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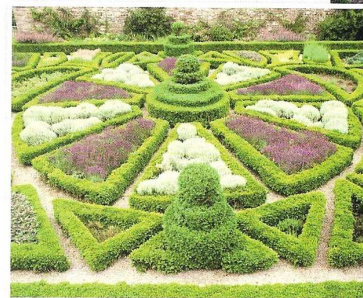
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3 Bowood Hotel and Lodge

Wiltshire

In the year that marks the 300th anniversary of the birth of Lancelot "Capability" Brown, it would be remiss not to include one of his famous landscapes. Situated in the heart of the Bowood estate in Wiltshire, the eponymous country hotel offers guests free access to the Georgian stately home as well as its grounds. Highlights include the formal terraces at the front and the four-acre private walled garden at the rear of the house, with a woodland garden opening annually between April and June. The luxury hotel also offers Queenwood Lodge, a Georgian manor house, for private hire. Shuttles to Bowood House can be provided on request.

www.bowood.org

4 Hotel Endsleigh

Devon

Described as a "fairytale cottage set in an Arcadian landscape" by Alan Titchmarsh, Hotel Endsleigh, on the edge of Dartmoor in Devon, sits in more than 100 acres of gardens, woodlands, follies and grottoes. The landscape was one of the last commissions taken on by the 18th-century designer Humphry Repton, two centuries ago. The formal gardens at Endsleigh run down to the River Tamar – the Duke of Bedford picked it as the spot for his hunting and fishing lodge 200 years ago – with the arboretum beyond. Restored by owner Olga Polizzi in 2005, Endsleigh has 18 exquisitely furnished rooms, including a thatched gatekeeper's lodge.

www.hotelendsleigh.com

5 Bodysgallen Hall

Conwy

Standing on a hillside above the Victorian seaside resort of Llandudno, Bodysgallen Hall, managed by the National Trust, offers natural beauty as well as a more manicured appeal. The jewel in the crown of its romantic garden is a rare box-hedge parterre, or formal symmetrical garden, filled with herbs. There are terraces and a walled rose garden, as well as follies, a cascade and a croquet lawn. The hall's tower, which dates to the 1200s and was once used as a lookout by soldiers, offers the ideal spot to admire the magnificent views of Conwy Castle and the mountains of Snowdonia. The hotel has 15 bedrooms, as well as 16 cottage suites in the grounds.

www.bodysgallen.com