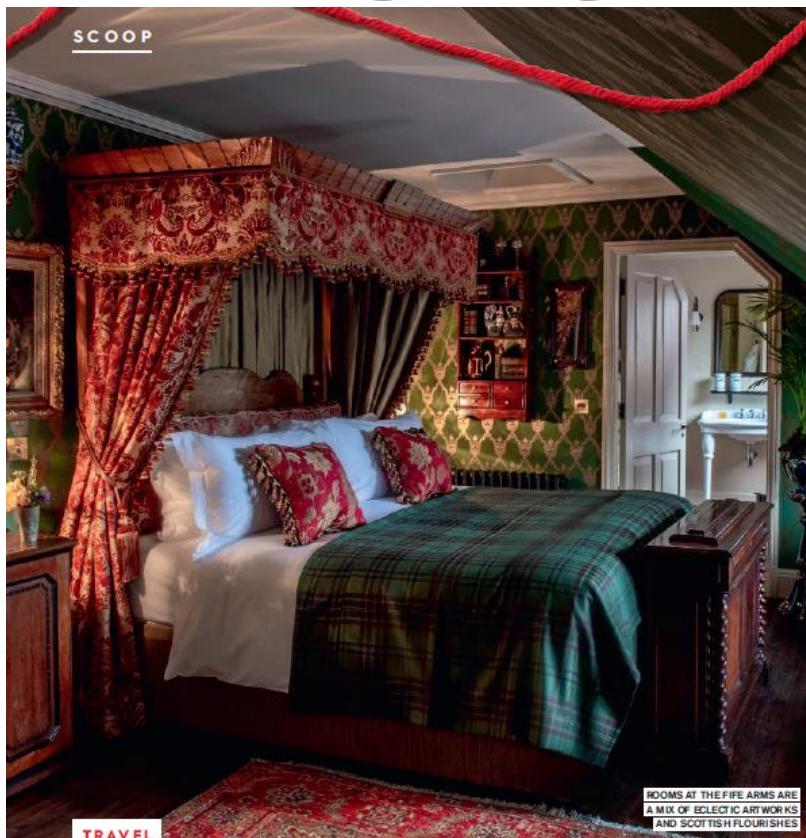


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TRAVEL

ROOMS AT THE FIFE ARMS ARE A MIX OF ECCLECTIC ARTWORKS AND SCOTTISH FLOURISHES

## CURL UP BY A VERY CULTURED FIRESIDE

**After undergoing an art world makeover, The Fife Arms in the Scottish Highlands needs to top your 2019 must visit list**

If you're looking for the ultimate cosy retreat, head for the Highlands. More like a private country lodge than a hotel, The Fife Arms, a 19th-century gem in the village of Braemar in Aberdeenshire, has just undergone a meticulous three-year, multimillion-pound renovation and is now home to more works of art than your average gallery.

Here's why: The Fife Arms' new owners, Iwan and Manuela Wirth, are two of the world's most powerful art dealers. They co-founded the acclaimed global gallery Hauser & Wirth, which has outposts in New York, LA, Hong Kong, London

and Zurich, and this latest venture is set to put Braemar firmly on the cultural map.

Each of the hotel's 46 rooms has been individually designed – think free-standing copper baths, antler chandeliers, rich tartan and more candles than midnight mass. There are over 12,000 antiques and artworks on display, including new large-scale commissions by Chinese artist Zhang Enli, who was the Royal Academy's artist

in residence this summer, and Highland frescoes painted by local artists. Add in a spa, restaurant, cocktail bar, pub, library and cinema – not to mention the breathtaking surrounding landscape of Cairngorms National Park – and it all adds up to one hotel that deserves the hype. See you by the fireside.

Rooms from £250, including breakfast; [thefearms.com](http://thefearms.com)



LET THE CAIRNGORMS NATIONAL PARK BE YOUR PLAYGROUND

THERE ARE OVER 40 DIFFERENT WALLPAPER DESIGNS ACROSS THE HOTEL

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## Let there be light

Naked flames are a fast track to cosiness, whether you're firing up a wood burner or filling your flat with scented candles. These matchboxes are not only practical, they're so beautiful they're worthy of a place on your mantelpiece.

### RED, RED ROBIN

This gorgeous retro print combines Christmas and nostalgia in one box. The matches are long enough to keep a safe distance from the Christmas pud. £6, [archivistgallery.com](http://archivistgallery.com)



### FESTIVE CHEER

Strike the base of this apothecary glass bottle to light these extravagant matches. Red with a white tip, they're delightfully festive and fit for any stocking. £10.95, [trouva.com](http://trouva.com)



### PEACE, LOVE AND LIGHT

This gold-detailed dove is a harbinger of joy, setting the perfect relaxed scene for a cosy evening. The white match tips are a nice touch too. £10, [trouva.com](http://trouva.com)



### RUN RUDOLPH

In a box printed with the traditional reindeer rhyme, the 29cm matches inside are ideal for reaching down to deep pillar candles without burning your fingers. £9, [souschef.co.uk](http://souschef.co.uk)

