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Most people out there know what Fawlty Towers is right?? This is arguably the best British sitcom out there and starred John Cleese as Basil Fawlty as well as Prunella Scales as Sybil Fawlty and of course the brilliant Andrew Sachs as Manuel! One of the big questions that always get asked is why did Cleese and Booth (played Polly) decide it was best to have this set in Torquay?

Experience

With programmes like this one you will find that people base things a lot on the experiences that they have had and this one is no different. In fact Cleese based his own character on a hotel owner that he had spotted when staying in a hotel on Torquay when filming with the people from the Monty Python team.

This happened when the team booked to stay in the Gleneagles hotel in 1970 and Cleese became fascinated with some of the things the hotel owner was doing to the guests. John Cleese actually quotes much later on as the most marvellously rude man Ive ever met. Some of the things Cleese is talking about is the owner throwing a timetable at a guest asking about bus times and also taking Eric Idles briefcase out into the garden because he thought it was a bomb. (There was a ticking alarm clock in it). once the pythons had left the hotel Cleese and Booth both stayed behind bit longer to further research this person, this is the real life Basil Fawlty.

of course when it comes to going to Torquay there is no way you would visit a place like this, there is no hotel this bad of course. It is worth thinking about one of those [spa breaks](#) or [Torquay holidays when it comes to this as it is something that people enjoy. Is it too early to think about Christmas hotels Torquay?](#)

Have a great time when you are there!

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