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### Beau Boutique

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In a perfect world, we'd spend all of our lives in boutique hotels - but in the real world, they're often beyond our budgets. Until now: enter The Varsity Hotel & Spa in Cambridge...

Just an hour from London by train, The Varsity is set on the banks of the River Cam, which makes for amazing views of the town's ancient architecture, as well as the river itself. Expect all the trimmings of a standard boutique property: careful attention has been paid to the interiors, with each room boasting a different theme, precisely treading the line between classic and modern.

Our room featured gorgeous dark floral wallpaper, which perfectly set off the dark wood furniture and the incredibly comfortable bed - a perfect place to lounge while we enjoyed the panoramic view (and the flat screen television).

The spa is located next door - it's small, but perfectly formed, with a full range of treatments.

The restaurant serves up breakfast with a river view - and in the evening, very excellent cocktails (we loved the French martini). And the hotel's location, bang in the middle of Cambridge proper, means that it's perfect for sightseeing or a spot of punting if you can venture beyond the confines of your comfy room.

The best part? With spa breaks starting at £199 a night - including treatments and breakfast for two - this is one cheeky weekend getaway that won't break the bank.

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