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Hello everyone

As many of you know, I have been searching endlessly for a good hotel, suitable for our needs, at a reasonable price, in the South Devon area. I have hit a blank wall several times, - the hotels in towns like Sidmouth and Salcombe are way out of our reach and one in central Exeter even wanted to charge £450 per night for the events room. I was about to give up when I decided to have a look at Torquay again.

After discarding the very large impersonal hotels in the busy centre, I then came across The 4* Osbourne Hotel. Set in the centre of a Regency crescent, in the Meadfoot beach area, with 6 acres of landscaped gardens, an indoor pool and spa, it is Torquay's most elegant and upmarket hotel. It has 33 rooms, most of which are junior suites, fabulous sea views and even a mini golf course! I decided to try and bargain with them, giving the date Sunday 7th February. For 5 nights. If you don't ask, you don't get!

To cut a long story short, they have quoted me the most amazing price. Full breakfast, 3 course dinner from a set menu, [with choices] exclusive use of the function room, for £100 per person per night. There is plenty of free parking. And of course the fabulous pool and spa. There is a catch though. To secure this price we need at least 28 guests. They will only allow 10 single occupancy at this price, and after that there will be a small surcharge. Double occupancy remains the same price, in the suites. There are two single rooms only.

So now you have it. I have done my best. I think this is a great price in a fabulous hotel. Google it to have a look! Torquay is very central to almost everywhere. Public transport to everywhere!! Exeter and all its shopping and sights is 24 miles away. Great shopping inc John Lewis and the magnificent Cathedral on the wonderful Green. Brixham is close by, Teignmouth, Dartmoor and so much more. Plus the large town and seafront of Torquay and all its attractions of course. But we need 28 players to confirm and they require a deposit of 25%.

If you are interested please let me know and I will start a list. Please do not send me the deposit yet! I will need to make sure we are enough guests to continue with the booking. The Osbourne have tentatively held the rooms.

Please pass this email on to everyone you think may be interested. To members of Penzance BC, Camborne, Penventon and St Ives perhaps and Nalini, please circulate this around your clubs [or set up your own mail with the details, thanks].

I look forward to hearing from you all.

Best wishes

Laurie