

## Five marvellous micro-hotels

Retreats that cuddle with character, from the Netherlands to the Chianti hills

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### A high-style bolthole outside Amsterdam

The boutique Dutch developer Aedes is behind a handful of Amsterdam's coolest hotels, among them Soho House (arguably the best-looking in the global members' club's European stable) and The Hoxton. When it came to opening its first managed hospitality project, however, it took the remit back to the chicest basics – and left town (kind of). The 14 rooms and suites at De Durgerdam are spread across a 17th-century house and its adjoining guest house in a fishing village on the dyke of the Ijmeer, several miles east of Amsterdam proper.



A garden room at De Durgerdam, east of Amsterdam © Studio Unfolded



One of De Durgerdam's bedrooms © Studio Unfolded

Not a destination of any note, until now. The restaurant, De Mark, is already generating buzz (its culinary consultants are also behind Amsterdam hotspot [212](#)). The rooms bring all the style and *gezelligheid* you want from your Dutch holiday: wide timber-plank floors, exposed oak rafters – all decorated in the thoughtful, textural style and rich natural palette you'd expect from former students of Ilse Crawford. The bathrooms alone, with their glazed tiles and tin bathtub, are reason enough to book. [dedurgerdam.com](http://dedurgerdam.com), from €305 a night

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## Holm comforts in south Somerset