

THE TALBOT, Yorkshire



WHAT MAKES IT HIP?

This 17th-century former coaching inn, in the market town of Malton, has had a *serious* glow-up lately, with immaculately curated interiors and the area's artisanal foodie credentials slap-bang front and centre. The quickest of strolls from a train station, it's boutique mini-break gold for the car-free. Our one suggestion? That the Breton-and-denim-clad staff hand out voluminous smocks at check-in – as you will want to eat.

And eat. And then lie down.

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From £100 per night, including breakfast; Talbotmalton.co.uk. Food tour from £45 each

Sophisticated comfort food rules here – from an immaculate cheese-soufflé starter and local-

rhubarb crumble for pudding, to crumpets and maple syrup for breakfast. There's a buzz about the low-lit dining room, but it's relaxed and low-key – you never feel the chef's about to burst a blood vessel over the state of his *velouté*. The décor is just as welcoming: blues, greens, and neutrals, exposed wood floors, nature sketches and just-found-it-in-a-junk-shop oil paintings – while the rooms' four-poster beds and shiatsu-rivalling showers are ideal for the tired of spirit. And stomach...

DON'T MISS...

A food tour of the town, as organised by the hotel, where you can sample local produce (and show off your Gregg Wallace tasting face). Our pick? The ginger macarons at Florian Poirot. Ginger is so good for the digestion, after all... >