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The Double Red Duke, a hotel in the village of Clanfield, serves as an ideal launching point to explore the Cotswolds; a guest room at the Double Red Duke.

[The Double Red Duke](#), about a half-hour drive east, proved the ideal home base for exploring the region. The pub-turned-boutique hotel opened in its present incarnation in 2021. Red-and-white striped parasols fluttered in the breeze. Inside, a warren of wood-paneled sitting rooms promised coziness. It reminded me of a members-only club, minus the affectation that [the Soho Farmhouse](#) farther north often displays. Upstairs, a yellow clawfoot tub perched opposite the bed. It took mere seconds, despite my best attempts at restraint, to empty the jar of homemade cookies that sat waiting for me.

