



Live Out Your *Bridgerton* Fantasies at These 5 Hotel Properties

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Round two of *Bridgerton* has descended, an embossed invitation for the masses to swan dive into the scrumptious pomp and scandal-laced circumstance surrounding “coming out” season in Regency-era England.

Once again, the ton flit from modiste to balls and then back to gilt-edged drawing rooms to craft marriage strategies. Love triangles materialize; verbal sparring captivates, alliances are formed and bosoms heave from bodices so tight that one aggressive hiccup could trigger a wardrobe malfunction.

The aristo-antics are terrific. But, the splendor of the 19th century is the true star. It shines so brightly that even *Bridgerton*-themed holidays are in demand. Travel advisor Sam McClure of Small World Travel is fielding requests for visits to frieze-filled country estates that offer experiences similar to those featured on the Netflix show.

“Clients are looking for punting, falconry, and horse riding, even an afternoon at Royal Ascot,” McClure says. “This is combined with time in London visiting the palaces and a fancy afternoon tea.” If formal gardens and wisteria-kissed Georgian mansions are on your radar, these five properties will serve up old-school grandeur in spades—no corsets required.



The Point, Lake Saranac, New York

Stateside, travelers can dip their toes into Gilded Age grandeur at this estate built by William Avery Rockefeller II (John D. Rockefeller's grand-nephew) in the woodlands of upstate New York. The family compound reflects the 1930s trend of rustic "Great Camps" built by wealthy families to escape the city. It may not quite be *Bridgerton* in aesthetic, but it sure will make you feel like a member of the upper crust.

There are just 11 luxe log cabin-style rooms (ratio of staff to guest is 2:1), designed in a rustic Arts and Crafts style that mixes antiques, sumptuously upholstered seating, a wood-burning stone fireplace, and lots of antlers.



The Point. Photo: Kindra Clineff/The Point

Dining here is an occasion. The property maintains the Rockefeller tradition of dressing for dinner each night. Formal attire (as in black tie) is on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Communal seating (and the cocktail hour that precedes dinner) gives meals a house party atmosphere. As you feast upon butter-poached Maine lobster and Hudson Valley foie gras served on Bernardaud china in the taxidermy rich Great Hall, you'll think you've drifted into haut monde heaven.

An abundance of outdoor activities make the absence of Wi-Fi hardly noticeable. There is boating, fishing, tennis, waterskiing, croquet, badminton, swimming, wake surfing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and hiking. The property's glass-enclosed electric boat can also ferry guests around the lake.