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Llety Bodfor, Aberdovey

If you could draw a picture of a perfect seaside town, Aberdovey (Aberdyfi in Welsh) would be it. Pastel-hued Victorian terraces line the promenade, fishing boats bob in the quay and kids scamper about the golden beach, which is studded with sandcastles and edged by grassy dunes. Thankfully, the fantasy doesn't end there, as the pretty village is also home to a dreamy hideaway, Llety Bodfor. This seafront townhouse is as far away from a scary B&B as you can imagine – kitted out with roll-top baths, wooden floors, a dash of retro memorabilia and best of all, sensational views across the estuary and Cardigan Bay. But what else would you expect when one of the owners is an interior designer? Ann Hughes and husband Gareth restored what was a tired hotel several years ago, creating a haven of comfort. There is a small supper menu, and home-made soups and samies are whipped up on request, but breakfast is the main event. Feast on produce sourced from Mid Wales, including home-baked breads and muffins with home-made preserves, pork and apple sausages and Caws Llyn cheese, before a romp on the beach.

Best bucket-and-spade moment As the beach is on the Dyfi Estuary, it is sheltered and perfect for little ones to splash about. Watch locals crabbing off the quay as you scoff scrummy home-made ice cream, made on-site in The Sweet Shop.

Details Doubles from £125 including breakfast. Bodfor Terrace, Aberdyfi, Gwynedd, Wales LL35 0EA (01654 767475; lletybodfor.co.uk).