

VisitEngland Awards for Excellence B&Bs in the Awards

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VisitEngland Awards for Excellence

Championing the very best of the country's tourism industry, celebrating quality, innovation and best practice

- Highest accolade in English tourism
 - Recognition
 - o Validation
 - o Celebration
 - o Exposure
- Easy online application process
- First enter the local/regional competition
- Winners are automatically put forward to national awards



Categories

Available categories for pubs to enter:

- B&B and Guest House of the Year
- Small Hotel of the Year

Other categories B&Bs can also enter:

- Accessible & Inclusive Tourism Award
- Ethical, Responsible & Sustainable Tourism Award
- New Tourism Business of the Year
- International Tourism Award
- Unsung Hero Award



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Cedar Manor, Cumbria © Cedar Manor Silver Winner, B&B and Guest House of the Year 2023



Categories (2)

B&B and Guest House of the Year

- Breakfast must be available on site, adjacent or close to the premises
- Offers a maximum of 12 bedrooms

<mark>OR</mark>

Small Hotel of the Year

- Offers a selection of hotel services, which are likely to include some or all of: reception, restaurant, bar, dinner and breakfast.
- Usually offers between **12 and 35 bedrooms**



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Sunnyside Guest House, Merseyside © Sunnyside Guest House Bronze Winner, B&B and Guest House of the Year 2023

The 25 Boutique B&B – how we did it



- Awards won
- Benefits of applying
- Advice to others
- Top Tips for winners



Why should B&Bs apply?

- A great PR opportunity
- National recognition
- A competitive edge
- Better business practices
- Reward and motivate your team
- Network at awards events



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Top tips on making the best application

- Passion
- You are the expert!
- Evidence
- Start Early
- Share



How to get involved

- 1. Consider applying to your local competition
- 2. Consider which category or categories best suit their business



- Use the local competition finder to find the right competition to apply to for your location
- 4. Submit a fabulous application
- 5. Become a winner of the local competition
- 6. Get automatically forwarded to the national VisitEngland Awards for Excellence

| February | Cumbria Tourism Awards |
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| | Beautiful South Tourism Awards |
| April | |
| | Remarkable East Yorkshire Tourism Awards (REYTAs) |
| | South West Tourism Excellence Awards (including Bristol Bath & Somerset Tourism Awards, Cornwall Tourism Awards, Devon Tourism Awards and Dorset Tourism Awards) |
| | West Midlands Tourism Awards |
| | Worcestershire Tourism Awards |
| Мау | Enjoy Staffordshire Tourism & Good Food Awards |
| | Destination Lincolnshire Tourism Excellence Awards |
| | Leicestershire Promotions Tourism and Hospitality Awards |
| | North East England Tourism Awards |
| | Lancashire Tourism Awards |
| June | Marketing Cheshire Annual Awards |
| July | East of England Tourism Awards |
| | Peak District & Derbyshire Tourism Awards |
| | Visit York Tourism Awards |
| August | Liverpool City Region Tourism Awards |



The B&B Association

The Bed & Breakfast Association is the trade association for

- B&Bs
- guesthouses
- small family-run hotels

Founded by B&B owners for B&B owners

- a not-for-profit membership organisation
- no shareholders



Aims to **inform**, **support** and **represent** its members. Membership is only £60 a year (£1.15 a week) <u>www.BandBassociation.org</u>





Any questions?

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