

Down to earth

Thinking of taking a flight-free trip? **Zoey Goto** looks at the minimoon destinations combining heavenly honeymoon romance and luxury with a dose of sustainability

PARIS

We all know that Paris has all the makings of a truly unforgettable rendezvous: World-class cuisine, cinematic surroundings and a culture that wholeheartedly embraces couples, it's impossible *not* to feel the romance in the City of Lights. In under three hours you can be whisked from London into the centre of Paris via Eurostar, which has pledged to plant a tree for every journey it operates through its new Tread Lightly scheme. Once there, check into the award-winning zero-carbon Eden Lodge hotel, situated in the up-and-coming Rue de Charonne area, filled with on-trend restaurants and dreamy cobbled streets. The boutique lodge, with retro-chic interiors opening onto peaceful gardens, offers a zen-like retreat from the tourist trail. **Need to know:** Stop by at the quirky Musée de la Vie Romantique, to brush up on all things *l'amour*. edenlodgeparis.net; eurostar.com

After nailing that Eiffel Tower selfie, minimooners can unwind in Eden Lodge's mid-century comfort

LONDON

Looking for a green hotel in the heart of London's theatreland? One Aldwych just can't be beaten. The former newspaper office is now a gorgeously refurbished five-star hotel, mere steps from the West End. Don't fancy venturing out to a show? Kick back at the in-house cinema, before grabbing a bite in one of the hotel's two restaurants – one of which is entirely gluten and dairy free. And the glam lobby bar, with its decadent cocktail list, is ideal for nightcaps. Sleep easy in your super-luxe suite knowing that One Aldwych is doing its bit for the environment, with a mantelpiece of awards for its low carbon footprint, recycling and water preservation efforts. **Need to know:** Don't forget your swimsuit as there's an 18m, chlorine-free swimming pool. onealdwych.com

With a suite this heavenly, who needs *Hamilton* tickets?

AMSTERDAM

Eurostar is one of the greenest ways to travel, creating 90 per cent less CO2 than flying. Hop on an early train from London's St Pancras and you'll be canal-side by lunchtime. The four-hour journey is direct, while the return involves a change at Brussels, clocking in at around five hours.

Once you step off the train in Amsterdam, check into the Conscious Hotel Westerpark, which combines green ethics with a hip vibe. Powered by wind, all the details (right down to the comfy bedding) have been sustainably sourced. After tucking into an organic breakfast, you can rent bikes from the hotel and seek out the city's museums and windmills on two wheels. **Need to know:** Treat yourself to a business premier Eurostar ticket, and you'll get hot meals included. eurostar.com; conscioushotels.com



NEW FOREST

Be at one with nature in the UK's most luxurious treehouses – the beautiful suites at Chewton Glen offer the perfect romantic setting to get away from it all, overlooking wild deer and woodland from up high. The eco-luxe hideaways use solar panels, air-source heat pumps and low-energy lighting, and each one boasts a private hot tub, wood-burning stove and private concierge to organise your daily breakfast hamper deliveries.

Dining options include an exceptional six-course tasting menu and celeb chef James Martin's more casual restaurant. Explore the estate's 130 scenic acres, or take a 20-minute walk down to the beach. Minimooners here are all about nature, privacy and pampering. **Need to know:** For some next-level couples relaxation, there's a double spa treatment room with shared steam room to help you unwind and connect. chewtonglen.com



One delicious course down, five to go...



The Pig boasts a garden-to-plate menu. Specifically, *this* garden



KENT

Foodie twosomes will adore some R&R at The Pig at Bridge Place. Once a rock 'n' roll music venue, it's been transformed into a garden-to-plate gastro hotspot with 29 guest rooms spread across the mansion, coach house and hop-pickers' huts, which offer privacy and rural views. Cosy evenings are spent playing board games on plush velvet sofas in front of the roaring log fire. The main event at any of The Pig hotels is the outstanding food, which is either grown in the kitchen garden or sourced from within a 25-mile radius. The potting shed treatment rooms also offer heavenly massages. **Need to know:** Friendly staff will lend you a pair of wellies and a map of the best local walks so you can explore the beautiful Garden of England. thepighotel.com/at-bridge-place

