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Bibury Court, Gloucestershire

This impressive 18-bedroom manor house stands in lovely gardens on the outskirts of the Cotswold village famously described by William Morris as the most beautiful in England. In 2005, Robert Johnson took over this hotel from his parents, with his business partner, Sam Pearman. They appointed a new young chef and all reports suggest that the young guard are doing well.

Where Bibury Court Hotel, Bibury, Cirencester, Gloucestershire (01285 740337; www.biburycourt.com)

How much doubles from £145