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NO 12, CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE
In the pretty market town of Cirencester, No 12 is a Grade II listed Georgian townhouse that is every inch the cool Cotswold retreat. Think beamed ceilings and a smattering of antiques. No 12's four charming bedrooms have shuttered windows, sleigh beds and merino wool blankets. Eat breakfast in the lavender-filled garden, before taking a walk in the nearby bluebell woods.
12 Park Street, Cirencester, Gloucestershire GL7 2BW (01285 640 232; no12cirencester.co.uk), Doubles from £120 B&B



THE LAUNDRY, TY MAWR COTTAGES, LLANFRYNACH, POWYS
Fancy a romantic weekend in the country? This high-spec cottage for two has flagstone floors, and an en-suite bathroom with Anne Semonin toiletries. There's a swish, gadget-filled kitchen with a swish, gadget-filled kitchen. Michelin-starred food at The Walnut Tree Inn (walnuttreeinn.com) if you don't. Add to that the private garden, stress-busting views across the fields, bracing walks and waterfalls on its doorstep, and this converted farm building is pretty much the perfect rural bolthole.
Ty Mawr Cottages, Llanfrynach, nr Brecon, Powys LD3 7BZ (01874 665 414; sugarandloaf.com), Prices from £430 for three nights



ARCHANGEL, FROME, SOMERSET
Frome is a cute town with farmers' markets and cobbles, and the Mendip Hills nearby. It's pretty ancient too, with Archangel dating back to 1311 - the inside of its restaurant still has the original medieval passageway bisecting it. Upstairs, six of the 10 striking rooms have slipper baths, and there are views over the rooftops. Angel murals look down on you while you sleep, peacefully - despite the buzz from the bar and restaurant below.
1 King St, Frome, Somerset BA11 1BH (01373 456 111; archangelfrome.com), Doubles from £90, room only

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