



# Somewhere for the weekend

## Number One Blackpool



**Address:** 1 St Lukes Road, South Shore, Blackpool FY4 2EL.

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**First impressions:** Number One is a rare find — a stylish B&B in a town devoted to kitsch. The building — a red-brick detached house on a residential street — was built by the Thompson family (who ran Blackpool Pleasure Beach) in 1935. New owners, Mark and Claire Smith, have kept the traditional frills (trouser press, tea maker) but the look is much slicker and more urban than the average B&B.

### **What are the rooms like?**

With mushroom-coloured walls, a huge double draped in faux fur, a leather couch that opens to a second double, ginormous flat-screen TV, DVD player and PlayStation2, it's a little like walking into a James Bond/Austin Powers-style shagpad. The only problem is trying to work out which remote to use for what.

**The bed test:** Extremely comfortable with leather headboard and huge, plump pillows.

**The bathroom:** Large and quite glitzy with wall-mounted flat-screen TV so you can watch Coronation Street from the free-standing Jacuzzi bath.

**Breakfast:** The breakfast room is just as stylish as the bedrooms with ruby red walls and leather seating. If you don't fancy getting up before 9.30am, you could always order up the champagne hamper for £15 instead, which comes with half a bottle of Moët & Chandon, orange juice, smoked salmon and cream cheese bagel and pastries.

### **What is there to do nearby?**

Located on the regenerated South Shore, Number One is closer to upmarket Lytham St Anne's than the stag/hen excesses of the centre. The Pleasure Beach is virtually on the doorstep (three minutes to be precise) and Blackpool Tower a five minute bus or tram ride away.

**How much:** £50pp per night sharing; £65 single occupancy.