

We're on top of the world!



A West Country bed and breakfast has been named the best B&B in the world.

The 25 Boutique in Torquay has won the astonishing accolade in TripAdvisor's 2019 Travellers' Choice awards.

Travellers' Choice awards take into account the quality and quantity of traveller reviews and opinions.

The 25 is the only UK business to make it to a world number one ranking in 2019, an achievement no other UK business even achieved last year.

It joins a growing number of renowned awards 'The 25' has won.

In 2018, a Travellers' Choice Award placed the business in the top five in the UK and top ten B&Bs in the world.

The destination also won silver for "B&B of the Year" at Visit England's Tourism Excellence awards, and has been crowned "Unique B&B of the Year" at the AA B&B Awards.

The 25 Boutique was opened less than four years ago by its hands-on owners, Andy and Julian Banner-Price.

They said: "We love creating special and memorable experiences for our guests and receiving their excellent reviews makes our hard work truly rewarding.

"It's fantastic to win this global award, it's testament to the absolute delight our guests ex-

perience staying. We created our own ideal place to stay and are thrilled so many people love what we do.

"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.

"Daily home-baked goodies in your room, pillow mist, mood lighting, hand-written notes, Elemis toiletries, bathroom TVs, movies on demand - we've tried to think of everything to make a stay with us truly memorable."

The pair have a track record of success in the hospitality sector, having previously turned a failing hotel in North Wales around.

The 25 has six different bedrooms, all with design by Andy and the latest technology by former IT manager Julian.

Now Andy plans to capitalise on the success and has set up a training company for other budding B&Bers.

He said: "Having done it twice, I'd like to help people choose the right property and make the best decisions from the outset. In today's online world, it's no longer enough to learn the ropes on the job, you need to excel from day one."

