

Four tourist hot spots in Devon have won awards for being the best places to stay in the UK.

The 25 Boutique B&B, the Cary Arms and Spa, Bulleigh Barton Manor and The Milkshed all came out tops in the <u>Visit England tourism awards</u>. The awards, now in their 29th year, celebrate businesses and individuals that continuously raise the bar of England's tourism offer.

A total of 54 awards were up for grabs in 18 categories, ranging from boutique guest accommodation of the year to large visitor attraction of the year.

Now winners of the gold, silver and bronze awards in each category have been announced at an awards ceremony held at the Bath Assembly Rooms.

The 25 Boutique B&B in Torquay won a silver award in the Bed and Breakfast of the Year category.



The 25 Boutique B&B, in Torquay has a unique and funky look, combining the very latest technology, cutting edge design and good old-fashioned hospitality. Their six luxury bedrooms offer supreme comfort and lots of little touches which set them apart to help make the guests' experience truly memorable.

Owners, Andy and Julian Banner-Price created their B&B from scratch only three

years ago and have already built an excellent reputation for their obsessive attention to detail, homemade treats and focus on personalised customer service. They want every guest to go away feeling they've had the greatest stay possible – not only at The 25 but also experiencing the very best of Devon and the English Riviera.

The Cary Arms & Spa won a bronze award for Boutique Guest Accommodation of the Year.

Sitting majestically in the beautiful Babbacombe Bay on the South Devon coast, the Cary Arms & Spa combines all the charm, personality and values of an English "Inn

on the Beach" with the style & originality of a boutique hotel. The New England style, luxury sea-facing rooms and the contemporary chic beach huts and suites are ideal for couples. For families and friends, choose the freedom of two, three or four-bedroom characterful coastal cottages.

Hearty breakfasts, long lunches and lazy suppers; it's about delicious English heritage seaside food made with fresh, seasonal, local ingredients, simply and creatively cooked by our team of talented chefs. Unwind in the state-of-the-art Cary Spa with its waterfall hydrotherapy pool, sauna, steam room, experience shower and gymnasium. Discover the world of leading marine-themed French beauty and skincare brand Thalgo in one of the three treatment rooms including a couple



massage room. Created by the de Savarys, this is the perfect place to enjoy chic beach living and all the pleasures and freedom of the coast.

The Bulleigh Barton Manor in Newton Abbot won a silver award for Dog Friendly Business of the Year.

Bulleigh Barton Manor is a country house B&B set in South Devon. Located between Dartmoor and the coast it's the perfect base from which to explore the surrounding countryside. Guests and their dogs are free to relax and enjoy themselves in the large garden set safely back from the road.

As dog owners ourselves we are delighted to share our home with visiting dogs and their families and to be able to share our knowledge of the local area. Guests can borrow an extensive range of guide books, maps and other local information to help them to make the most of their stay. Dogs are welcomed with their own hampers containing towels, blankets, home made treats and much more besides.

The Milkshed in Honiton won a silver award for Self Catering Holiday Provider of the Year.

The Sheepyard Barn – a unique, luxury self catering barn 1 mile from the road into rural farm land – provides groups of family and friends an idyllic setting for social gatherings that create memories which last forever.

Sleeping up to 12, the barn offers a large, open plan living space with floor to ceiling sliding glass walls to give stunning views of the rolling countryside. It provides modern features such as home cinema system, a 4-cabin adult bunk room and an indoor swimming pool.

Outside, guests can indulge in the hot tub, an outdoor lounge or make their own pizzas in the wood fired pizza oven. For the children – or playful adults – there is a sunken trampoline and separate games room.