

# LOVE NESTS

## HARTWELL HOUSE

Caroline Rodgers stepped into the past and felt like a Queen...

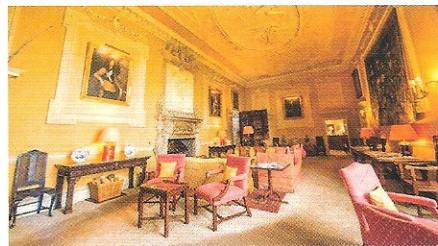


**H**artwell House is one of the National Trust's Historic House and Garden properties, tucked away in glorious Buckinghamshire with 90 acres of gardens. On arrival we were met by the absolutely wonderful Head Porter, Martin. He can tell you absolutely everything there is to know about Hartwell House and its secrets! We headed straight to the Hartwell Spa, which is in the style of an orangery and has a swimming pool, steam room, saunas, a gymnasium and four beauty salons. It is a little slice of heaven. We were

treated to a BIOEFFECT Ultimate Experience, including a facial and eye treatment.

The restaurant at Hartwell House is not to be missed. We thoroughly recommend the cheese board, with a huge array of cheeses and descriptions with instructions on which order to eat them in to get the most from the experience. The bedrooms at Hartwell are just as luxurious as everything else. We stayed in a Royal Double Room, which was bigger than many London flats!

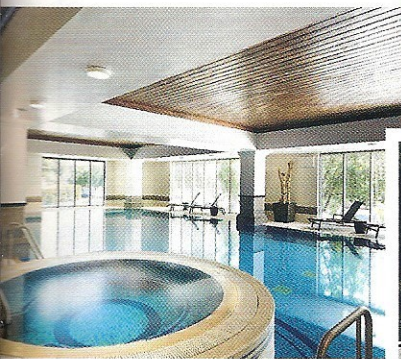
The options for getting married at Hartwell House are almost endless, from the incredible



Octagon room that is painted to feel like you are inside the most incredible tent and seats just 24 to hiring out the entire main house and having the marquee on the crochet lawn with up to 150 guests. There are 30 bedrooms in the main house and 16 in Hartwell Court. The wedding coordinator, Mirella, is a dream to work with and will help you with every step of your planning.

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**THE RUNNYMEDE ON THAMES near Windsor**

**WHERE** Just 40 minutes away from London, this contemporary spa hotel is the perfect place to retreat from the hustle and bustle of the city. The Runnymede is surrounded by delightful countryside, close to nearby Windsor and its castle, where you can visit St George's Chapel – which will be home to not one, but *two* royal weddings this year. **WHY** The Runnymede is close to so many attractions, and you don't need to go far to fill your time with fun. Hop aboard one of the hotel's hireable boats and head down the River Thames for romance on the water. For those who prefer



to stay on land, the idyllic spa is a must-visit. We very reluctantly left the tranquil poolside to spend a lovely evening at The Lock Bar and Kitchen – an ultra-cosy way to end the day. **BOOK** Weekend stays start from £169 per night for two people sharing a standard double on a B&B basis, [therunnymede.co.uk](http://therunnymede.co.uk)

**BODYSGALLEN HALL Llandudno**

**WHERE** The charming Bodysgallen Hall is located in a rural area of North Wales, just two miles away from the seaside town of Llandudno. The bedrooms have views of the hall's beautiful gardens, and there are rolling hills as far as the eye can see. **WHY** After a day exploring the stunning Snowdonia National Park (a short drive away), or a visit to the coast, there's no better feeling

than sinking straight into the sumptuous sofas in the lounge, or checking in at the spa for a full-body massage. The bedrooms at Bodysgallen Hall are nothing short of majestic, with giant beds and cosy window seats to cuddle up in. Ours even came with double doors that revealed steps down to the bathtub – there's something ever so grand about sashaying back into the bedroom all snug in your fluffy robe and slippers after a relaxing soak! **BOOK** Rooms are from £185, which includes breakfast and access to the spa, [bodysgallen.com](http://bodysgallen.com)



**Suite dreams**

These boltholes are perfect for pampering or romance

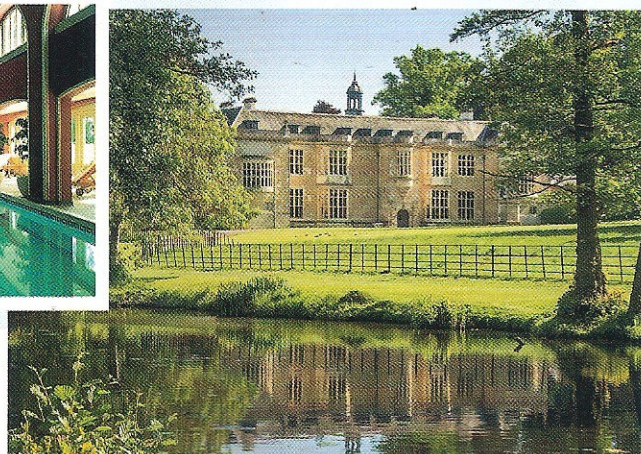
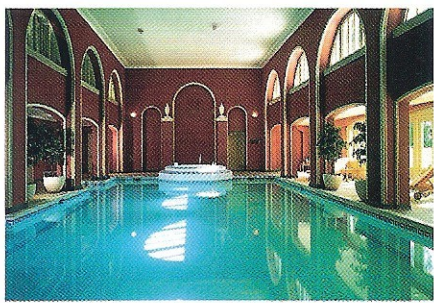


**HARTWELL HOUSE Vale of Aylesbury**

**WHERE** As soon as you arrive at this beautiful 90-acre estate, you'll be in awe of its grandeur. This Grade I-listed

house was once home to royalty, and the decadent interiors are certainly fit for any king or queen. **WHY** The traditional-style bedrooms are opulent, vast and inviting, with a lovely, comfortable feel. We loved

our in-room seating area that looked out over the gardens – the perfect spot for morning coffee. Once you've explored the grounds, there are plenty of ways to relax here, whether it's curled up by the fire with a book, or being pampered in the gorgeous spa. We opted for a BioEffect facial and a few hours by the pool – bliss! Champagne and canapés in the French drawing room are the perfect pre-dinner treat, but do save room for dessert, as the selection is divine. **BOOK** B&B from £230 (two sharing a court room), and from £310 (two sharing a main house room), [hartwell-house.com](http://hartwell-house.com)



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