



The comfy lodges come with all mod cons



Kids can enjoy the fresh air



Relax in the stylish bar

AYSGARTH LODGES Yorkshire Dales

Situated in a secluded spot on the banks of the picturesque Bishopdale Beck, Aysgarth Lodges is a luxury holiday park with breathtaking views.

Following a £12 million makeover, the park now boasts its own high-end bar and restaurant Falls End, which serves local culinary delights - plus there are hot tubs at every lodge.

Within walking distance of the famous Insta-worthy Aysgarth Falls, it's heaven for ramblers and dog walkers, or anyone simply craving fresh air. Kids will be spoilt, too, as the park includes a play area and wonderful on-site petting farm Molly's, that includes friendly alpacas, cuddly rabbits and kunekune pigs.

The contemporary stylish lodges can cater for groups up to eight, and come with all mod cons including fully equipped kitchen, outside decking with Jacuzzi, smart TVs in all bedrooms, and bed linen and towels.

Off site: You're spoilt for choice, as several castles are just a short drive away. Check out Castle

Bolton which has regular archery and bird of prey displays and a stunning maze.

Middleham Castle, once the childhood home of Richard III, is also close in a picturesque village with a number of inviting pubs. Kids will love the nearby Forbidden Corner (theforbiddencorner.co.uk). This quirky attraction is filled with labyrinths, tunnels, chambers and galleries with tricky challenges. Food and drink lovers are also catered for at the local Black Sheep Brewery (blacksheepbrewery.com) or see how the famous cheese is made with a tour of the Wensleydale Creamery where you can sample up to 20 different types (wensleydale.co.uk).

But the real highlight of the area is the stunning views, and with the Dales as your playground you can also enjoy the great outdoors with fishing or cycling.

Book it: Lodges start at £425 per week; pet-friendly lodges are available. Visit leisureresorts.co.uk ■

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SPA OF THE WEEK

The Celtic Manor Resort Newport

Who goes? Lydia Bright and boyfriend Lee Cronin visited in June.

Why is it so special? With a choice of six restaurants, outdoor activities right on your doorstep and two spas to help you unwind, a weekend at this five-star resort won't just recharge your batteries, it'll leave you refreshed, reinvigorated and raring to go.

What treatments are on offer? The Forum Spa offers an array of treatments using Elemis products. Cleanse your body with the help of detoxifying chakra muds in the unique Herbal Steam Temple (from £55 for 45 mins) before warm tropical rain washes those worries away.

Alternatively, try the Forum Massage (from £70 for 50 mins), which is tailored to your individual needs.

Any packages? The overnight Sunday Spa Rollover package will leave you feeling utterly recharged for the week ahead. From £129 per person, the deal includes accommodation, a three-course evening buffet at The Olive Tree restaurant, breakfast and a 50-minute facial, Herbal Steam Temple, massage or revitaliser treatment. ■



Lydia and Lee stayed recently

The Celtic Manor Resort, Coldra Woods, The Usk Valley, Newport, South Wales NP18 1HQ. Call 01633 413 000 or visit celticmanor.com

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EMILIA'S CRAFTED PASTA
UNIT C, IVORY HOUSE, ST KATHARINE DOCK, LONDON E1W 1AT

Who goes? Graham Norton and Helen Mirren, star of *The Long Good Friday*, which was filmed in St Katharine Dock, live in nearby Wapping.

Vibe: Real home-cooked pasta like Nonna used to make - but in a chic, bustling, trattoria looking out over the Thames at beautiful St Katharine Dock, a stone's throw from the Tower of London.

Best for: Pasta, obviously! You can taste the quality and freshness here. The standout dish is the handmade ravioli with organic lamb, parsley and Parmesan in a light butter and sage sauce. Melts in the mouth. But don't be blindsided by the pasta, the starters and desserts are equally delicious. The rocket and Parmesan side salad with its own unique lemon dressing, is bursting with flavour. And, if you have room, the polenta cake is to die for.

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