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Our front page picture this week, showing a cruise ship off the beautiful Seychelles, is by REINHARD SCHMID/4 CORNERS IMAGES

# Wish you were.. HERE? UK seaside chic

The House in the Sea, Newquay



### 1. The House in the Sea, Newquay

THIS hide-out perched on top of an island is one of the most photographed houses in the UK - and, if you're in the know, you can stay there. It's a wonderful retreat, especially when high tide means the house is cut off, apart from a suspension bridge that links it to the Cornish mainland. With just one bedroom, it's a perfect

getaway for a couple and a terrace (left) allows you to star-gaze, look out towards the Atlantic and generally relax. At low tide a set of steps leads directly to Towan beach.

**The deal** Doubles from £85pp per night. More information: [www.uniquehomestays.com](http://www.uniquehomestays.com), 01637 881942.

➔ Now the schools have gone back, Britain's seaside resorts start to display their off-season charms - including coastal walks without the crowds and peaceful beaches. ➔ All these B&Bs and hotels are a long way from the sort of place that passed for holiday accommodation 30 years ago. Chic, cosy and comfortable, the perfect combination at the beginning of autumn.



### 2. Harbour Master Hotel, Aberaeron, West Wales

YOU can't miss this hotel - it centres around a bright blue building on the harbour front. Stylish with a superb restaurant, it's a great base in this archetypal fishing village.

**The deal** Doubles from £110 ([www.harbour-master.com](http://www.harbour-master.com) or [www.mrandmrsmith.com](http://www.mrandmrsmith.com)).



### 3. Halftides, Helston, Cornwall

A PRIVATE path lets you stroll from this three-bedroom B&B to a sandy beach, Enid Blyton views towards Mullion Island and a chic retreat to return to afterwards.

**The deal** Doubles from £90 with breakfast ([www.halftides.co.uk](http://www.halftides.co.uk), 01326 241935).



### 4. Zanzibar, Hastings

YOU'LL hear the waves from your room at this B&B in East Sussex. Each room is themed around a different part of the world so you can opt for the urban cool of Manhattan or be whisked to Morocco.

**The deal** Doubles from £109 ([www.zanzibarhotel.co.uk](http://www.zanzibarhotel.co.uk), 01424 460109).