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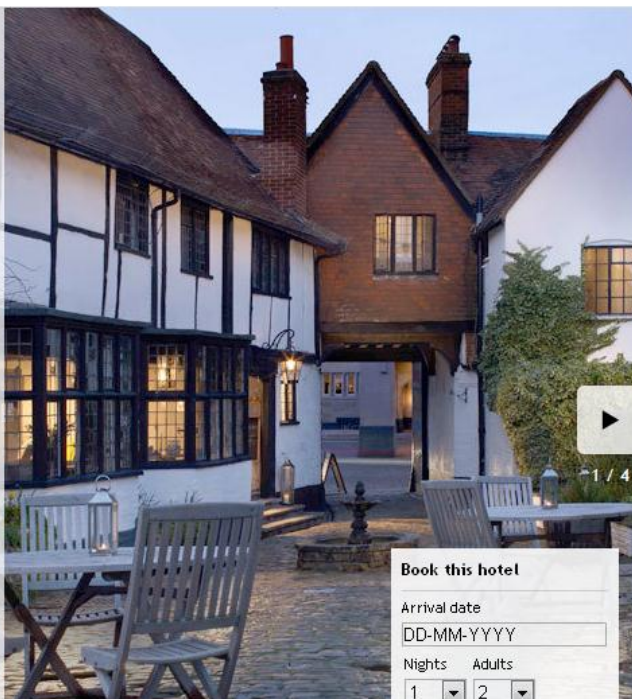
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TRAVEL

Book places to stay: The Crown Inn

By Charlotte Gunn

Why go? For a blend of creaking old coaching inn and modish Ilse Crawford interiors...

For somewhere that's located at the end of the Metropolitan Line, The Crown feels a world away from London. Like its sister inn, The Olde Bell over in Hurley, it manages to successfully marry the bare bones of an ancient coaching inn with some sleek Ilse Crawford interiors and an excellent restaurant.

Exposed beams, low ceilings and higgledy-piggledy corridors make you feel like you're in a friend's country cottage rather than a hotel. The rooms, though sparsely decorated, still retain their innish feeling of cosiness and the Jakob blanket-clad beds are beyond comfortable. Roberts radios add a splash of colour to the otherwise fairly minimalist decor while modern touches are supplied by free Wi-Fi and flat-screen TVs.

The restaurant and bar are really what The Crown experience is all about. The place is riddled with quiet corners to slip off to with a glass of the house plum fizz or to read the papers by firelight. The restaurant - which prides itself on its seasonal menu on and use of the best locally sourced ingredients - is also excellent, serving up hearty English grub with well thought-out flavours.

Highs:

- Seriously welcoming staff
- Beautifully styled bedrooms
- The cosy feel of the pub

Lows:

- Radiators in the room are a tiny bit noisy (but clutching at straws...)

INSIDE TRACK: THE CROWN

Best room: The larger courtyard rooms with four-poster beds

Best dish: The inn's own special muesli is a must at breakfast

Insider fact: The four-poster suite was the setting for an Andie McDowell/Hugh Grant dalliance in *Four Weddings and a Funeral*.