



LEFT Settle in beside a welcoming open fire at The Double Red Duke
BELOW Take time to explore surrounding Cotswold villages



A WEEKEND AWAY AT: *The Double Red Duke*

A COTSWOLDS INN WITH COSY ROOMS AND TOP-NOTCH CUISINE

The Double Red Duke in the pretty Oxfordshire village of Clanfield is a place to hunker down and tuck in to hearty dishes and robust reds by a roaring fire. Opened last year, after an extensive revamp by husband-and-wife team Sam and Georgie Pearman, formerly of Cheltenham's The Lucky Onion boutique hotel group and now founders of Country Creatures, it has all the right ingredients for a wonderful weekend away.

COUNTRY COMFORT

Designed by Georgie, the 19 rooms each have their own charming style, all with a seam of understated luxury running through them. Against the original 17th-century beams and

period features, bold wallpapers and richly coloured fabrics from British brands such as Colefax and Fowler, Rapture & Wright and Fermoie are combined with furniture from George Smith and a sprinkling of antiques. Bathrooms are fitted with walk-in showers or roll-top baths and 100 Acres botanical bath goodies. Four-legged friends are welcome in the two large family rooms.

SEASONAL PRODUCE

Foodies flock here to sample the simple live-fire cooking, overseen by Henrik Ritzén. Originally devised by former Hawksmoor chef, Richard Sandiford, there's a mouthwatering feast of seasonal British produce across the menus. From small plates of Brixham Crab on Toast to Cow Pie and Mash or Spit-roast Saddle of Lamb, much of the bounty

is cooked over fire and served where you can see the talented team in action. Wines are mostly European, plus there's English fizz and even a Cotswolds single malt on the drinks list.

OUT AND ABOUT

Pretty villages and rolling countryside are a feature of this part of the Cotswolds. If you like meandering walks and impressive views you will be amply entertained - just pick up a route map at reception. *Downton Abbey* fans may recognise nearby Bampton, as many scenes were shot there. Also close is Stow-on-the-Wold if it's independent shops and galleries you're after.

Rooms from £120 a night. The Double Red Duke, Bourton Road, Clanfield, Bampton OX18 2RB, countrycreatures.com



The 19 rooms were all designed by Georgie Pearman

While you're there...

BLENHEIM PALACE

This 300-year-old palace is surrounded by landscape gardens by Capability Brown. It's also the birthplace of Sir Winston Churchill and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, blenheimpalace.com

DAYLESFORD FARM SHOP

A 30-minute drive away at Kingham, Daylesford offers pampering in the wellness spa, organic delights in the café and farm shop, as well as a cookery school, daylesford.com

SHERBORNE PARK ESTATE

A former location for BBC's *Winterwatch*, Sherborne Park is a working estate with an abundance of deer, hares, otters and other wildlife, nationaltrust.org.uk