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THE ISLAND IN A WORLD
OF ITS OWN

KASHMIR
THIS YEAR'S BIG
ADVENTURE

ON HOLIDAY WITH
SIENNA MILLER

TINIE TEMPAAH'S
FAVOURITE HOTELS

THE BEST
BRITISH PUBS
WITH ROOMS

HIDDEN AFRICA

ON A FAMILY SAFARI IN DEEPEST BOTSWANA

A photograph of a lamp and a portable speaker on a wooden table. The lamp has a white pleated shade with a blue stripe and a dark blue base. The speaker is dark blue with a gold grille and a black handle. The background is a light-colored wall with a white electrical outlet.

LOCK-IN

COUNTRY PUBS HAVE TUNED INTO THE IDEA OF LAYING ON A COSY PLACE TO CRASH OUT, WITH QUIRKY DESIGN, HOTEL-STYLE COMFORTS AND SERIOUSLY GOOD FOOD. HERE WE PICK THE LOVELIEST OF THE BUNCH



THE CROWN Amersham, Buckinghamshire

The Crown is the sort of place you can't believe someone hasn't told you about already. A red-brick, oak-beamed, Elizabethan wonky wonder with sharp-as-a-tack rooms, just three quarters of an hour from central London on the Metropolitan Line. Designer Ise Crawford has brought a fresh aesthetic to this traditional coaching inn with her signature natural tones. Rooms, with pitched ceilings, underfloor heating, handmade rush matting and enough wardrobe space for a two-week stay, have a modern Scandi vibe. The ones off the courtyard are deliciously big with four-posters and deep mattresses. There are also smaller but just as smart rooms in the main building. Little quirks include vintage Penguin

Classics on the bedside table, shearling rugs thrown over rocking chairs, and home-made jams at breakfast. The food is the main event, with thoughtfully sourced ingredients such as Dedham Vale beef. Afterwards, get a pint of Rebellion ale and kick back by the fire, turn your hand to a game of pétanque or wander down Old Amersham High Street and window-shop for antiques. Breakfast is a treat, too; wake up to a trestle table brimming with yoghurts, muesli and pitchers of fresh juices, followed by generous plates of eggs Benedict. This is how to get out of town without the dastardly motorway mission. +44 1494 721541; www.thecrownamersham.com. Doubles from £99

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