

CHIC RETREAT

Loch Lomond Arms, LUSS

Open fires, boat trips and spectacular scenery – everything you want from a Scottish country hideaway, says *InStyle's* Julie Lavington

WHERE'S SOMEWHERE

ORIGINAL FOR A MINI BREAK?

I can help you there. The Loch Lomond Arms is so cute and romcom you can almost picture Hugh Grant's character proposing to a surprised American beauty by the roaring fireplace in the bar.

IS IT INSTAGRAMMABLE?

Madly so. It's a former 17th century coaching inn converted into a gorgeous little hotel, set in the Trossachs National Park, surrounded by rolling scenery and a beautiful lake (aka loch).

WOULD I LIKE THE DECOR?

You'd love it. Think soft woollen blankets, plumped-up feather pillows, Farrow & Ball shades and more antique furniture than you'll see in Lord Downton's drawing room. We also loved the Arran Aromatics toiletries.

CAN I GET A PHONE SIGNAL?

Don't worry, there's Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs and iPod docks, but if all that's too modern there's complimentary shortbread in each room to make you feel like you're properly in Scotland.

DID YOU EAT?

Just a bit. We had delicious haddock and chips and yummy linguine. There's also lots of comfort food available – fish finger butties in brioche, egg and soldiers and, if you're feeling a bit more daring, haggis, neeps and tatties.

DID YOU HAVE A WEE TIPPLE?

Of course. There's an impressive wine list and craft ales. We also toured the local whisky distillery.

BUT WHERE'S THE SPA?

Relax, there's an incredible one down the road, at The Cameron House hotel. It has a rooftop infinity pool and a treatment list that will make you never want to get out of your robe.

DID YOU GO OUT ON THE LOCH?

We took a bracing boat trip and it was stunning. Did you know this is where long-running soap *Take The High Road* was set?

WAS HUGH GRANT IN THAT?

Now you're just being silly. Rooms from £120 per night. Call 01436 860420 or visit lochlomondarmshotel.com

IF YOU LIKE THE SOUND OF THIS

YOU'LL ALSO LOVE...

Seal spotting on nearby Loch Awe, staying at Kilchrenan's **ARDANAISEIG HOTEL**.

Tucking into hake fillet at **THE VICTORIA INN**, Penzance, Cornwall.

The ridiculously fluffy robes at **FEVERSHAM ARMS HOTEL** and Verbena Spa, north Yorkshire.

