



FIVE OF THE BEST LOCAL... Boutique hotels

Every now and then, all you want is to indulge in a little luxurious time out, but often there is no time to jet off for a long weekend. Luckily, as *Oona Hemmi* discovers, our neighbourhood is blessed with some rather swanky retreats...

1 FROM THE PAGES OF VOGUE

The Hempel

The Hempel is the creation of former Bond-girl Anouska Hempel, who is ranked one of the top interior designers in the world and used to design couture for Lady Di. Ms Hempel is said to favour style over comfort – one of the suites has a bed surrounded by bars. The hotel has an immaculate garden, which is where Hugh and Julia tied the knot in *Notting Hill*. From £175.

31-35 Craven Hill Gardens, W2 3EA (020 7298 9000; the-hempel.co.uk)

2 FIT FOR A PRESIDENT

The Colonnade

This Little Venice townhouse retreat boasts an impressive list of famous visitors. None other than John F Kennedy himself stayed here during his state visit in 1962 and the bed specially made for him is still here.

Other former guests include Sigmund Freud – the split-level Freud suite offers luxurious

premises for discovering your unconscious. From £130.

2 Warrington Crescent, W9 1ER (020 7286 1052; theetoncollection.com/colonnade)

3 DECADENT ROCK STAR LUXURY

The Portobello

This lavish hideaway oozes old-school rock star glamour. As the staff are used to serving A-listers, even the most demanding wishes are fulfilled. This is where Kate Moss and Johnny Depp once enjoyed their famous champagne bath. Good times. Single, £145, doubles from £195.

22 Stanley Gardens, W11 2NG (020 7727 2777; portobellohotel.co.uk)

4 BOHO CHIC CELEB HAUNT

High Road House

The minimalistic yet luxurious city retreat is the latest addition to the exclusive Soho House chain. The über-cool celebrity hangout has 14 rooms available for non-members and,

as a guest, you get access to the members-only areas, where you might be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of some famous faces sipping Moët. From £125 for members, and from £140 for non-members

162 Chiswick High Road, W4 1PR (020 8742 1717; highroadhouse.co.uk)

5 VICTORIAN GLAMOUR

Miller's Residence

Home to the antique connoisseur and bon viveur Martin Miller, this boutique maisonette is a must for fans of 18th century design. The rooms, decorated with the most distinctive Victorian pieces, are testimonials to Miller's love of antiques. He also has his own brand of gin and guests can help themselves to as many nightcaps as they wish – for free. Not for detoxers. From £150.

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