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Bay's 25 Boutique B&B strikes national gold

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Torbay's 25 Boutique B&B has picked up a gold award in Visit England's Awards for Excellence 2022.

The 19 gold award winners were announced at a ceremony hosted by broadcaster and author Clare Balding in Birmingham.

Gold, silver and bronze winners were selected from hundreds of tourism businesses across England, including hotels, self-catering accommodation, B&Bs, glamping operators, attractions, restaurants, pubs and museums.

The prestigious Visit England Awards for Excellence, running for more than 30 years, celebrate and champion innovation, quality and best practice across the industry.

Tourism Minister Nigel Huddleston, who visited the English Riviera in 2020 to show his support to tourism businesses affected by Covid-19 lockdowns, said: "Our superb tourism businesses offer something for everyone and the sector is one we can be proud of."

"It is fantastic to see so many hard-working businesses of all sizes recognised for their gold-standard contribution to English tourism and I



Gold award for The 25

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congratulate all the winners." - Visit England advisory board chair Nick de Bois said: "It is wonderful to see the awards event back in-person, giving us the opportunity to come together, celebrate and congratulate the best-of-the-best across England's world-class tourism industry."

The 25 Boutique were put forward to the national finals following their gold win for Best B&B in the South West regional finals in April.

Owner Andy Banner-Price said: "We were also national winners in 2020, with the competition not being held in 2021

due to Covid. We worked hard on improving the business during the lockdowns, which is why we applied again but we weren't expecting to hold on to our B&B of the Year title, so we were thrilled when Clare Balding announced our name."

Andy's husband Julian said: "It was really difficult to get away. We had guests staying, so we had to travel to Birmingham and back, getting back in the early hours, then up to cook breakfast a few hours later, but winning gold for the second time made it all worth it."