

FOUR OF THE UK'S BEST RURAL RESTAURANTS

Pairing seasonal, local produce with stylish interiors, these countryside dining rooms are worthy of a weekend away



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Organise a weekend getaway around one of these road trip restaurants, which serve up style and stunning local scenery as well as award-winning food.

THE CLOCKSPIRE

This 19th-century former school in Somerset's Milborne Port was sensationally converted last year by London-based firm Studio Indigo, which reinstated the historic floor plan and created a mezzanine level from which to admire the vaulted ceiling. Opened in the autumn, the restaurant is named after the clock tower that locals were adamant should also be restored. Interiors are refined, with polished concrete floors and sprays of dried flowers. theclockspire.com



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TRY: The delicate pea and elderflower tart with courgette and English pecorino. There's also a dedicated vegan menu.

STAY: Papilio Creek is a cosy self-catering cottage with an option to book in-situ spa treatments. Sleeps four, £1,150 per short break. uniquehomestays.com

SEE: Arts space Messums Wiltshire. Clock the similarly spectacular ceiling, and recreation of sculptor Elisabeth Frink's studio, until 18 October. messumswiltshire.com