



## Housel Bay Hotel

### The Lizard

**Pulling up after sundown to be greeted by big dark skies and the lullaby of the waves, flashes from the lighthouse sketched only brief outlines of the coast so tantalisingly close.**

Supper in the stylish Fallowfields Restaurant was a first-class fine-dining affair that struck the perfect formal-relaxed balance. Using the best Cornish produce to create seasonally inspired menus resulted in a taste sensation. Palates primed by date and walnut loaf with whipped walnut butter, we then went on to devour course after mouth-watering course with a sumptuous paired wine flight. The monkfish carpaccio arrived with a zesty South African sauvignon blanc, and was followed by a dish of roasted cod, cucumber, apple, wasabi, sea lettuce and caviar washed down with a pale gold Côtes-du-Rhône Samorëns Blanc. A decadent Black Forest dessert accompanied by a dark mahogany Pedro Ximénez sherry provided a heady pairing that signified the sweetest endnote to our feast.

Retiring to our south-facing Ocean View room, we slept blissfully in the softest king-size bed, waking to drink in the to-die-for views we'd missed the previous night: a spectacular canvas of cliff line, jutting headland, the famous Lizard Lighthouse and beautiful little cove.

The jaw-dropping vistas follow you everywhere, from Marconi's Bar and The Terrace Restaurant to your room, leaving little else to do but take it in at every turn. The en suite rooms merge comfort with convenience, featuring tea and coffee-making facilities, large Smart TVs and bay window mini-snugs with vantage points begging you to simply sit and stare out to sea.

Meanwhile, the hotel (and its fabulously friendly staff) accommodates every kind of guest. Along with an emphasis on taste for foodie types, The Studio is available for a stint of meditation or yoga, plus the South West Coast Path skirts the hotel for strollers or cliff runners to explore the area. A range of activities can be also arranged on the peninsula such as coasteering, sea swimming, rock climbing and paddle-boarding.

Whether you wish to loaf or adventure during your stay, the location presents a so-pretty playground featuring hidden coves like Housel, a stone's throw from the hotel, along with nearby gems such as Kynance, Church and Cadgwith Coves. You might fancy some seal or birdwatching (keep an eye out for the Cornish chough) or to sit in the garden at night with your favourite tipple for a spot of stargazing. However you wish to spend your days and nights, a honeymoon at Housel Bay Hotel redefines a picture-perfect backdrop.

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