

Extraordinary Places to Stay

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Romantic escapes

Hesleyside Huts

NORTHUMBRIA, ENGLAND

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? The romance of rural nostalgia is laid on thick at Hesleyside's gloriously snug 'traditional shepherds' huts' (though whether Northumbrian shepherds were fans of Egyptian cotton sheets, Moorish-tiled kitchens and digital radios is unclear). Shut the oak door and light the stove and you have the perfect place from which to disappear from the world with your paramour.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM? Set foot outside simply to light a campfire, explore primeval woodland or to look up at the heavens in one of Britain's few dark sky reserves.

📍 From £80, minimum two-night stay; hesleysidehuts.co.uk



Mill Houses Suites **SANTORINI, GREECE**

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? Formed from the rim of a sunken volcano, the island of Santorini has long been beloved of fiery romantics, and there's no better perch from which to admire its geological drama than Mill Houses Suites, teetering on vertiginous cliffs outside the pretty town of Thira. Time passes idly, basking in the sunshine on your veranda, enjoying a champagne breakfast in bed or a private candlelit dinner under the stars.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM? For Santorini's world-renowned sunset, there's no need to leave the premises. There are distracting views from the whitewashed terrace, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Aegean below, where a caldera once bubbled.

📍 From £70; millhouses.gr



The Witchery

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? If Casanova were to spend the weekend in Edinburgh, he'd almost certainly book in here. Inside all is dark fabrics, heavy drapes, four-poster beds and candlelight, with hidden corners ripe for a theatrical liaison. Heaving bosoms, fluttering fans and powdered wigs optional.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM?

Edinburgh Castle is just on the doorstep, but, really, why would you? The hotel has more than enough intrigue to last a weekend.

📍 From £245; thewitchery.com

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Les 3 Chambres **PARIS, FRANCE**

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? The Eurostar terminal is but a short walk away from intimate Les 3 Chambres, making it ideal for a weekend's whisking away. Inside, the apartment consists of just three beautifully furnished guestrooms, set within an opulent building off the Rue la Fayette, with squishy, duck-down beds, elegant furnishings, traditional Parisian balconies and the feel of your own private nest.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM? Host Laurent is a font of local information, which he gladly shares, from his favourite chocolatier to the most romantic strolls and the cosiest bistro.

📍 From £150; les3chambres-paris.com →



Monteverdi
TUSCANY, ITALY

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? Tuscany might be the most romantic corner of the most romantic nation on Earth – especially when appreciated from Monteverdi, a set of medieval villas with stone hearths and beamed ceilings overlooking the Val d'Orcia.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM? Days could be passed wandering hand-in-hand down cypress-shaded country lanes, while nights could be spent practising the classic *Lady and the Tramp* spaghetti routine at the resort's restaurant, which serves a fine assortment of pasta, venison and wild boar dishes.

📍 From £345; monteverdituscany.com

The Carneros Inn
CALIFORNIA, USA

HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL? If you don't feel the love here, you might want to call time on the relationship. Set in leafy grounds, sweet, tin-roofed cottages come with stone fireplaces, deep bath-tubs and an outdoor shower for an alfresco sponge-down. The inn is within stumbling distance of a shop stocking fine vintages from around the region – best savoured while enjoying a blood-red Californian sunset from your private garden.

AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM? The surrounding Napa Valley is the perfect place to uncork a weekend of romance, with rolling hills dotted with wineries and swathed in rows of quivering vines.

📍 Cottages from £240; thecarnerosinn.com



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– in five-star luxury

Immersing yourself in the relaxing atmosphere of Grand Velas Riviera Maya, it's easy to feel a world away from civilisation, even with downtown Playa del Carmen on the doorstep.

With a world-class spa paying homage to ancient Mexican healing rituals and top restaurants offering a culinary world tour – whether you choose a chic gourmet eatery or casual family bistro – at this all-inclusive resort, indulgence is definitely on the menu. Luxurious Grand Class suites up the ante with private spa tubs, terrace plunge pools and Caribbean Sea views.



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