

The cool hotel guide

Godolphin Arms, Marazion, Cornwall

In a nutshell

Once a coaching inn for 19th-century travellers, this contemporary restaurant with ten rooms has pride of place in Marazion. Centrally located among the town's galleries and cafés, it sits on the beach overlooking Mount's Bay and St Michael's Mount. Recently it has been smartened up with new decor, including modern seascapes (many chosen by Lord St Levan of St Aubyn Estates, the family-owned company that runs the hotel).

What are the rooms like?

They range from cosy bolt holes (from £100) to spacious sea-view suites (from £195) and are traditional in style, with local art hanging above the beds. There is a soothing pastel colour scheme with white windows and cupboards adding a fresh feel. Throws from Atlantic Blankets and organic Bloom Remedies toiletries (made in neighbouring Long Rock) were a nice touch, but windows rattled in the wind and other guests could be heard in the corridor.



MIKE SEARLE



Which is the best room?

Room 6 (from £195) has a sitting room and balcony with sea views. For families, room 11 sleeps four in two bedrooms (from £195, plus £25 per child).

What's the food like?

The two-storey restaurant has whitewashed walls, pale wood flooring, a driftwood-clad bar and bifold glass doors overlooking the sea. My crab mac'n'cheese (£13.50) was generous in size, but lacked flavour and crabmeat, although the baked goat's cheese starter

(£9) was good and prettily dressed with pea shoots and figs. Breakfast is cooked to order, but fresh fruit juice would be a welcome addition.

Who goes there?

Dog walkers, couples, families and business folk.

The highs, the lows, the verdict

Seven and a half out of ten
In a prime position with superb views and service, but noise could be an issue.
Ellie Ross

Need to know

Ellie Ross was a guest of the Godolphin Arms (01736 888510, godolphinarms.co.uk). B&B doubles cost from £100; no wheelchair-accessible rooms; no single-occupancy discount; five dog-friendly rooms

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