



CRACKLE ON: 13 BRITISH HOTELS WITH COSY FIREPLACES

TRAVEL

When outside is cold and grey, hideaway in one of these snug boltholes where roaring flames warm up body and soul

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Wind, rain, plunging temperatures – it's November, and it's dreary out there. But the good news is that the grim weather spells the start of something cosy: fireplace season.

Whether you're nostalgic for a classic wood-fired number or hankering for the consistent, long-lasting flicker of a gas-fuelled model, there's no better time to book into a lovely hotel that puts its fireplaces front and centre. Grab a seat by the dancing flames, drink in hand, and settle in for a lazy day....

The Machrie, Argyllshire



THE CONTEMPORARY STAG LOUNGE AT SLEEK ISLAY HOTEL THE MACHRIE
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Cast off the Scottish coast, the isle of Islay gets chilly in winter – which makes it all the sweeter when you do eventually step indoors. The Machrie is just the fit if you want to trade country house clichés for slick, contemporary style but still want a dose of cosiness. The soaring ceilings of the first-floor Stag Lounge, overlooking the thrashing Atlantic Ocean, are contrasted with warm flickering flames; or hole up in the south-facing Courtyard Lounge, painted a bold red. Meanwhile, the relaxed 18 Restaurant has its own centrepiece fireplace, to savour while nibbling on Islay scallops or maple-glazed pork belly.