

MONTH IN MONTH OUT

Feeling overworked or overweight? Make a change this month with the *Grazia* guide to global retreats. Whether you need a spa detox or a militarystyle bootcamp, it's time to get back to your best







RETREATS TO TRY THIS YEAR

SLIMMERIA

If it's no-nonsense weight loss you are after, then Slimmeria is the retreat for you. Offering a raw vegan diet to encourage the body to detox; long, bracing walks in the UK countryside; exercise classes and motivational talks, you are, quite simply, guaranteed to lose weight. The website asks visitors to "Forget Pizzeria – visit Slimmeria for all your weight loss solutions," and, though tongue-in-cheek, it gives an apt overview of what to expect.

Housed in a charming Grade II listed Georgian country house and nestled in the beautiful and historic location of Crowhurst in East Sussex, the scenery is charming and makes the two hour daily treks a highlight of the day.

Locally sourced produce is used to create raw vegetables juices and soups that aim to rid the body of toxins and stimulate



the slimming process. It's not an easy, or a particularly enjoyable diet, but combined with the daily exercise regime, it will yield rapid results.

For those looking to lose those extra pounds ahead of a red carpet event or wedding, or trying to get beach ready after months away from the gym, Slimmeria works wonders. A one week stint for *Grazia* yielded an incredible ten pounds weight loss and several inches from the hips and waist so that the results were really visible.

For those that wish to dedicate their afternoons to spa treatments – and believe us, you'll want to – the retreat offers a range of massages, facials and alternative therapies including birch whipping. The therapists are excellent and the treatments are specifically designed to help the detoxing and weight loss process.

You'll need to be tough to survive the third-day headaches and tiredness; natural symptoms of detoxing. But for those willing to give it a go, you'll be glad you did. And, with lights out at 9pm and plenty of time to relax in the afternoons, you'll return home refreshed, renewed and noticeably lighter.

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Opt for the Garden Suite; a private room with its own garden and luxury bathroom. For prices and to book, visit: www.slimmeria.com