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Hotel checkout

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The best of English hospitality was recognised at the VisitEngland Awards for Excellence 2022 celebration held at the Library of Birmingham this month.



■ The Royal Crescent Hotel & Spa scooped the Gold Award for Large Hotel of the Year.

For the last 50 years the five-star venue has occupied the best address in the heritage spa city of Bath, No 15 and 16 on the iconic Royal Crescent.

Offering stunning views of the city and beyond, it features 45 beautifully decorated rooms and suites, 3AA Rosette Dower House Restaurant and the Spa & Bath House. Rooms from £325 a night. royalcrescent.co.uk

■ Set on Durham's heritage coast, restored Georgian country



house Seaham Hall and its award-winning spa won Small Hotel of the Year. In spring the 21-suite five-star hotel added two bungalow suites complete with hot tubs, barbecue kitchens and personal golf buggies.

A night in a junior suite (two sharing) starts at £295 including breakfast and use of the venue's spa facilities.

seaham-hall.co.uk

■ Devon's The 25 Boutique B&B on the English Riviera was



victorious in the B&B And Guest House of the Year category.

Described by owners Andy and Julian Banner-Price as a "funky five-star luxury escape", this adults-only retreat houses just six rooms. Each has a unique design, while smart TV and iPad, Elemis toiletries and homemade biscuits come as standard.

B&B from £169 a night (two-night minimum stay). the25.uk