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ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT MATTERS

When I discovered that my 26th great-grandfather, a Norman knight named Odo de Barri, was the man who built Manorbier, I had to visit, and the castle's charming owner, Dame Emily Naper, obligingly squeezed my wife and me in for one magical night. The entire castle was ours, she said, then put the key into my hand.

As we strolled the ruins, the atmosphere "felt forgotten and almost dreamlike, as if we'd stumbled into a place undisturbed

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The view from a guard tower at Manorbier

for centuries." Everywhere we turned we noticed remnants of a vanished world—"a kitchen fireplace large enough to roast an ox, limestone floors worn smooth with time, and narrow staircases spiraling up through battle-scarred towers." Then we pushed open an exterior door, and a landscape appeared that "nearly took my breath away: meadows of wildflowers sweeping down to the glittering sea, with

the cliffs of the rugged Welsh coastline stretching off into the distance."

Manorbier is located in Pembrokeshire, a southwestern corner of Wales that is both "steeped in history and spectacularly beautiful." On Tenby's North Beach, a local artist named Marc Treanor had us join him as he carved a vast, intricate geometric pattern in the sand while a crowd of onlookers gathered on the cliffs above to watch. Later, after dinner in the village, we returned to the castle and wandered the silent ruins, sitting briefly in the great hall to imagine my ancestors' lives before climbing an ancient tower to watch twilight fall. "And when the stars finally came out over the crenellated walls, we said good night to the ghosts we'd conjured up, took a last look around, and went into the cottage to dream."

A week at the cottage (manorbiercastle.co.uk) costs \$4,160 in the summer, and half that in winter.

Hotel of the week



A seaside guest room

Castelbrac

Dinard, France

This 25-room seaside mansion in Brittany "melds the best of both its past incarnations," said Sara Lieberman in *The New York Times*. Originally an English lord's private manor, Castelbrac was converted into a marine research center in the 1930s, and now its mismatched buildings have been combined to create a unique boutique hotel. The former aquarium has become a funky bar with porthole windows and mosaic columns. There's also a Turkish bath, and adventurous guests can take the hotel's wooden motorboat to nearby St.-Malo, a walled naval city across Prieuré Bay. castelbrac.com; doubles from \$360.

Photo courtesy of Castelbrac

Getting the flavor of...

The world's largest passenger ship

Everything about Royal Caribbean's new *Harmony of the Seas* cruise ship "sounds overwhelming and over-the-top," said Christopher Muther in *The Boston Globe*. "And it absolutely is." Taller than Mount Rushmore, this 18-deck behemoth accommodates 6,700 passengers and holds 23 pools, a casino, a park, an arcade, a rock-climbing wall, and a carousel. Those who've sailed on big ships might shrug—but this was "sensory overload." Watching a robotic bartender mix, shake, and muddle my cocktail was almost as entertaining as the "Cirque du Soleil meets extreme synchronized swimming" routine staged at the ship's 1,400-seat theater. Somewhat regrettably, I later befriended some bawdy older British women at the bar, and they coaxed me into attempting the FlowRider—a pool for simulated surfing where I promptly fell and lost my swimsuit. Thankfully, it was easy to slip away. That's the joy of traveling on "a massive resort at sea."

The Prince tribute tour

Prince passed away six months ago, but in his hometown of Minneapolis "his fans are still going crazy in memoriam," said Elaine Glusac in the *Chicago Tribune*. Since April, a new tourism trail has organically sprung up in honor of The Purple One. You can take a fan-run bus to Prince's favorite record shops and clubs, and travel to his suburban home and studio Paisley Park, where "a purple profusion of emotion" adorns the fence. The official opening of the Paisley complex has been delayed until December, said Chris Riemenschneider in the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*. But this week, a few lucky fans got to take a peek inside Prince's studios and offices—complete with the audio notes and luggage left in the room the day he died. There was "an unsteady mix of celebration and sadness," but with the music legend's tunes pumping and his grandiose outfits on display, it was "hard not to have a little fun."

Last-minute travel deals

Mexican beach bungalows

Through Oct. 31, the Mahekal Beach Resort in Playa del Carmen is offering 30 percent off oceanfront rooms when you stay three or more nights. A thatched-roof palapa starts at \$370 a night, down from \$529. mahekalbeachresort.com/specials

Yellowstone fun

Families of four visiting Yellowstone National Park can bring the second child free with Austin Adventures. A five-night package is \$2,698 per adult, and \$2,428 for the first child—including all meals, lodging, and activities. Book by Nov. 1. aust inadventures.com

Autumn in Park City

Save 30 percent when you stay for three nights this fall at the Wyndham Park City resort in Utah. Doubles at the complex, located 3 miles from downtown, start at \$146 a night. Book by Oct. 31 using the promo code FALL16. extraholidays.com