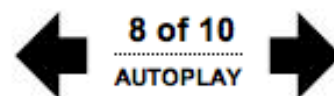


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English Countryside Weekend Getaways



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8. Parties by Design: Sophie Conran for Temple Guiting

*Temple Guiting,
Gloucestershire*

As the daughter of design guru Terence Conran (of the eponymous shops), Sophie Conran grew up surrounded by some of the world's most creative minds. Now she's opened up her Rolodex, curating country house parties in a converted barn at a 15th-century stone manor in the Cotswolds. Conran tailors each retreat to guests' requests, then calls on her expert friends to deliver

the experience: French cooking classes with Michelin-starred chef Eric Chavot, say, or millinery workshops with Rachel Trevor-Morgan, who has created headpieces for the Queen. Conran also redesigned the barn at Temple Guiting to create five unique guest suites. **\$** Rooms start at \$375. At Rte. B4077; 44-20/7706-1309; sophieconrantg.com.