

Boutique chic

Discover the very latest in Cornish boutique chic at the brand-new Llawrroc Hotel in south Cornwall. Tucked away in the sleepy little fishing village of Gorran Haven, The Llawrroc offers luxurious laidback comfort, sea views and delicious food to die for.

Think 18 beautifully-designed bedrooms and suites, wow-factor bathrooms, and exceptional personal service.



Foodies can enjoy Cornwall's refined larder at its best, perfectly executed by head chef Neil Martin and including such delights as Fowey estuary mussels steamed with Cornish cider, and four-hour pork

belly, apple sauce and crackling.

As a special opening offer, all bookings made before 29th December will receive a 30% discount.

www.thellawrrochotel.co.uk



THE BEST OF ENGLISH WINE

Work is under way to open England's only specialist wine centre on a vineyard. "We want a modern contemporary building which complements the setting", says vineyard owner Jane Mohan, "where local wines are served along with a light lunch made from local, seasonal ingredients, and perhaps even afternoon tea served with local sparkling wine to celebrate a special occasion."

The West Street Vineyard wine centre, in Coggeshall, Essex, will showcase not only the vineyard's wines but those of other English estates. Nearly 3000 vines have just been planted, which will produce pinot noir and chardonnay grapes for English sparkling wine.

"Whilst the emphasis and ambience of the centre is to be local and low-key, a German team from the black mountains planted our vines with help from local residents and two German companies are helping us fulfil our vision by building the contemporary wine centre," says Jane.

The tasting room and cellar is to be built by Glatthaar whilst Hanse Haus is building the shop and restaurant with terrace, which will overlook the vineyard, and upstairs will house a state-of-the-art training facility.

"Both Hanse Haus and Glatthaar, employ not only precision manufacturing processes but also a can-do attitude. The two companies offered a fixed-price contract along with an incredibly-efficient service, ensuring that not only will our house and wine centre be built on budget but also on schedule," adds Jane.

West Street Vineyard will open next year – find out more at www.weststreetvineyard.co.uk. To view a finished Hanse Haus, or one that's being built, or to join Hanse Haus at an exhibition or open day, contact Giles Hirst on 0845 658 9780. For more information, go to: www.hanse-haus.co.uk. To find out more about Glatthaar, go to www.glatthaar.co.uk

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Castle Stuart Golf Links on the outskirts of Inverness on the Moray Firth coast will play host to this year's Scottish Open from 7th-10th July.

But you don't have to love golf to enjoy this beautiful part of Scotland – there's an eclectic mix of options for visitors to the area to consider, as follows:

- Enjoy a host of outdoor activities in the area including cycling, walking, mountain biking, canoeing, gorge walking,

whitewater rafting, horse riding and much more;

- Walk along the River Ness to Ness Islands, a beautiful walk through deciduous woodland islands linked by old iron bridges;
- Visit historic sites and castles such as the haunting Culloden Battlefield and visitor centre, Europe's best-preserved 18th-century fort at Fort George, historic Cawdor Castle and the magnificently-situated Urquhart

Castle on the banks of Loch Ness;

- Walk the new South Loch Ness Trail, a 30-mile off-road trail for walkers, cyclists and horseriders, stretching along Loch Ness from Inverness to Fort Augustus;
- Travel along the coastline of the Beaulieu Firth to the beautiful village of Beaulieu with the ruins of a 13th-century priory at its centre, and several traditional shops selling everything from woollens to fishing rods and farmhouse furniture to Scottish crafts;
- Visit the classic Victorian seaside resort of Nairn (much favoured by Charlie Chaplin and only 25 minutes' drive from Inverness) and enjoy a walk along the seven-mile stretch of beach, or play a round on one of the town's two championship golf courses.

www.visitlochness.com

