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CUTE FOR COUPLES

Camber Sands, East Sussex's breezy five-mile beach, has long been crying out for a weekend hangout, and the The Gallivant Hotel, a relaxing beach-house hotel with a two AA-rossette restaurant, is it! Check out the new Hamptons-style deck rooms with alfresco spaces. The dining room's menu is delicious, local and unfussy – Colchester oysters and choc doughnuts with dunking cream. English wines are a revelation – try the Chapel Down Flint with a gourmet fish-finger sandwich!

When the weather's kind, simply grab a hotel beach bag and head towards the waves. If rain stops play, retreat to nearby Rye's antique shops. Or take the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch steam railway to other-worldly Dungeness, where artists sell their work from converted railway carriage homes.

WHAT IT COSTS Doubles from £135 B&B; £195 dinner and B&B; thegallivanthotel.com or visitsussex.org.

BEST FOR THE FAMILY

Nowhere delivers an action-packed family weekend as reliably as Center Parcs' weatherproof kingdoms. At Longleat Forest in Wiltshire, kids arrive on Friday nights still in school uniform, as they're so keen to make the most of every minute!

It's all about being active, so a quick recce of your lodge is all you need before you head out. There are a zillion things to enjoy together. Dive straight in with a trip to the Subtropical Swimming Paradise's waterfalls, wave areas and Jacuzzis. Hire bikes and power up the hills. Go canoeing in the rain. Be a bit selfish too: sneak away for a new Decléor Aromatherapy Mind and Body Re-energiser in the Aqua Sana spa.

Book a three-bedroom Executive Lodge



with a modern open-plan living space and a sauna to reheat and reboot after the day's activities! You'll have your own BBQ patio but if you can't face cooking there are plenty of restaurants too – try out brand-new Hawtons for Brit classics such as fish pie and marmalade bread-and-butter pudding.

WHAT IT COSTS Three-night weekend breaks cost from £499 in a two-bedroom lodge sleeping up to six in October. Call 08448-267723; centerparcs.co.uk. For general information, see visitwiltshire.co.uk.



GO WITH THE GIRLS

The South Sands is a hip boutique hotel on the secluded Blue Flag South Hams beach. Calm, chic colours lend a New England vibe, while by late spring, the hotel's glorious seascapes and garden setting are reminiscent of Capri. A cute little sea tractor will chug you to the South Sands Ferry for a foray into Salcombe's art galleries and boutiques (Seasalt is especially browsable). Seafood supremo Mitch Tonks has devised fantastic menus for the hotel. Bliss is a light lunch of an open crab sandwich and a glass of vino, watching the sea lap against the restaurant decking.

WHAT IT COSTS Doubles from £185 B&B; southsands.com or visitsouthdevon.co.uk.

FAB FOR FRIENDS

With its confident image in place ahead of this summer's Commonwealth games, Glasgow is a great place to visit. If you want a car-free break with a group of friends, Grasshoppers Hotel, a penthouse boutique with an easy-going style, is just a hop from Central Rail Station.

The regenerated Clyde Waterfront is packed with new landmarks. Zaha Hadid's Riverside Museum (left) tells the city's story in gripping

fashion. A powerboat ride from its Tall Ship to the Govan Shipyard makes a unique city centre experience. But not all the best places are new. Rennie Mackintosh's architecture (glasgowmackintosh.com) and dinner at Art Deco Rogano, are both city essentials (roganoglasgow.com).

WHAT IT COSTS Doubles from £95 B&B; grasshoppersglasgow.com, for general info, see peoplemakeglasgow.com. w&h



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