

Endsleigh House, Devon. The first stone was laid at Endsleigh in 1812 by Georgina, Duchess of Bedford, who decided that this was the prettiest place in the county to build a house. She would choose the same spot today. Olga Polizzi has cast an artistic and sympathetic wand over the Grade 1 listed house and grounds. The 16 beautiful rooms are furnished with antiques and fine linens and many original Regency features remain. This is a place for long walks, fishing, eating delicious local produce and simply wallowing in each other's company. Hotel Endsleigh, Tavistock, Devon, 01822 870 000, hotelendsleigh.com

The Soho Hotel, London. The Soho Hotel is as edgy and smart as the suited and booted media types who frequent its trendy portals.

Designed with a contemporary English feel by interior designer Kit Kemp, every room and suite has been individually thought through. Luxuriously designed bathrooms in granite and oak have walk-in showers and goodies by London perfumer Miller Harris (well worth pilfering for your honeymoon). For the ultimate romantic gesture, book the small screening room (£250 per hour), sink in to a cowhide sofa, bottle of Champagne to hand, and watch your wedding video. The Soho Hotel, 4 Richmond Mews, London W1 020 7559 3000, firmdale.com

Four Seasons, Hampshire. Just an hour from central London, this intimate historic manor, dating back to 1728, offers ultra-modern comforts within acres of rolling countryside and heritage-listed gardens.

If fireplaces, crystal chandeliers and quiet luxury are your cup of Earl Grey, Four Seasons won't disappoint. Toast your new life together with a Champagne breakfast, take a canal boat trip, go horseback riding, hot-air ballooning or enjoy a relaxing massage for two in the converted stable block spa. From picnics to delicious English/European cuisine, the food is as elegant as the setting. Four Seasons Hotel, Dogmersfield Park, Hook, Hampshire, 01252 853000, fourseasons.com

Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons, Oxfordshire. The perfect choice for foodies, a huge draw here is chef Raymond Blanc and his masterful cuisine. The gastronomic glory is only superseded by the beauty and sophistication of this lovely manor house.

