

## The most romantic hotels in the UK

### Dorset



#### Alexandra Hotel, Lyme Regis

No hotel in or around Lyme offers better views out across the west of the Jurassic Coast, in grey skies and sunshine. Throw open the windows for a delightful seaside breeze, or climb the garden's folly tower for a private kiss. Direct access to the beach means barefoot walks across the golden sands is easy, or couples can stroll along the Cobb to relive a little of *The French Lieutenant's Woman* (filmed in Lyme). Modern and traditional mix here, and sundowners on the deck can be spectacular. Easy walk to Mark Hix's Fish House but really loved-up couples share fish and chips from one of the beachside kiosks.



#### Hotel du Vin, Poole

Accessible luxury from the Hotel du Vin group, but very much real luxury. Contemporary rooms, all with deliciously comfortable beds, are somewhere to linger — for top romance and accommodation to impress it has to be the Dom Perignon suite (pictured), with an oversized sleigh bed, twin freestanding clawfoot tubs and an enormous monsoon shower room. There's a modern French bistro with inhibition-lowering cocktails, which can be taken in a number of snug, cosy areas in the bar.