



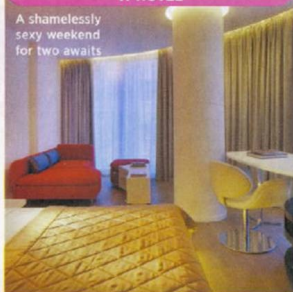
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# 6 SEXY CITY HOTELS

Hot spots with discounts for a naughty weekend away

## LONDON W HOTEL

A shamelessly sexy weekend for two awaits



**1 WHERE?** Hip American hotel chain W opened its first British escape in Leicester Square, in the heart of London's West End, in February, slap bang next to loads of theatres, cinemas and buzzy Soho. The exterior is shiny, white and almost translucent; if Apple made an iHotel, we think it would look like this.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** There are 192 rooms, split into quirkily named categories, from Wonderful to the E Wow Suite – a penthouse with a circular sofa beneath a mirror ball, plus a jacuzzi

and a shower big enough for four, all for a steep £5,000 per night. If your budget won't stretch that far, book a Cool Corner room, with views of Wardour Street and Chinatown, and peek-a-boo showers with spyhole slits!

**TASTY TREATS** The Spice Market, overseen by three-Michelin-starred chef Jean-Georges Vongerichten, is beautiful and seriously tasty; try the five-course menu for £48, with delicacies like shaved tuna with chilli tapioca and Asian pear and lime.

**LATE NIGHT** Wyld is the talk of the town; think Studio 54 with an even bigger mirror ball. It has already hosted the post-Bafta shenanigans, an NME Awards after-party for the likes of Mark Ronson, Jaime Winstone and Pixie Geldof, and it's where Bobby Gillespie, Liam Gallagher, Jarvis Cocker and co celebrated the 20th anniversary of Primal Scream's *Screamadelica*.

**THE X FACTOR** The in-room Munchie Box, which has everything you could want for a sexy weekend, from chocolate to an intimacy kit with waterproof vibrator!

**GO THERE** Rooms from £268 per night (excluding breakfast), [www.wlondon.co.uk](http://www.wlondon.co.uk).



## LEEDS THE NEW ELLINGTON

**2 WHERE?** This chic, Deco-inspired, 35-room hotel is near some of the city's top bars, clubs and shops.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** Big beds swathed in soft Egyptian cotton, massive rain showers, soft robes....

**TASTY TREATS** Try the seductively lit restaurant for yum dishes, locally sourced where possible.

**LATE NIGHT** Hit the candlelit Atrium Bar to curl up on the velvet sofas for a nightcap.

**THE X FACTOR** iPods with pre-downloaded music are available to help create a sexy mood.

**GO THERE** From £65 per night (excluding breakfast), [www.bespokehotels.com](http://www.bespokehotels.com)

**OFFER** Cosmo readers get a 20% discount on a two-night stay in July 2011 (subject to availability). Quote Cosmo88 when booking.



## BRIGHTON HOTEL DU VIN

**3 WHERE?** Conveniently, Hotel du Vin is located near The Lanes – a tangle of cobbled streets with antique shops – and the sea.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** All 49 rooms feature massive beds, plasma TVs, drench showers and deep baths. The beds are gorgeously comfy, and rooms are luxurious without being intimidating.

**TASTY TREATS** Sussex produce is used to create French dishes, complemented by a massive wine list. Try the gorgeous Spanish charcuterie to start, then a perfectly cooked meat dish or more-interesting-than-most veggie option.

**LATE NIGHT** The cosy Pub du Vin, attached to the hotel, is great for a quick drink. A traditional pub, The Victory, is close to the hotel, or head to Oceana, a huge award-winning venue with five bars and two clubs.

**THE X FACTOR** The baths don't have a 'tap end', which makes them perfect for bathing à deux.

**GO THERE** From £225 per night (excluding breakfast), [www.hotelduvin.com](http://www.hotelduvin.com).

"Chuck over the soap, please..."

## LIVERPOOL LAYLA

**5 WHERE?** Liverpool's first five-star boutique retreat opens this summer in three Victorian-style buildings in the heart of the city.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** There are 84 rooms, including the presidential suite – a sensual pad with a massive fireplace and soft rugs for snuggling in front of.

**TASTY TREAT** Madison's is a buzzy New York-style brasserie – think steak, fries and beer while DJs play. If you want to be more sophisticated, dine in The Annex. And don't miss the cool circular bar.

**LATE NIGHT** The Layla Cigar Terrace. Open late, it's scattered with comfy sofas, armchairs and outdoor heaters.

**THE X FACTOR** Enjoy a couples' massage in the Layla Health, Beauty & Fitness spa, then hang out in the whirlpool and steam room to up the temperature.

**GO THERE** From £129 per night (excluding breakfast), [www.bespokehotels.com](http://www.bespokehotels.com).

## BIRMINGHAM MINT HOTEL

**4 WHERE?** Based in the city centre, close to shops (there's a Harvey Nichols, yay!) and the symphony hall.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** The 238 rooms are simple and stylish, with lots of cool touches, such as luxe robes, iMac computers and Skype.

**TASTY TREATS** The Mint's City Café has a terrace overlooking smart Brindley Place, or

you can dine inside on award-winning head chef Wayne Neil's seasonal fare for just £19.95 for a three-course dinner.

**LATE NIGHT** The cool, buzzy Custard Factory is packed full with the city's top boutiques, music venues and clubs.

**THE X FACTOR** Upgrade for a late check-out, and 10% discount on food and drinks.

**GO THERE** Rooms from £79 per night (with breakfast), [www.minthotel.com](http://www.minthotel.com).



## GLASGOW HOTEL INDIGO

**6 WHERE?** Just opened on Waterloo Street in the heart of Glasgow, the Indigo is steps away from the city's Style Mile, including Princes Square, Buchanan Galleries and lots of shops. The funky reception is all pink marble and one-off artworks.

**ROOMS FOR ROMANCE** There are 94 rooms – we recommend the deluxe suites or penthouse for your wanton weekend. The minibar is free, so you can toast yourselves while gazing through the floor-to-ceiling windows.

**TASTY TREATS** Try a vintage Glaswegian cocktail, like Charlie Parker's Brandy Alexander in the Limelight Bar, then dine on Scottish tapas in the restaurant. It sounds weird but it's great, including haggis bon bon and Rannoch smoked duck.

**LATE NIGHT** The Limelight Bar is open until the last guest leaves, which may well be you if you hit the fine whisky selection. Alternatively, go to Hummingbird – four floors of everything after-dark, from party pods and glitter rooms to live music and fishbowl cocktails.

**THE X FACTOR** All the bedrooms have rainfall showers that are plenty big enough for two.

**GO THERE** From £129 (excluding breakfast), [www.hotelindigoglasgow.com](http://www.hotelindigoglasgow.com).