

The cool hotel guide

Stargazy Inn, Port Isaac, Cornwall

In a nutshell

With superb sea views towards Tintagel, the former Bay Hotel has been revamped and has the *Great British Menu*'s Andrew Sheridan at the helm in the kitchen. The result is a spruced-up Victorian villa with nine cosy rooms and a restaurant serving excellent food to rival Nathan Outlaw's establishment opposite. The dining room features a lovely bay window and has a chic, vintage feel. The outdoor terrace is ideal for a sundowner after exploring Port Isaac harbour, at the bottom of the hill.

What are the rooms like?

Decorated in quiet colours and mostly named after local places, they are stylish and comfortable, albeit slightly poky. Mine (Daymer) had a tufted headboard, retro-style clock, bright chandelier and a fireplace, but only a small side window. The bathroom had a walk-in shower with Molton Brown toiletries, but no shelf to put them on, and water pressure was low in the morning.



Which is the best room?

Camelot and Polzeath are front-facing with sea-view balconies and king-size beds (from £150 a night). For families St Kew sleeps four and Enodoc sleeps three (from £140 a night).

What's the food like?

The star of the show. Sheridan has raised the game with his creative menu, which uses local ingredients with a seafood slant. Choose from à la carte (mains from £17) or the tasting menus, with five or seven courses (£55/£80).



Need to know

Ellie Ross was a guest of Stargazy Inn (01208 811516, stargazyinn.co.uk). B&B doubles cost from £125 a night. No wheelchair-accessible rooms; single occupancy discount of £25 a day; dog-friendly (extra £15)

Chicken skin topped with parfait and elderflower jelly was a highlight. At breakfast, small plates of salmon sashimi, fruit and yoghurt are brought to your table before a cooked option.

Who goes there?

Couples, foodies and Australian tourists.

The highs, the lows, the verdict

Eight and a half out of ten. Wonderful food and stellar location, but the bedrooms are quite small. **Ellie Ross**

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