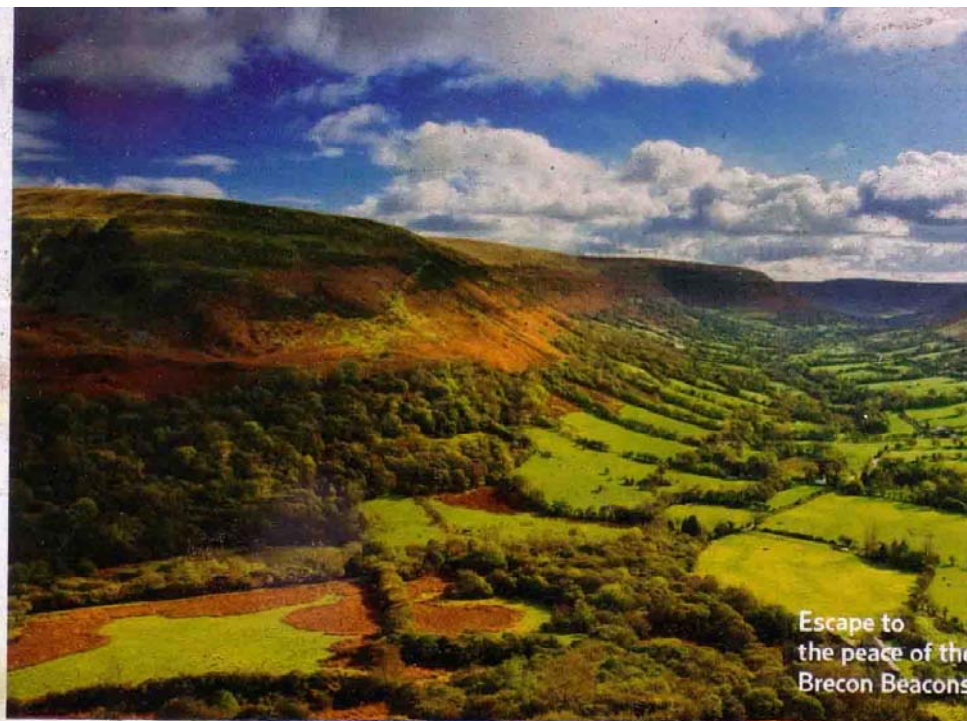


## UNDISCOVERED LONDON

Visiting the capital? Head for the revitalised district of Southwark, which is not only home to the super-sexy offices of *Marie Claire* but also boasts the smart and contemporary Bermondsey Square Hotel (doubles from £109, [bermondseysquarehotel.co.uk](http://bermondseysquarehotel.co.uk)). A few paces away you'll find Zandra Rhodes' Fashion and Textile Museum ([ftmlondon.org](http://ftmlondon.org)), and farther on there are the gourmet delights of Borough Market (Thursday-Saturday) and the attractions of Tate Modern. For lots of insider tips visit [notfortourists.com](http://notfortourists.com).



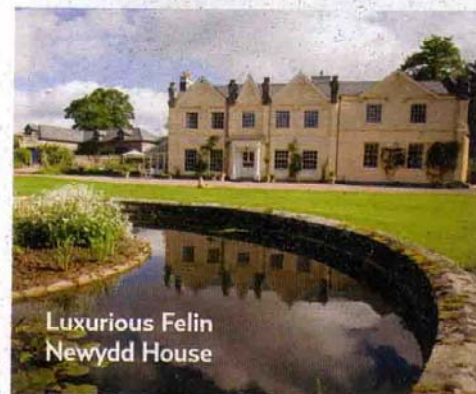
Borough Market is heaven for foodies



Escape to the peace of the Brecon Beacons

## WELSH WONDER

IF YOU LIKE LONG WALKS, FINE DINING and rolling green hills, grab some friends and head for the Brecon Beacons. Sleeping 18, Felin Newydd House ([countrypad.co.uk](http://countrypad.co.uk)) is a renovated shooting lodge with comfy drawing rooms, a dream kitchen with Aga, a billiard room and 50 acres of gardens and parkland. A three-night break costs from £2,415. For more luxury houses, visit [walesinstyle.com](http://walesinstyle.com).



Luxurious Felin Newydd House



Four-poster grandeur at Ston Easton Park

## ELEGANT BATH

Next time you fancy being whisked away to a country house hotel, try dropping the name Ston Easton Park. Eleven miles west of Bath, this elegant, 22-room Palladian mansion has had a makeover that's left it looking decidedly classy – ideal for all those lady-of-the-manor fantasies. Doubles from £195 ([stoneaston.co.uk](http://stoneaston.co.uk)).

## Sea air

Five ways to book a beach holiday close to home



- 1** Bag one of the colourful new beach huts opening beside Whitley Bay, Newcastle-upon-Tyne ([beachhutresorts.com](http://beachhutresorts.com)).
- 2** Visit [uniquehomestays.com](http://uniquehomestays.com) for high-class seaside cottages in Devon and Cornwall.
- 3** Book a 'Week of Bays and Beaches' driving tour of the Scottish coast ([seescotlanddifferently.co.uk](http://seescotlanddifferently.co.uk)).
- 4** Click on [dorsetcoastalcottages.com](http://dorsetcoastalcottages.com), which offers exactly that.
- 5** Or blow away the cobwebs by renting one of the well-appointed clifftop lighthouses available through the Irish Landmark Trust ([irishlandmark.com](http://irishlandmark.com)).