

COUNTRY & TOWN HOUSE

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The Hotel Wizard

Fiona Duncan would rather not live a cushioned existence

ON THE TRAVEL RADAR

» The iconic Blue Bar at the Berkeley, originally designed by the late David Collins, has reopened with an imaginative new cocktail menu and a subtle redesign by Collins' protégé Robert Angell. London's original hotel bar is looking good and set to regain its place as one of its hottest.

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» Just opened in Languedoc: restored 19th century Château de la Redorte is set in the middle of a family-owned vineyard bordering the Canal du Midi. Wine tasting and truffle hunting are de rigueur. *Doubles from £94.*

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Blue Bar at the Berkeley



Château de la Redorte

MY HOTEL BUGBEARS

Cushions on the bed. 'Well,' you can hear the interior designers declaring, 'it looks okay but something's missing: cushions.' So they add a couple, propped up against two pairs of plump pillows, and then they add another couple for good measure, so that, by now, there's enough legroom for a child to stretch out, but not for you. So what's the first thing we do when we want to lie down? Chuck the cushions on the floor. If you can't make a room look attractive without resorting to cushions, dear designers, you shouldn't be in the game.

