responsible, especially officers at a police station

Word Origin:Middle English: from Anglo-Norman French **maner** 'dwelling', from Latin **manere** 'remain'.Culture:**stately homes**

In Britain there are many large stately homes that belong or used to belong to **upper-class aristocratic** families. The houses are called **stately homes** from the opening lines of a poem by Felicia Hemans (1793–1835). They are sometimes also called **country houses** because most of them are in the countryside. Some are approached through large iron gates down a long **drive**. Many have formal gardens and are surrounded by a large private **park**, often with a lake.

Stately homes range from small **manor houses** to **palaces**. Manor houses date from the 14th century and are often square stone buildings with a central **courtyard**, and some are entered by crossing a **moat** which was originally a means of defence. Some larger houses were built in the 16th century, including ↑**Hampton Court** in south-west London, ↑**Burghley House** near Peterborough and Hardwick Hall near Derby.

Many stately homes date from the 18th century, and are associated with famous **architects**. ↑**Blenheim Palace** near Oxford was designed in the ↑**baroque** style by **Vanbrugh** and **Hawksmoor**. **Holkham Hall** in Norfolk, designed only a few years later by William ↑**Kent**, is in the **Palladian** style. **Kedleston Hall** near Derby, the home of the **Curzon** family, was mainly the work of Robert ↑**Adam**. The large **estates** attached to stately homes attracted ↑**landscape gardeners** such as 'Capability' **Brown**, who laid out the gardens at **Burghley**, **Blenheim** and ↑**Chatsworth**.

Stately homes are very expensive to look after and, in order to get enough money to do this, some owners open their houses to the public. They charge visitors an **admission fee**. Many stately homes have been given by their owners to the ↑**National Trust**, an organization which raises the money to look after them from gifts, **membership** fees and **admission** charges. In many cases, the former owners continue to live in part of the house. This arrangement means that the house is well cared for, and the family does not have to pay ↑**inheritance tax** when the owner dies.

Visitors go to stately homes to admire their architecture, and to walk round the gardens. They also go to see valuable furniture, paintings, tapestries and china that have been collected over a long period. Sometimes, documents about the family or about historical events are also displayed. There is generally a cafe and a shop selling **souvenirs**. During the summer, concerts or plays may be performed in the house or gardens. Some owners have added other attractions: at ↑**Longleat House**, for example, there is a **safari park**. **The stately homes of England How beautiful they stand! Amidst their tall ancestral trees, O'er all the pleasant land. The stately homes of England How beautiful they stand! To prove the upper classes Have still the upper hand.** the first verse of Felicia Hemans' poem followed by Noel Coward's 1938 version

Example Bank:

- the ancient manor of Tregarrick
- He bought the old manor and set about turning himself into the local squire.
- The manor house is a grade II listed building.

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man [ɔr] /'mæne \$ -ər/ *BrE* * *AmE* * *noun* [countable]

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: manoir, from manoir 'to stay, live', from Latin manere]

1. (also **manor house**) a big old house with a large area of land around it
2. the land that belonged to an important man, under the ↑**feudal** system
3. *British English informal* the area that a group of police officers are responsible for **SYN patch, turf**

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