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# GRAZIA

## Boutique Buckets & Spades

### ART HOUSE CHIC

#### Swain House, Watchet, Somerset

Watchet is an ancient harbour town in Somerset that's a bit of find. It's unspoiled and perched on the coast with Exmoor behind it. On the well-preserved Victorian High Street is Swain House, a B&B housed in what used to be a couple of village shops. Step through the front door and enter a stylish, sophisticated pad that's decorated in shades of muted grey. Bedrooms are decorated in Farrow & Ball neutrals with the eye-catching feature wall consisting of a mural of a painting from the National Gallery or the National Portrait Gallery. The ensuite has a slipper bath, double walk-in shower, fluffy bathrobes and REN toiletries. If you're up for extra indulgence, luxuries such as homemade truffles or a bottle of champagne on ice can be ordered. While you're there: as Watchet is deep in the heart of cider country, it would be rude not to check out the local brew at Torre Cider Farm ([torrecider.com](http://torrecider.com)). If you're feeling adventurous, have a go at coasteering —travelling along the base of sea cliffs ([activeadventuresw.co.uk](http://activeadventuresw.co.uk)).

The lowdown: from £125 per night. Visit [swain-house.com](http://swain-house.com) or call 01984 631038.



**MODERN**  
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[withaviewbrighton.com](http://withaviewbrighton.com).

Murals of famous paintings adorn the walls in Swain House

**5 RETRO FUN**  
Escape, Llandudno, Conwy, North Wales  
Chic and fun, the Escape B&B mixes up retro 1970s styling with designer details. Room One's technicolour crocheted throw and orange Eames-style chairs are the perfect foil to the muted grey décor and wooden floors. And breakfast – wow, the full Welsh is delicious and made from local produce. While you're there: Llandudno's huge sandy beaches await you. Take the cable car up the Great Orme, the hill that backs on to the town. Or go kite surfing at Kinmel Bay ([kiteboardinglessons.co.uk](http://kiteboardinglessons.co.uk)). The lowdown: from £89 per night, visit [escapeandb.co.uk](http://escapeandb.co.uk) or call 01492 877776.

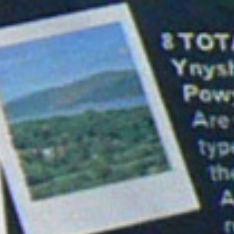


The Escape does retro chic perfectly

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**7. SHABBY CHIC**  
The Gullivant Hotel, Camber Sands, East Sussex

The Gullivant at Camber Sands has a touch of the Hamptons about it – a clapperboard set on the Sussex coast. Rooms stretch around the front, motel-style; inside it's all billowing white curtains, shabby chic and white wooden floors. The Gullivant's restaurant, the Beach Bistro, is up dishes such as seared Rye scallops with trout tartar, oystre champagne jelly – tuck in! While you're there: stroll across the road to the vast dune-fringed beach of Camber Sands, which is breathtaking in scale – the sand seeming to go on to infinity. Give kite-surfing a go – Camber's expansive beach is ideal for it. The Kite Surf Centre is located at the eastern end of the sands – per lesson ([thekitesurfcen](http://thekitesurfcen)). And just up the road, the Rye is a medieval gem, full of shops and good pubs. The lowdown: rates at Gullivant start from £210 in July. Visit [thegullivant.co.uk](http://thegullivant.co.uk) or call 01797 225057.



**8 TOTAL**  
Ynys-hir, Powys  
Are you a fan of the outdoors? At Ynys-hir, you can enjoy the Cambrian Coast and the Dyfi estuary, a haven for birds and protected by the RSPB. At night you can see the stars in the morning you can see the stars of birdsong. Inside has a warm period between chic and food is fabulous. Châteaux chairs to be something locally sourced from Cardigan. While you're there: Beach, Ceredigion place for begin back to nature the Cambrian RSPB Ynys-hir (it's the home don'tcha know). The lowdown: night, based ynyshirhall.