



The children's garden at Endsleigh and (right) one of the bedrooms



HOTEL ENDSLEIGH DEVON

Hotel Endsleigh is another Olga Polizzi gem, run by her daughter Alex. The country house hotel, originally built in 1812 as a 'cottage ornée' retreat for the Duchess of Bedford, opened last year.

DECOR Regency – oak floors, sash windows, panelled walls, grand fireplaces, contemporary wallpaper and interesting antiques (big porcelain urns, marble busts and Oriental armoires).

ROOMS The 16 bedrooms vary in size and shape but all have gigantic beds, Art Deco lamps, sage green and yellow armchairs, and bookshelves full of weekend reading material.

ROOM TO BOOK Queen Victoria once slept in room eight which has hand-painted, listed wallpaper.

FOOD Nursery food – roasts and sticky toffee pudding.

EXTRAS Within the 108 acres of landscaped gardens and woodland, there is a croquet lawn, archery garden and a salmon and sea trout river.

PEOPLE Grown-ups who love the house-party feel of the hotel.

NEED TO KNOW Rooms from £210. Hotel Endsleigh, Milton Abbot, Tavistock, Devon (01822 870 000; www.hotelendsleigh.com).

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