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## THE SALUTATION

Six reasons to visit this Arts and Crafts hotel, where the kitchen is now as popular as the spectacular gardens

[the-salutation.com](http://the-salutation.com)

**1 In the quaint Kent village of Sandwich,** The Salutation is a unique, relaxed 19-bedroom hotel. Houseplants, botanical prints and windows opening onto Lutyens-designed gardens blur the boundaries between indoors and outdoors.

**2 The kitchen garden informs the menus,** and chef Shane Hughes works closely with head gardener Steve Edney to ensure the restaurant is supplied with fresh fruit, veg and herbs. Gardening courses are available – including a plot-to-plate class – and the kitchen's commitment to pickles and preserves ensures a taste of the garden all year round.

**3 The menu is founded on classics** with lighter, Asian touches. Highlights included cured and smoked trout with bantam egg in teriyaki and a dessert of olive oil cake, lemon

posset and dill meringue. Kombucha spiked with garden herbs makes a refreshing palate cleanser.

**4 For a touch of theatre, book a table in the Tasting Room.**

Glass panelling offers a full view of the kitchen, and chefs deliver dishes to each table.

**5 Breakfast choices include home-smoked haddock with saffron beurre blanc,** homemade fruit salads and compotes, along with locally sourced eggs and bacon.

**6 A formal afternoon tea** is served in the main house (booking is essential), and traditional coffee and walnut, Victoria sponge and chocolate fudge cakes are available in the on-site cafe. Head to the gift shop to pick up potted herbs and soaps made with garden botanicals.  
*Christine Hayes*

