



THE ART OF GOING NOWHERE

Why the most restorative escape might be closer to home

Between airport queues, flight delays, crowded holiday hotspots and overpacked itineraries, getting away can feel like hard work. As overtourism puts pressure on some of Europe's most popular destinations, perhaps it's time to rethink the great escape.

At THE PIG-at-Combe in Devon, the proposition is simple: go somewhere beautiful, settle in and let the outside world carry on without you for a while.

The new luxury? Time.

In a world of constant notifications and packed calendars, having nowhere particular to be feels like a luxury. Imagine leisurely breakfasts, time wandering through the kitchen garden, long lunches, a good book and evenings shaped by seasonal food and the pleasure of simply being there.

With its historic country-house setting, surrounding Devon countryside and kitchen garden, THE PIG-at-Combe is an invitation to slow down. It's not about ticking off attractions or cramming experiences into a weekend, but rediscovering the pleasure of doing things at your own pace.

A quieter alternative to the crowds

From Barcelona to Mallorca, overtourism has prompted growing debate about overcrowding, pressure on local communities and how we travel. This isn't about abandoning overseas holidays but recognising that sometimes the most rewarding escape comes from staying longer in one place rather than rushing between several.

In Devon, guests can explore the gardens, enjoy seasonal food and take in the countryside without a packed sightseeing schedule. And without an airport departure lounge or international transfer, the holiday can begin closer to home.

The joy of slowing down

Reconnecting with nature offers a welcome contrast to everyday life. At THE PIG, the kitchen garden is central to the experience, while its 25-mile menu philosophy celebrates ingredients sourced locally wherever possible. Food becomes part of the reason to stay: savouring what's in season, lingering over lunch and enjoying a meal without wondering where you need to be next.

Because a good holiday isn't measured in miles travelled, sights seen or photographs taken. Sometimes, it's measured by how quickly you stop checking the time.

The art of going nowhere

Perhaps the ultimate luxury isn't escaping further, but escaping better: a change of scenery, time to slow down and a few days when life's usual demands recede. At THE PIG-at-Combe, the invitation is to step out of the rush, reconnect with the rhythms of the countryside and rediscover the freedom of having nowhere else to be.

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