



NO. 15 GREAT PULTENEY, Bath

WHERE Quirky Georgian townhouse No. 15 Great Pulteney is located on one of this elegant city's most charming streets. A short stroll into town you'll find the iconic Bath Abbey, an array of independent restaurants and shops, and the historic Roman Baths. **WHY** From a chandelier made from earrings to a cocktail menu of playing cards at Bar 15, the décor at this hotel is delightfully different. Each of the 40 rooms have their own unique surprises – ours featured a dolls' house with a Nespresso machine hidden within! The help-yourself larder on our floor was a step up from the average mini bar – think pick 'n' mix sweets and



theatre-size ice cream pots. For a special treat, book in for the Natura Bissé Time Out Treatment in Spa 15, then head to the exposed stone vaults and unwind in the Scandi-style hot tub and sauna. Pure bliss. **BOOK** From £149 per night B&B, based on two sharing, no15greatpulteney.co.uk

BEDRUTHAN, Cornwall

WHERE This hotel is set on Cornwall's beautiful north coast, above a huge sandy bay. If you fancy a quick drive, you're well placed to visit picture-perfect local villages, while Newquay and Padstow are only a few miles away. **WHY** The vibe here is contemporary Scandi – cool and relaxed, and the public areas have plenty of space to

sit and watch the sea and scenery. We enjoyed a very memorable back massage in the spa, which uses locally produced, natural products. Make sure you try the Spa Garden Experience, which is ideal for couples. The food was amazing, and the friendly staff were very happy to recommend wines and dishes. The dining rooms are sea facing, so we found ourselves gazing out of the huge windows as we dined, watching surfers, birds and magical sunsets. It's worth popping down the cliff path to The Scarlet Hotel, for a tasty lunch, too. **BOOK** From £156 per night, bedruthan.com



Suite dreams

Idyllic mini-moon breaks at the most romantic UK hotels

THE KENSINGTON HOTEL, London

WHERE Situated in one of London's most luxurious areas, The Kensington Hotel is in the perfect spot for sightseeing, shopping or watching the world go by from one of the many lovely cafés. From the moment the friendly doorman greeted us at the grand entrance, we knew our stay was going to be very special. **WHY** Our Brompton Suite was beautifully traditional yet contemporary, with a four-poster bed and fabulous

raised bathroom with roll-top bath. We also had a separate lounge area, where we could have quite happily relaxed all evening, but gin and tonics in the K Bar were not to be missed. After drinks, dinner in the charming Town House restaurant was the perfect end to our day. Seared tuna in a ginger dressing and south coast crab with Guinness brown bread, were followed by a seriously delicious beef Wellington and tiger prawns with harissa aioli. This place is a real gem. **BOOK** From £255 per night for a Superior Room, doylecollection.com



LONGLANDS, Devon

WHERE On the border of Exmoor National Park, Longlands is set in a beautiful secluded valley – tranquil doesn't even begin to cover this peaceful haven. With limited phone signal and no TV, it's the perfect spot for couples seeking an undisturbed escape from everyday life. **WHY** Staying in one of just five luxury safari tents was more akin to sleeping in a five-star hotel than any glamping

we've ever tried. Roll mats have been traded in for sumptuous beds, bonfires have levelled up into log burners, and there are power showers in each tent. Owner Bella has thought of everything – from decadent beauty products in the bathroom, to home-cooked meals you can order and heat in your log burner. There's even an onsite spa, as well as a hot tub within the grounds, which we spent a sublime hour in while we watched the sun set. We challenge you to find a more relaxing and romantic mini-moon activity. **BOOK** From £495 for a four-night mid-week stay, longlandsdevon.co.uk



PENNYHILL PARK, Surrey

WHERE It's a delightful drive to Pennyhill Park, motoring through glorious Surrey countryside and past idyllic chocolate-box villages. You can also get the train to nearby Bagshot. **WHY** We fell head over heels for the wonderful spa. With pools and hot tubs indoors and out, saunas and richly scented steam rooms, and blissful relaxation spaces, all our weekday stresses completely melted away. Lunch at spa restaurant Themis was delicious and healthy – think quinoa, avocado and

fresh tomato. For our evening dining, we went down a more indulgent route, starting by sampling a couple of cocktails from the imaginative bar list. Then we had three incredible courses at the Brasserie, which included a stunning cured sea trout dish, perfectly cooked tuna and a platter of mini desserts. Retiring to our inviting suite, we relaxed with another cocktail in our private upstairs seating area. If you're looking for a romantic break with a side order of relaxation, this magnificent hotel really does have it all. **BOOK** Rooms from £285 per night, exclusive. co.uk/pennyhill-park

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DORSET SQUARE HOTEL, London

WHERE The gorgeous Dorset Square Hotel is in the heart of Marylebone, close to theatre-land, Regent's Park, fabulous shopping and great cafés and restaurants. **WHY** Part of Firmdale Hotels, the Kit Kemp interiors are superbly stylish, and the bespoke botanical wallpapers and original art add to the luxurious feel. Our beautiful bedroom overlooked a private square, and the huge bed and

gorgeous fabrics made it gloriously modern. When we visited, the fire was burning in the drawing room, where we had a pre-dinner drink before

our amazing dinner in The Potting Shed. From salmon tartare and seared monkfish to crème caramel and the great cheese board, we were in heaven. Breakfast was equally delicious and finished off a memorable stay. **BOOK** From £276 per night, firmdalehotels.com

