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6. Dormy House, Worcestershire

Best for: just lazing around

After a £10 million renovation, this super-swish 17th-century farmhouse hotel now has 40 rooms individually designed in splendid colors by Todhunter Earle (also responsible for Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons in Oxfordshire). There's a little gym near the main bedrooms that's just for guests, which is a nice touch, and means that in theory you can go for a treadmill run at midnight. But you won't, because The Garden Room has fantastic food made with local ingredients (try the green-apple soufflé) and The Potting Shed next door is a cosy bar with a sizeable drinks list. Never mind: soak out your excesses in the warm indoor infinity pool, the even warmer outdoor hot tub, the salt steam room, or lavender and juniper saunas.

The soothing therapies include a truffle facial and are designed by Temple Spa, a niche brand based in West Sussex that uses only natural ingredients. The Silent Night Sleep Treatment, with lavender and chamomile oils, pressure-point facial and back massage, will get you purring. But it's the charming staff and the extras that make this place special: the Champagne Nail Parlour, the log fires, sun terraces, pre-treatment juices and post-massage snacks.

Address: Dormy House, Willersey Hill, Broadway, Worcestershire

Price: Doubles from \$290

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