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at climate change summit that's
a 5,000-mile round-trip flight...

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CALL THAT NET ZERO, SIR KEIR!

SIR KEIR Starmer has been accused of hypocrisy after it was revealed that the UK sent an incredible 470 delegates to the UN climate change summit in Azerbaijan.

Britain's huge delegation to the COP29 talks has left a massive carbon footprint – despite Labour's zealous drive towards Net Zero – and cost taxpayers millions.

The staggering environmental and financial cost comes despite the summit being deemed 'no longer fit for purpose', with

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leaders of some of the biggest polluting countries, including US President Joe Biden and China's President Xi, shunning talks.

The British delegation is bigger than that sent by the US and other major European

countries including France, Germany and Italy, according to official figures.

Sir Keir has declared that he wants the UK to have a 'global leadership' role in fighting climate change and used this year's COP in Baku, Azerbaijan's capital, to unveil yet another hugely ambitious green target.

But the Prime Minister's pledge to slash greenhouse gas emissions by 81 per cent by 2035 triggered warnings that people

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EXCLUSIVE**



Coleen on motherhood, Wagatha and why she barely sees Wayne

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By Jane Knight

THESE are so many special hotels in Britain but which ones really go that extra mile and treat guests like members of their family, often providing complimentary tea and cakes or a glass of wine on arrival, as well as superb food and swish rooms? The following are The Good Hotel Guide's 2025 best places to stay in Britain.

BEST SEASIDE HOTEL**The Seaside Boarding House, Burton Bradstock, Dorset**

JUST above Chesil Beach, and with spectacular views over Lyme Bay, this chic seaside hotel feels like a little bit of New England has been transplanted to Dorset. Owned by the founders of London's Groucho Club, it has hip interiors and offers the freshest of seafood.

Don't miss: Go fossil hunting on the Jurassic Coast.

Details: B&B doubles from £255 (theseasideboardinghouse.com).

BEST COUNTRY HOUSE HOTEL**Ty Mawr, Brechfa, Carmarthenshire**

THERE are bigger and grander country house hotels, but few more popular with Guide readers or more affordable than this one, run by Gill Brown and David Hart on the edge of Brechfa Forest. Gill cooks imaginative but unpretentious meals and even dogs get a breakfast sausage.

Don't miss: The walks from the door through the forest.

Details: B&B doubles from £135 (wales.country-hotels.co.uk).

BEST FOODIE HOTEL**The Collective at Woolery, Devon**

THE deliciously unusual meals at the Farmers Arms pub feature ingredients from their sustainable farm, organic market garden and surrounding woods. The whole enterprise includes a gourmet fish 'n' chippy, a village shop, and swish bedrooms and cottages in the village.

Don't miss: A visit to nearby Clovelly, which tumbles down the coast.

Details: Room-only doubles from £275 (woolery.com).

BEST IN EAST ANGLIA**The White Horse, Brancaster Staithe, Norfolk**

EVERYTHING that's best about North Norfolk comes together at the Nye family's hotel with its 15 rooms. Think far-reaching views over salt marshes, wildlife on your doorstep, fishermen delivering their catch to the door, and plenty of walks.

Don't miss: A seafood platter, with Brancaster mussels and Cromer crab.

Details: B&B doubles from £150 (whitehorsebrancaster.co.uk).

MOST ROMANTIC HOTEL**Hotel Endsleigh, Milton Abbot, Devon**

WHO could fail to be moved by this Regency cottage orné in an Arcadian landscape by the Tamar and peppered with follies and grottos? Olga Polizzi's interiors are just as special, with a wood-lined hall leading to drawing rooms and bedrooms.

Don't miss: A tour of the gardens with the gardener.

Details: B&B doubles from £290 (theolizzicollection.com).

BEST IN THE SOUTH**Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, Great Milton, Oxfordshire**

IT'S NO mean feat to hold two Michelin stars for 40 years. Raymond Blanc's food is superb, but the bedrooms at this Oxfordshire manor, with its lavender-fringed pathway, glorious gardens and orchard, are as carefully crafted as the dishes. It's not cheap but it is worth it.

Don't miss: Take a cookery or a gardening course.

Details: B&B doubles from £925 (belmond.com).



RICH PICKINGS: Part of the kitchen gardens at Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons

BEST RESTAURANT WITH ROOMS**Mingary Castle, Kilchoan, Highland**

MEDIAeval feasts might have been good in this 13th century stronghold overlooking the Sound of Mull, but they can't have been a patch on Colin Nicholson's delicious tasting menus. There are just four rooms, characterised by four posters, rich fabrics and deep baths.

Don't miss: A visit to Ardnamurchan Lighthouse, mainland Britain's most westerly point.

Details: B&B doubles from £225 (mingarycastle.co.uk).

BEST IN THE SOUTH WEST AND CHANNEL ISLANDS**The Blonde Hedgehog, St Anne, Alderney**

'PRETTY much perfect' was the Guide inspectors' summary of this hotel in the town of St Anne on the small island of Alderney. They were impressed by its convivial atmosphere, divine food in delicious combinations, beautifully styled boutique bedrooms and fantastic breakfasts.

Don't miss: A kayak trip around the dinky island.

Details: B&B doubles from £170 (blondehedgehog.com).

BEST SPA HOTEL**Lime Wood, Lyndhurst, Hampshire**

IT'S NOT perhaps the biggest spa in a British hotel, but Lime Wood's Herb House spa comes in the lovely, leafy surroundings of the New Forest. Expect tip-top treatments and floor-to-ceiling windows creating an outside-inside feel from the hydrotherapy pool; there's also an outdoor heated pool.

Don't miss: Cycling through the forest for lunch at The Pig.

Details: B&B doubles from £495 (limewoodhotel.co.uk).

BEST IN THE MIDLANDS**Hambleton Hall, Rutland**

YOU can feast your eyes on the view over beautifully kept gardens to Rutland Water while you tuck into delicious dishes at this Michelin-starred hotel, where every mouthful created by chef Aaron Patterson is an explosion of flavours. Bedrooms are the epitome of elegance.

Don't miss: The 23-mile cycle ride around Rutland Water.

Details: B&B doubles from £370 (hambletonhall.com).

BEST IN THE NORTH**The Traddock, Austwick, North Yorkshire**

TRADITIONAL bedrooms and highly regarded food characterise The Reynolds family's small country house hotel with spectacular views over the Dales. But it is the highly personal touch that gives guests the feeling of staying in a friend's home.

Don't miss: Order a picnic for a day walking the Dales.

Details: B&B doubles from £120 (thetraddock.co.uk).



A Regency delight in Devon, a medieval stronghold in the Scottish Highlands and a splendid spa in Hampshire... all victorious in the 2025 Good Hotel Guide

Check in to a WINNER

BEST HOTEL FOR GARDENS**Bodysgallen Hall, Llandudno, Conwy**

A 17th CENTURY parterre as well as a rose garden and woodland walks make up the 200 acres of Renaissance pleasure grounds and gardens at Bodysgallen, on the slopes of Pydew Mountain. The kitchen garden supplies the restaurant in this traditional hotel.

Don't miss: Nearby Llandudno.

Details: B&B doubles from £179 (bodysgallen.com).

BEST IN SCOTLAND**Prestonfield, Edinburgh**

IT'S pure theatre at this sumptuous hotel with kilt-wearing staff and peacock-patrolled parkland, near Royal Holyrood Park. Walls might be clad in leather or 17th century tapestries, and fabrics are opulent.

Don't miss: Hike up Arthur's Seat for great city views.

Details: B&B doubles from £247 (prestonfield.com).

BEST HOTEL FOR WALKERS**The Castle, Bishop's Castle, Shropshire**

GEARED to guests who come to walk the Shropshire hills, this hotel has everything from maps and packed lunches to boot brushes and drying facilities. There's no charge for dogs, either. There are three bars, a good restaurant and comfy rooms.

Don't miss: Ludlow, which is only around 30 minutes away.



BLUE-SKY THINKING: The view from The Terrace in Ventnor



GILT AND KILTS: The opulent interiors at Prestonfield in Edinburgh



EPITOME OF ELEGANCE: Bodysgallen Hall, left, and The Collective in Devon, above

Details: B&B doubles from £130 (thecastle.hotelbishopscastle.co.uk).

BEST IN WALES**Penally Abbey, Pembrokeshire**

A DREAM of a hotel on the coast near Tenby, Penally Abbey is so good, it has won this award twice in three years. An air of romance hangs around beautifully designed interiors, with a candlelit restaurant, cusped windows and plenty of antiques and French-market finds.

Don't miss: Nearby Penally Beach.

Details: B&B doubles from £215 (penallyabbey.com).

BEST HOTEL FOR DOGS**Mill End Hotel, Chagford, Devon**

WALKIES from the door and a boot room, sink and towels to clean muddy paws on your return... four-pawed guests are as welcome as their owners in this former mill by the River Teign. And you can book a dog sitter.

Don't miss: The National Trust's Castle Drogo, two miles away.

Details: B&B doubles from £160 (millendhotel.com).

BEST HOTEL IN A CITY/TOWN**The Cookie Jar, Alnwick, Northumberland**

DEBBIE Cook has transformed what was the Convent of Mercy into a quirky 11-bedroom boutique hotel offering urban chic and something of the ambience of a Soho club. The Chapel suite comes with a circular stained-glass window and a divine bathtub.

Don't miss: Alnwick Castle, with its links to the Harry Potter films (will reopen from March).

Details: B&B doubles from £205 (cookiejaralnwick.com).

BEST B&B**The Terrace, Ventnor, Isle of Wight**

FORGET your standard B&B – this lovely place is all about wine, with guided tastings each evening in a room lined with bottles. With views out to sea, the contemporary-chic rooms come with a wine fridge and beach towels. The four-course breakfast is pretty special too.

Don't miss: The coastal walk to charming Steephill Cove.

Details: B&B doubles from £200 (theterraceventnor.co.uk).

BEST PUB**The Howard Arms, Ilmington, Warwickshire**

IT WAS a case of all's well that ends well for this pub on the green near Stratford-upon-Avon, which was rescued by enterprising locals. Interiors come with flagstones, beamed ceilings and bags of character, while food ranges from pub fare to imaginative dishes.

Don't miss: A visit to William Shakespeare's birthplace.

Details: B&B doubles from £140 (howardarms.com).

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