



Hotel Endsleigh

Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon PL19 0PQ

At the bottom of a long rhododendron-lined drive with heart-stopping views over the Tamar valley, this cottage orné, once home to the 6th Duke of Bedford, is the perfect antidote to bling culture. Step inside to find a grand country house of old, with log fires, a panelled dining room, Herculean vases of garden flowers and rare botanical pictures mixed with modern art and sculpture; only the abundance of discreet, friendly staff reminds you you're in a hotel. Elysian bedrooms, the very best, flood with light and soft colours, crisp white linen, gorgeous fabrics, idyllic views. Bathrooms are just as good: large, coddling and warm. Crests of the Duke's family and friends are embossed in the panelled walls of the dining room, where delicious local produce is served on fine china. Walk off your excess in 108 acres of woodland and exquisite garden (designed by Humphrey Repton), or get up early and cast a fly; the hotel has seven rods on the Tamar. Alternatively, potter around the croquet field, scoff afternoon tea in the library or doze in a deckchair on the terrace. *Minimum stay two nights at weekends.*



rooms	16: 5 doubles, 8 twins/doubles, 2 suites, 1 lodge for 2-4.
price	£200-£300. Singles from £180. Suites £360. Lodge £400.
meals	Lunch £21-£27. Dinner £38.
closed	Never.
directions	A30 to Launceston, A388 south, then B3362 east for Tavistock. Through Milton Abbott and right at school. After a mile, right at the Lodge. 1.8m down drive.

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