

The perfect retreat if you want to get away from it all

Hannah Robinson visits **The Talbot** in Malton



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It was only the beginning of the week, but all I wanted was a night away in peace and luxury. With it being a Tuesday, we knew we didn't want to travel too far, so we hopped in the car and made our way to the newly refurbished Talbot in Malton, just one hour away in neighbouring North Yorkshire.

The drive to Malton is an experience in itself, coming off the beaten track and travelling past historic sites such as Wharram Percy and through hamlets and quaint villages.

On our arrival at The Talbot, we were greeted to stunning views across the hotel's estate overlooking Malton, and we made our way into the cosy reception area that was filled with the aromas from the roaring, pine fires.

The staff were incredibly friendly and accommodating, and we immediately felt at home.

The hotel reopened in February, after weeks of refurbishment to bring the home from a stark hotel to a warm and cosy country retreat, filled with fabulous décor, antiques and ornaments.

Our room was based on the first floor of The Talbot, just up the stairs from the foyer, and we were welcomed to a four-poster bed looking out over the grounds of the estate, as well as a stand-alone, roll-top bath with separate shower.

We arrived at 5pm, so we had just over two hours to loll and take in the comfort of the room, lounging on the sofa with our

complimentary coffees.

Soon it was time to get ready for tea, and we had the choice of the south-facing dining room or the bar area – both are stunningly decorated, so it was a difficult choice.

We decided on the bar area, as it was bustling with locals who had been on country walks, and it felt like a true country pub.

We dined on fresh crab from Whitby, scallops, fresh plaice, fish pie and delicious, homemade bread, all washed down with rhubarb and ginger gin distilled just across the road at the Rare Bird distillery.

The short walk upstairs back to our master suite really added to the feeling of being a member of the nobility in our own country home estate.

After a blissful night's sleep in a bed big enough for ten, we were back downstairs in the snug for a breakfast of eggs benedict and a full English.

We decided to visit the distillery opposite, and found a nook of shops including a patisserie serving fresh macaroons, a bakery and a butchers, treating ourselves to fresh sausage rolls.

Nearby is also Flamingo Land and Eden Camp, as well as plenty of rolling hills to walk off the beautiful breakfast.

We will certainly be returning to The Talbot the next time we need a night away from Hull and the hectic rigmarole of working life.



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