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TRIPADVISOR HAS COMPILED ITS TOP 10 GEORGE HOTELS IN CELEBRATION OF, YOU GUESSED IT, ST GEORGE'S DAY.

There are hundreds of hotels, pubs, inns and B&Bs around the world named after England's patron saint and famous dragon-slayer.

The list is determined by TripAdvisor's Popularity Index and based on the reviews and opinions from real travellers, reveals the best hotels named George across England.

- 1. The George at Wath, Wath, North Yorkshire**
 Located close to the cathedral city of Ripon, The George is just minutes from the stunning Yorkshire Dales. Despite its history, the hotel was refurbished in 2009 and each of its guestrooms is equipped with flat screen TVs and iPod docking stations. This country pub with its log-burning fire and a mix of oak and flag stone floor offers the perfect cosy and relaxed atmosphere to enjoy a pint of real ale. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "Fantastic country pub, excellent rooms, excellent food....just perfect!"
- 2. The George Hotel & Brasserie, Buckden, Cambridgeshire**
 This hotel is situated in the historic village of Buckden, a tiny village between St Neots and Huntingdon where Henry VIII sent Catherine of Aragon to live after their divorce. Each of the 12 beautifully designed bedrooms are named after a different George, including George Orwell and George Best. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "The service was perfect. Nothing was too much trouble, and the food was fantastic, both for dinner and breakfast."
- 3. The George & Dragon Inn, Aysgarth, North Yorkshire**
 In the heart of the stunning Yorkshire Dales National Park and near the spectacular Aysgarth falls, the George & Dragon Inn has welcomed travellers for nearly 300 years. Relax in front of a real log fire or on the patio with views of Pen Hill. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "We've travelled the world and eaten in the best hotels too but believe me, dinner at The George and Dragon topped everything everywhere."
- 4. The George Hotel, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire**
 Built in the 1840s, The George is one of Cheltenham's finest Regency hotels and the original features complement the hotel's renovated and contemporary interior. Guests can dine in the award-winning brasserie or take advantage of the hotel's central location and stroll into town. As one TripAdvisor traveller comments, "The extravagant and plush furnishings made us feel very special with beautiful triple lined curtains against the Georgian windows, and a massive comfortable bed."
- 5. The George in Rye, Rye, East Sussex**
 Located in the centre of Rye, the hotel was recently renovated and now fuses tradition with contemporary design. The building dates back to 1575 and even has an original Georgian ballroom. Enjoy a meal in their award-winning restaurant or pretty courtyard garden. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "A beautifully restored hotel full of charm and character in the centre of an historic town with glorious cobbled streets and ancient buildings."
- 6. The George Hotel, Tideswell, Derbyshire**

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The George Hotel is an historic 18th-century coaching inn with exceptional character and perfectly situated for holidays in the Peak District National Park. Guests can enjoy home-cooked food and a vast selection of real ales. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "A brilliant, warm and welcoming hotel - we didn't want to leave."

7. The George Hotel, South Molton, Devon

The George Hotel has nine ensuite bedrooms and is popular with walkers exploring Exmoor. Boasting an extensive wine list and numerous local ales on tap, the hotel prides itself on its history and atmosphere. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "The thing you remember the George for is its fab food, a simple menu, but classic Devon, packed with locally sourced ingredients."

8. The George Hotel & Brasserie, Cranbrook, Kent

The George Hotel is one of Cranbrook's most historical landmark buildings, dating back to the 14th Century. It is now transformed into one of Kent's most popular boutique hotels with 12 individually designed rooms offering a blend of period and contemporary style. As one TripAdvisor traveller said, "Dinner in the restaurant was some of the best pub food I've eaten anywhere in the UK and reasonably priced too."

9. The George Hotel, Bloomsbury, London

This Grade II listed Georgian townhouse is tucked away just north of Russell Square on the edge of Bloomsbury and was built in the early 1800s. Positioned in a classic curved crescent overlooking gated gardens and tennis courts the hotel is in walking distance to many of London's historic attractions. As one TripAdvisor traveller explains, "The best thing about The George is the location - walking distance to many pubs and restaurants, the British Library and British Museum...just an honest, down-to-earth English hotel."

10. The George Hotel, Eccleshall, Staffordshire

Home of a brewery, The George was originally a 17th century coaching inn and lies in the heart of this beautiful Staffordshire town. Boasting both a bar and restaurant the hotel's ten charming bedrooms also have free wi-fi. As one recent TripAdvisor traveller explains, "Our bedroom was a large, airy room with beautiful en-suite bathroom and all bed linen and towels in pristine condition."

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