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# Escape for Valentine lovers

Having spent the majority of January tightening my belt after overspending at Christmas and feeling a bit under the weather, I was looking forward to celebrating the month of love with a relaxing trip to the luxurious spa at DoubleTree by Hilton Chester. I see for a longer day of Valentine's Day and it's sensory my other last will arrange a slip up next, flowers and gifts, this day year is my time for a change. Photo by JASON HOWARD PHOTOGRAPHER

**At this romantic time of year ANTONIA JONES discovers the perfect gift for Valentine's Day – one she can share**

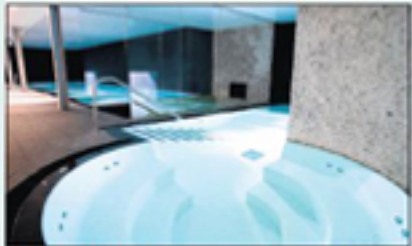
with hot tubs, saunas, showers, hot-treat and lounge chairs complete with a bottle of sparkling wine, this treat would also be perfect for an anniversary gift or pre-pose honeymoon treat. Massage and relaxation are definitely combined to perfection in this special take-away. After an hour to ourselves in the deluxe suite and having enjoyed well-deserved relaxation, we were treated to a full body massage that is not just across relaxing and almost hypnotic but quite simply relaxing. Massage oils were selected to suit our mood and requirements - we opted for those which tickle stimulating nerves - while the aromas re-

laxed the stresses. The therapist ensured that we were comfortable and relaxed throughout our treatment and afterwards this through a combination with us to explain the elements before heading to some relaxing hot-sauna water, which was delicious. After what seemed like a lifetime of gentle massage, it was straight up the stairs to the stylish spa cab, the Vertica, to help at night. The cab serves drinks, beauty drinks and dishes as well as a fire view. After each ten mins for a rest in the 'spa room'. With the gentle sounds of water whirling around the stone in mass and ripple surrounding the relaxing, I'll be for gives for having a quick nap. Then the rest of the spa was ours to use at our leisure. With a variety of hot, steam, various mass treatments and another thermal pool in 1911, we did just that.

The spa at DoubleTree by Hilton Chester isn't just somewhere to stretch and relax after the stresses of 2011, it's a fantastic space for couples who want to share some quality time together. It's just right for you in the good books too.



**MAKE A SPLASH:** The wet area at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Hooke, Chester, includes a jacuzzi, swimming pool, sauna and lounge room.



**GO WITH THE FLOW:** The wave room at DoubleTree by Hilton Chester.

The Lovens Todd Dooze package is priced at £75 for two people to enjoy the following: robe, towel and slippers plus free use of facilities for the day, glass of sparkling wine upon arrival, full body massage side by side, lunch in the spa terrace. Please note there is a £10 extra charge for the use of the couples suite. For further information about DoubleTree, visit our site in Chester, call 01244 303693 or visit [www.doubletree.com](http://www.doubletree.com)

Starting paired-togethers to drink our robe and slippers, Antonia and I sat up again in the couple's suite, which was our very own private 'garden'. With a view through one-way glass across the Chester castle grounds, Antonia was in heaven and I got the feeling the afternoon was going down well. Complete with a private jacuzzi and wa-