

Torquay B&B The 25 is named best in the world

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A BED and Breakfast from Torquay - spiritual home of the infamous Fawlty Towers of BBC comedy fame - has been named the world's best in TripAdvisor's 2019 Travellers' Choice awards.

The Travellers' Choice awards take into account the quality and quantity of traveller reviews and opinions specific to each award category; the hallmarks of Travellers' Choice winners are remarkable service, quality and value.

'The 25 Boutique B&B' on Avenue Road is a million miles away from Basil Fawlty's fictional hotel - and a cut above B&Bs across the globe, so far as TripAdvisor's commentators are concerned. It was the only UK business to make it to a world number one ranking in 2019. No other UK business achieved that last year in the Travellers' Choice 2018 awards, be it hotel, guesthouse or B&B.

Winning the world's best B&B crown is, The 25's many fans believe, testament to the incredible guest stays international and UK guests experience. This is the latest award picked up by this ultra-stylish B&B and joins a growing number of highly renowned awards 'The 25' has won to date.

In 2018, the property scooped TripAdvisor's Travellers' Choice Award, placing them in the top five in the UK and top ten B&Bs in the World; winning first place in 2019 puts the icing on the cake.

Adding to the award-tally, B&B won Silver for "B&B of the Year" at Visit England's Tourism Excellence awards, and topped that being crowned "Unique B&B of the Year" at the AA B&B Awards.

The 25 Boutique B&B in Torquay was opened under four years ago by

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Cindy-Lou Dale



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its hands-on owners, Andy and Julian Banner-Price.

Andy said: "We were absolutely thrilled to hear that 'The 25' has been named the Best B&B in the World. We love creating special and memo-

orable experiences for our guests and receiving their excellent reviews makes our hard work truly rewarding. It's fantastic." He added: "We created our own ideal place to stay at The 25 and are thrilled so many people love what we do."

Julian said: "We literally took many areas of the building back to the brick and started again. It was an opportunity to make sure we did everything right: from high pressure showers to sockets in the right places, but it's much more than that. It's all the little touches that make us

such a unique, special place to stay."

"That's right," Andy said, "daily home baked goodies in your room, pillow mist, mood lighting, hand written notes, Elemis toiletries, bath room TVs, movies on demand - we've tried to think of everything"

The 25 Boutique B&B has six very different bedrooms, all with cutting edge design by Andy and the latest technology by former IT Manager Julian. It is a short walk from the sea front via the grounds of Torre Abbey and another ten minutes from the main harbour area of Torquay.