

A portrait of actress Poppy Lee Friar with long, wavy blonde hair and blue eyes, looking directly at the camera. She is wearing a white, off-the-shoulder, long-sleeved dress with a vibrant, multi-colored floral pattern. The background is a solid, deep blue.

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Exclusive interview

POPPY LEE FRIAR

On the huge privilege of being back on the stage in
To Kill a Mockingbird and what the play means to her

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Fun florals are given an
injection of cool this summer

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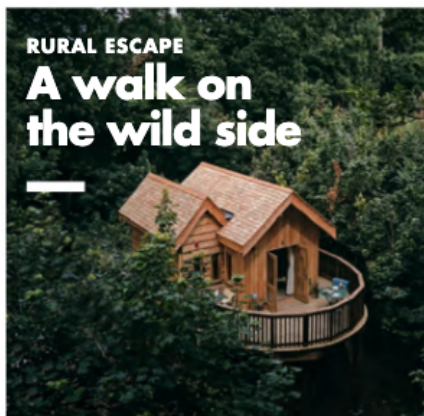


UK BREAK

Best of British

As the Chelsea Flower Show attests, May is the time to see bountiful British gardens in all their glory – and there are few more stunning than the Grade I listed 240-acre gardens at Leonardslee Estate. Designed around seven interlaced lakes set in a steep valley in the heart of West Sussex, they feature a sculpture park and boast a rare colony of wallabies. Well known for its Michelin-starred restaurant, Interlude, the Estate now offers luxurious accommodation in the 19th century Italianate mansion, making it the perfect spot for a weekend mini break. The 10 new en suite bedrooms offer breathtaking views of the Estate and have been individually designed by the Johnston Parke Interiors studio and architects Gould Baxter, using a selection of British interior design houses including Lewis & Wood, Nina Campbell, Penny Morrison and Sanderson. As well as a mix of vintage pieces and contemporary art, all bedrooms feature well-stocked wine fridges, king or super king beds and opulent Calacatta marble bathrooms with walk-in waterfall showers, many with freestanding roll-top baths, too. Estate owner and award-winning entrepreneur Penny Streeter OBE says, “We’re delighted to see the launch of the new accommodation as it allows visitors from afar to stay and enjoy the full Leonardslee experience – from the beautiful gardens to classic afternoon tea and wine tastings and dinner at Michelin-starred Restaurant Interlude.”

Prices from £350 per night in a Classic Room. For details and to book, see leonardsleegardens.co.uk/leonardslee-house



RURAL ESCAPE

A walk on the wild side

Callow Hall, the Peak District's newest boutique hideaway is offering an irresistible package in celebration of the Queen's Jubilee next month. Nestled in 35 acres of gardens, wild meadow and woodland, the Victorian country house hotel opened to rave reviews last year, offering 15 individually designed bedrooms, with additional luxury accommodation provided in 11

romantic woodland Hives. And this month, two family-sized Treehouses join the line-up.

The first hotel from Wildhive, Callow Hall is deeply rooted in nature, from the locally sourced, seasonal food served in the Garden Room restaurant, to the Hives' outdoor baths which are perfect for star gazing, and the natural botanical products used in

the Coach House treatment rooms. This is also reflected in the celebratory 'Treebilee' package, which is available between 2-5 June. Inspired by the Queen's own Green Canopy tree planting initiative, it invites guests to leave their own positive mark on the environment by planting a sapling on site during their stay. They will then be invited to return with a loved one at five-year

intervals to check in on the progress of their tree (and stay at Callow Hall at a discounted rate of 5 per cent, 10 per cent, 15 per cent and 20 per cent respectively).

The 'Treebilee package' includes a one-night stay in a woodland hive, plus afternoon tea, and is priced from £429 per night, based on two sharing. For more information or to book, see wildhive.uk

TRAVEL



VILLA LIFE

A Greek odyssey

If you'll be taking your first tentative steps abroad this summer and are looking for accommodation that's a little more intimate than a hotel, we think the new luxury villas from Bill & Coo in Mykonos might appeal. The family-run Greek hospitality brand, which launched in 2006 with two locations – Bill & Coo Suites & Lounge and Bill & Coo Coast Suites – added three private, fully serviced villas to their irresistible portfolio last summer.

The design of the one-bedroom villas, which sit within Bill & Coo Suites and Lounge on the edge of Mykonos town, has been inspired by the typical island architecture, making use of local stone and Cycladic features, while the interiors boast clean white lines and natural materials. Light-filled open plan living spaces and large outdoor terraces complete with private pools blur the lines between indoor and outdoor living – offering the ultimate in laidback Greek luxury.



With lockable interconnecting doors in the fragrant gardens, all three villas can be hired out for special big group holidays. And because the fully equipped villas are serviced by the Bill & Coo team, you get all the benefits of a hotel stay, combined with total exclusivity. Services on request include access to private chefs, personal trainers, personal assistants, masseurs and chauffeurs, plus bookable private yoga or Pilates sessions, and yachting and helicopter experiences. Totally dreamy.

For details and to book, see bill-coo-hotel.com