

warm as toast, to admire the view



The Levin, London

A chic yet intimate Knightsbridge bolt-hole with the facilities of its big sister, the Capital, next door. An Art Deco-style lobby leads to small, soothing bedrooms, while the buzzing subterranean brasserie, Le Metro, is reminiscent of a modern Viennese tea room.

020 7589 6286; thelevinhotel.co.uk; from £285

WALES

The Felin Fach Griffin, Felin Fach, Brecon

An appealingly unpretentious

inn, with outstanding food and comfortable rooms, in breathtaking scenery between the Brecon Beacons and the Black Mountains. The first of Edmund and Charlie Inkin's trio of places to stay embodies their ethos of honest simplicity, and is a particular favourite with foodies, hikers and book lovers (Hay-on-Wye is nearby). The decoration is warm and tasteful, and bedrooms have considerate extras like Roberts radios and excellent bed linen. Ideal for escaping the hurly-burly.

01874 620111; eatdrink.sleep.ltd.uk; from £125

Clockwise from above: Star Castle in the Scilly Isles; Barnsdale Lodge in North Yorkshire; and Le Metro bar at the Levin in Knightsbridge

YOUR SAY

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West Arms, Llanarmon Dyffryn-Ceirlog, Denbighshire

After a day's hiking in the Berwyn Hills, take refuge in this inn known for its excellent, robust food. Inside, it's all flagstones, beams and crackling fires in inglenook fireplaces. Bedrooms in the main building are the cosiest.

01691 600665; thewestarms.com; from £95

Penally Abbey, Penally, Pembrokeshire

Walk through the door and your spirits rise, so warm is

this delightful Strawberry Hill Gothic house and so hospitable are its owners. From its location at the heart of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, a magnificent vista stretches across the bay as far as the Gower Peninsula. Try for one of the cottagey bedrooms in the old Coach House.

01834 843033; penally-abbey.com; from £125

CENTRAL Barnsdale Lodge, Oakham, Leicestershire

On the north shore of Rutland Water, part of the

Exton Park estate of the Earls of Gainsborough, this former farmhouse has a pretty courtyard, attractive bedrooms and a welcoming ground floor. The hallway features an original cast-iron stove and there's a picture-filled, warm red sitting room, sunny conservatory dining room and another dining room that has a clubby feel fit for the aristocratic owner.

01572 724678; barnsdale.lodge.co.uk; from £110

Pen-y-Dyffryn, Rhydygroesau, Shropshire

Settle beside a glowing

log fire with a book or a board game from Pen-y-Dyffryn's collection at this timeless, cossetting hotel a stone's throw from the Welsh border. The house is a Georgian former rectory and stands in a flower-filled garden on a lush hillside surrounded by arresting views. Traditionally furnished, but with some bold modern art, it has light bedrooms, dedicated staff and a well-executed and delicious daily-changing menu. A haven of peace in a crazy world.

01691 653700; penydyffryn.co.uk; from £144

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