

TOWN & COUNTRY

GLENEAGLES, PERTH AND KINROSS

Gleneagles, the luxury estate that borders the Highlands, often referred to as the 'Glorious Playground', certainly lives up to its spirited moniker, with most conceivable outdoor pursuits on offer, including golf, falconry, shooting and fishing. The recently launched Gleneagles Sporting Club is a fantastic addition, home to chic padd and tennis courts, as well as challenging climbing walls and an impossibly stylish indoor equestrian centre. Once you've worked up a sweat, you can toast your victories with Old Fashioneds at the world-class American Bar.

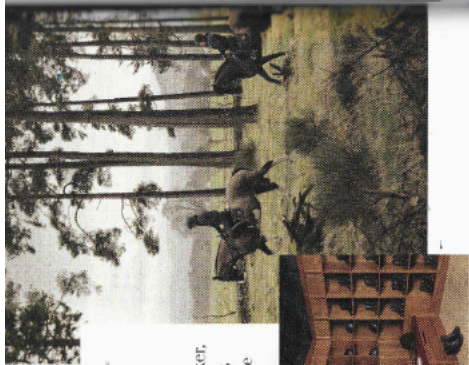
Gleneagles (gleneagles.com), from £375 a room a night.

PASTORAL DREAM

Halcyon hotels where you can revel in the abundant variety of the British landscape



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LYMPSTONE MANOR, DEVON

In Gillian Anderson's latest film *The Salt Path*, her character – the real-life author Raynor Winn – embarks on a journey along the South West Coast Path across Somerset, Devon, Cornwall and Dorset. It's an ode to the enchanting locations that make up England's shoreline. If you feel inspired to stroll along it yourself, take the opportunity to stay at the acclaimed chef Michael Cairns' Lymington Manor, a Grade II-listed Georgian house set just off the Path on the Exe Estuary Trail. For something a little different, book one of its six shepherd's huts, while there, be sure to try a bottle from Lymington's vineyard and, of course, the exceptional food.

Lymington Manor (lymingtonmanor.co.uk), from £440 a room a night.



SHORELINE FOLKESTONE, KENT

Both Agatha Christie and Charles Dickens wrote novels when staying in Folkestone; now, contemporary creatives have an inspiring Kentish home from home in the form of Shoreline's new beach houses. With serene interiors by the design aficionados behind 8 Holland Street and sunset views across the Channel, they provide a chic base from which to explore the town's public art. (Look out for Lubaina Himid's pavilion, two Antony Gormley sculptures and Tracey Emin's 'Baby Things' series.) After working up an appetite, head to Rocksalt for fresh oysters overlooking the harbour, then venture on to the Folkestone Wine Company for a special glass or two.

Shoreline Folkestone (shorelinefolkestone.co.uk), from £400 a night for a two-bedroom beach house.



KUDHVA, CORNWALL

Time slows down at Kudhva, Cornish for 'hideout', this unusual hotel sits within an abandoned 36-acre slate quarry in rugged North Cornwall. Each self-catering treehouse is sustainable and seems to hover above the landscape – an architectural sanctuary from the modern world that asks you to savour the simple, profound pleasures of life.

Kudhva (kudhva.com), from £375 a cabin a night.



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THE DOUBLE RED DUKE, COTSWOLDS

This hotel's red-and-white-striped parasols may have taken Instagram by storm when it opened in 2021, but the Double Red Duke in Banbury is more than a social-media sensation: it's also a serious culinary destination, thanks to its superb Sunday roasts and inventive cooking over fire, not to mention the delectably sticky cinnamon buns that take pride of place at the breakfast buffet. Don't miss this year's supper-club series, featuring renowned visiting chefs including Margot Henderson and Niklas Ekstedt.

The Double Red Duke (countryretreats.com), from £250 a room a night. D

