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The world's 20 best hotels on a budget

Gorgeous places to stay, stylish service, stunning views, epic bedrooms - without breaking the bank

Finding affordable accommodation does not mean having to settle for something distinctly average. Breathtaking views, attentive service, great food and hand-picked decor – all are available at a cost that won't make you cringe. We pick the top 20 bargain hotels from the American Budget Travel Magazine's new cheap-chic bible Secret Hotels.

MOUNT HAVEN HOTEL, England

Orange Trevillion was drawn to Penzance, at the end of Cornwall, because of the town's proximity to St. Michael's Mount, an ancient craggy island that looks like a lopsided volcano. "It's a sacred place," says Trevillion, an eccentric with carrot colored hair who believes that four of the earth's energy lines come together here.

Trevillion and her partners bought Mount Haven in 2001 and created a friendly retreat. They knocked down walls and reconfigured the old coach house to maximize views of St. Michael's Mount and the ocean. Most of the 18 rooms look out on the water. They have an Asian feel, with silk bedspreads and throw pillows in embroidered fabrics from Trevillion's frequent trips to India.

The best vistas are from the terrace: You can see St. Michael's Mount rising steeply out of the water, a medieval castle perched on its tippy-top.

A Penzance, 01736 710 249, mounthaven.co.uk, from £77, includes breakfast.

Extracted from *Secret Hotels* by Erik Torkells and the editors of *Budget Travel* (Stewart, Tabori & Chang £12).

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