

# Romantic escapes

## Hesleyside Huts

NORTHUMBRIA, ENGLAND

**HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL?** The romance of rural nostalgia is laid on thick at Hesleyside's gloriously snug 'traditional shepherds' huts' (though whether Northumbrian shepherds were fans of Egyptian cotton sheets, Moorish-tiled kitchens and digital radios is unclear). Shut the oak door and light the stove and you have the perfect place from which to disappear from the world with your paramour.

**AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM?** Set foot outside simply to light a campfire, explore primeval woodland or to look up at the heavens in one of Britain's few dark sky reserves.

📍 From £80, minimum two-night stay; hesleysidehuts.co.uk



## Mill Houses Suites

SANTORINI, GREECE

**HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL?** Formed from the rim of a sunken volcano, the island of Santorini has long been beloved of fiery romantics, and there's no better perch from which to admire its geological drama than Mill Houses Suites, teetering on vertiginous cliffs outside the pretty town of Thira. Time passes idly, basking in the sunshine on your veranda, enjoying a champagne breakfast in bed or a private candlelit dinner under the stars.

**AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM?** For Santorini's world-renowned sunset, there's no need to leave the premises. There are distracting views from the whitewashed terrace, overlooking the turquoise waters of the Aegean below, where a caldera once bubbled.

📍 From £70; millhouses.gr

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## Les 3 Chambres

PARIS, FRANCE

**HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL?** The Eurostar terminal is but a short walk away from intimate Les 3 Chambres, making it ideal for a weekend's whisking away. Inside, the apartment consists of just three beautifully furnished guestrooms, set within an opulent building off the Rue la Fayette, with squishy, duck-down beds, elegant furnishings, traditional Parisian balconies and the feel of your own private nest.

**AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM?** Host Laurent is a font of local information, which he gladly shares, from his favourite chocolatier to the most romantic strolls and the cosiest bistro.

📍 From £150; les3chambres-paris.com →



## The Witchery

EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND

**HOW LOVED UP WILL I FEEL?** If Casanova were to spend the weekend in Edinburgh, he'd almost certainly book in here. Inside all is dark fabrics, heavy drapes, four-poster beds and candlelight, with hidden corners ripe for a theatrical liaison. Heaving bosoms, fluttering fans and powdered wigs optional.

**AND IF I VENTURE FROM MY ROOM?**

Edinburgh Castle is just on the doorstep, but, really, why would you? The hotel has more than enough intrigue to last a weekend.

📍 From £245; thewitchery.com