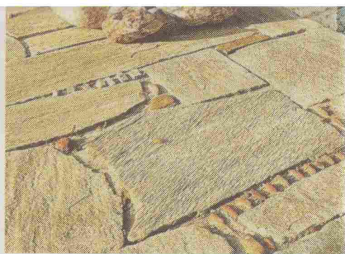


33 Browns, Carmarthenshire

It's the 100th anniversary of Dylan Thomas's birth this year and his favourite pub in Laugharne, where he lived, has rooms for less than £100. The poet was such a regular that he used to give out Browns' phone number as his own. There are 14 rooms with exposed brick walls and retro 1950s furniture. **Details** B&B doubles are from £95 per night (01994 427688, browns-hotel.co.uk)



about a mile from the centre of town, but its 43 rooms have been recently renovated with Cole & Son wallpapers and Farrow & Ball paints. The lounge has an honesty bar.

Details B&B doubles are from £59 per night (0131-228 2323, sawdays.co.uk)

34 Magazine Wood, Norfolk

Bridging the gap between a boutique hotel and country-house B&B, Magazine Wood is in the rolling countryside of North Norfolk, close to Holkham Bay. Rooms have a cool, contemporary feel with large beds, mood lighting, bathrooms with twin sinks and balconies that look out to the coast.

Details B&B doubles are from £98 per night (01485 570422, magazinewood.co.uk)

35 Magdalen Chapter, Exeter

Once the West of England Eye Hospital, this is now a lovely hotel in the centre of Exeter. The 19th-century building has been converted with modern interiors and state-of-the-art technology. Until this summer, the dine-and-stay deal reduces the usual £145-a-night room rate by almost a third. **Details** B&B doubles are from £50 per night when spending £75 per couple on a meal in the restaurant (01392 281000, themagdalenchapter.com)



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36 Brooks Hotel, Edinburgh

If you're looking for cheap and cheerful with style in the Scottish capital, this is for you. Admittedly, it's in the West End,

37 Kellys Hotel, Dublin

There are sharp, minimalistic rooms at this affordable bolt hole moments from Temple Bar. It's perfectly placed for nightlife too — above the trendy "Secret Bar" on Fade Street, with l'Gueuleton restaurant on the doorstep.

Details B&B doubles are from £49 per night (00 35 3 16 48 00 10, kellysdublin.com)

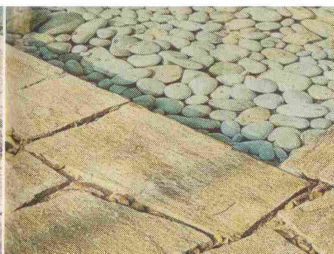
38 Hôtel de Nesle, Paris

There's a quirky feel to this Left Bank hotel thanks to wall murals, ornate fireplaces, gilt-edged mirrors and dried bouquets of flowers that hang from the ceilings.

There is also a garden at the rear. **Details** Doubles are from €85 (00 33 1 43 54 62 41, hoteldeneseleparis.com)

39 Château de la Cazine, Limousin, France

North of Limoges and close to the "Impressionist Valley" that inspired Monet, Château de la Cazine is surrounded by gorgeous grounds and lakes. There are 18 beautiful



Louis XIV-style rooms reached by a sweeping staircase, as well as a fine-dining restaurant. There's lots to do too: the Santiago de Compostela trail, two parks and the landscapes that feature in 20 of the great master's paintings are all a short drive away. **Details** B&B doubles are from €95 per night (00 33 5 55 63 97 10, chateaudelacazine.fr). Fly to Limoges with Ryanair (ryanair.com)

40 Aloft Brussels Schuman, Brussels

There's an urban design to this hotel in the European quarter of Brussels. Rooms have a minimal feel and there's a great bar downstairs, but it is still family-friendly — children get a "Camp Aloft" overnight bag packed with surprises when they stay, and even the family dog is welcome (provided it weighs no more than 18kg).

Details B&B doubles are from £89 per night (00800 32525638, aloftbrussels.com)



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41 Insside Suecia, Madrid

This latest addition to the Spanish capital's hotel scene is in an historic building that was opened by the Swedish royal family in 1956 and was once home to Ernest Hemingway. It consists of 120 stylish rooms, including seven suites, as

44 Relais Barco Zonca, Treviso, Italy

Treviso packs a punch — prosecco and tiramisu are both said to have originated here, while it is also home to the HQs of Benetton and Sisley. This stylish hotel is in lovely grounds in the Montello hills, with classically designed rooms. **Details** B&B doubles are from €98 per night (00 39 04 22 72 00 78, sawdays.co.uk)

45 Locanda Rossa, Maremma, Italy

Enjoy a stay at this converted farmhouse, close to the medieval village of Capalbio. With a backdrop of more than 3,000 olive trees, the hotel has 13 rooms and four apartments, all of which have either a terrace or garden. There's a cool pool and a spa.

Details B&B doubles cost from £100 per night (i-escape.com/locanda-rossa). Fly to Florence

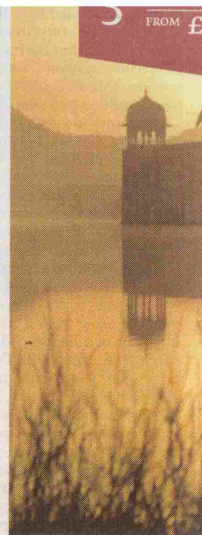
46 O&B Hotel, Athens

This cosy boutique hotel is in the heart of Athens' trendy Psiri area with views of the Acropolis. Rooms are modern but some are a little small. Try for one on a higher floor if possible. There's 40 per cent off stays booked 14 days in advance, which means prices plummet to below €100.

Details B&B doubles are from €90 per night (00 30 21 03 31 29 40, oandbhotel.com)

47 Citta dei Nicliani, Mani, Greece

There are seven suites at this boutique hotel in an 18th-century tower-house. Each has original engravings on its stone walls, terracotta floor tiles, beamed ceilings and canopied beds. There's a beautiful courtyard with



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