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Blue Hayes Private Hotel

*Trelyon Avenue, St Ives TR26 2AD (01736 797129, www.bluehayes.co.uk)
Rates £150-£210 double inc breakfast*

The ‘private’ tag is fitting: tucked discreetly away above Porthminster Beach (a mere ten minutes from the harbour), Blue Hayes has just five luxuriously appointed suites and a guests-only restaurant. Owner Malcolm Herring spent two years overhauling an old 1920s guesthouse, halving the number of rooms and creating clean, classic interior design with the odd touch of glamour. The rooms have spacious terraces, dazzling sea views and immaculate bathrooms – but the icing on the cake is the balustrade white terrace. Here, you can take breakfast (or a cocktail at sunset) overlooking the harbour. More St Tropez than St Ives.

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