

Imagining the ultimate dreamy night away from the stresses of life? Well, there's no need to imagine because it's right here.

SOUTH PLACE HOTEL >

> Boldly indulgent and oozing style, South Place Hotel is the first hotel from the restaurateurs D&D London, the owners of some of the best restaurants in the City, and it's everything you could possibly dream of! Located between Liverpool Street and Moorgate Stations, South Place is a contemporary luxury boutique hotel that is perfect for business and pleasure. With 2 restaurants, 3 bars, 5 private dining rooms, a gym, spa facilities complete with a steam room and sauna, a James Bond inspired games' room and resident weekend DJs, this is more than just your average hotel.

Enter into the lobby where you will be greeted with the warmest of welcomes and captivated by beautiful art installations, courtesy of the Hoxton Art Gallery. From mesmerising aviator-inspired aeroplane chandeliers and pop-art prints to giant Alice-in-Wonderland-esque arm chairs, checkered tables and wire shoe installations, South Place epitomizes all that is 'London': sophisticated, modern, cultural and creative.

The 80 bedrooms are chic, ultramodern and polished to perfection, with stylish Conran interiors, fully adjustable touch panel lighting and electronic blackout blinds. With a cashmere-wrapped mattress, the perfect night's sleep is just one bed away. To wash away your weekly worries, the lavish Italian-marble bathrooms are stocked with James Heeley toiletries and are complete with an oversized couples' shower, with the deluxe rooms also offering a large deep bathtub. You can't help but be seduced by its beauty, and we admit, it's pretty darn sexy.

But it's not all aesthetics. South Place appeals to the refined tastes of each individual. Located on the top floor is the Michelin-star Angler restaurant, with floor-to-ceiling windows offering the perfect view of London. Specialising in seafood, Angler offers a sophisticated menu with delicate dishes inspired by all that is British.

If you fancy something a little more casual, look no further than the ground floor restaurant, 3 South Place, which serves up contemporary classics complemented by its extensive wine list. It's also perfectly positioned next to the hotel's buzzing main bar, where you can sip expertly crafted cocktails and party after-hours with the resident DJ. Alternatively, hang out in the



Secret Garden bar, but we're not going to tell you where it is... because it's a secret.

Prices from £185 per night Our favourite room: The Eldon South Place Hotel, 3 South Place, London EC2M 2AF www.southplacehotel.com

MAISON TALBOOTH >



> One of Essex's most enchantingly romantic secrets with stunning views of Dedham Vale, Maison Talbooth is the perfect escape to the country. Wrapped in opulence and style, the beautiful Victorian manor house hosts 12 luxurious suites, 3 with their own private hot tubs, each exuding undeniable character and old English charm with the luxury of every modern amenity.

Complete with a heated outdoor pool and hot tub, encompassed in an elegant pool house with a private bar, it's undeniably the most perfect place to relax and indulge. With a day spa offering an extensive



list of Dermalogica treatments for men and women, guests should prepare to be pampered! From customised facials and intense moisturising body wraps to relaxing massages and holistic treatments, there's a personalised experience for everyone. And for those who wish to partake in a slightly more strenuous activity, head over to the tennis court and awaken your inner Murray.

The suites are sophisticated and serene, with calming neutral interiors and rich furnishings. Each has a super king-sized bed, complete with a luxury goose feather duvet and Egyptian cotton sheets, creating an idyllic dream setting. The spacious and light marble bathrooms are impeccably finished with stylish features, with some also hosting large bathtubs, double sinks and walk-in showers.

A short walk away and with a private chauffeur service for in-house guests, Le Talbooth is the hotel's award-winning riverside restaurant, offering majestic views of the River Stour. Fine dining at its best, the spectacular views are the ultimate complement to the delectable cuisine. The menu consists of an array of gourmet delights, including poached lobster samosas and beef Rossini amongst other classic and contemporary creations. At the heart of dining experience are the outstanding members of staff, who guarantee a personalised experience and ensure that every need is effortlessly met, the most adorable surprise being a treasure box of specially selected handmade after-dinner chocolates.

Prices from £210 per night. Our favourite suite: Masefield Maison Talbooth Stratford Road, Colchester, Essex CO7 6HN

FOR ANOTHER COSY STAY... >

> The Mandeville – Located at the heart of London, The Mandeville is a luxury quintessentially British hotel offering a classic experience with a contemporary twist. A short walk from Selfridges, Bond Street and the boutiques of St. Christopher's Place, it's the perfect choice for fabulous fashionistas! Prices from £160 per night

