



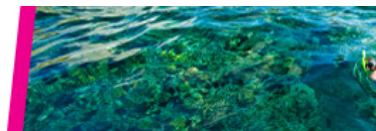
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New opening

Cherkley Court, near Box Hill, is the former estate of the press baron Lord Beaverbrook, and it has been transformed into this year's best weekend away. You can hole up in the Garden House, which has 11 rustic-chic rooms, but for the full Fleet Street experience, shell out for the House. Wherever you wander, there's history: curl up in the art deco cinema where Beaverbrook watched Pathé reports and plotted strategies with Churchill; and view the Surrey Hills from the terrace, a spot that inspired Rudyard Kipling to write a poem about the house. The 18 bedrooms are named after past A-list visitors. Elizabeth Taylor is all feminine pastels. Ian Fleming cuts a dash in black and white. Dinner is cutting-edge Japanese by Taiji Maruyama, though there are also big bowls of pasta in the Garden House. A spa arrives in December.

House doubles from £330, Garden House doubles from £280; beaverbrook.co.uk