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London Beach Country Hotel

► **Location** Ashford Road, Tenterden, TN30 6HX Tel 0845 ??? ???? **Open** Sun-Thurs 12.30pm-2.30pm, 7pm-9pm; Fri & Sat 12.30pm-2.30pm, 7pm-9.30pm **Web** www.londonbeach.com
Disabled Facilities ✓

The restaurant at the London Beach Country Hotel is a welcoming retreat after a vigorous few rounds on the hotel's excellent golf course, or following some serious relaxation in the spa. On our visit, however, we simply enjoyed it as superb dining experience in its own right. Two or three-course fixed-price menus are offered, featuring a tantalising selection of dishes that skilfully reflect Kent's own local produce as well as fabulous flavours from around the world.

To start, slow-roasted belly of pork with sautéed pak choi was a light yet well-flavoured choice, while my indulgent chicken, spinach and goat's cheese roulade was a great combination of flavours to kick off the meal. Main courses were equally delicious – a dark and delicious pan-roasted breast of duck in a cassis and cherry sauce, and a luscious roast rump of lamb with a buttery, creamy spring onion mash. Plenty of other choices proved extremely tempting though, and dishes such as delicately flavoured poached fillet of sea bass with spinach in a saffron cream sauce, or a chargrilled chicken supreme and mushroom duxelle, are the kind of culinary attractions that will draw us back to this restaurant again and again. The wine list, with excellent wines from around the globe, has something to complement every meal and every palate. On the dessert

menu, gorgeous puddings like a decadent dark chocolate mousse, a light and delicious elderflower pannacotta or a refreshing terrine of orange, banana and strawberry all competed for our attentions. The flair and skill that go into the preparation of these desserts provide a fantastic final flourish to a meal here.

In refined and stylish surroundings, a meal at the London Beach Country Hotel's restaurant is a wonderful treat for lunch or dinner. Catering for larger parties, families and for couples seeking a romantic getaway in the heart of Wealden Kent, the restaurant provides great food at reasonable prices in a charming, sophisticated atmosphere.

