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Polgarron sleeps 10, and costs from £4,000 for a four-night midweek break, and £6,615 for a week. The wild-food walk costs £200pp, including dinner with wines.

Five more cool cottages

Tregulland

Launceston, Cornwall

Set in 16 woolly acres of Bodmin Moor, The Barn and The Cottage have been decorated with panache, adding Philippe Starck furniture to period features. There's a shared indoor freshwater pool, steam room and alfresco hot tub. The Barn sleeps 10 and starts at £3,000 a week; The Cottage sleeps 12, from £3,600; two dogs accepted at each; 0156 77 880,

Peek House

Rousdon, Devon

This one's set in a 350-acre estate with its own beach. Guests take over the west wing of a Grade II*-listed mansion, with huge sitting and dining rooms. In the basement, there's a pool, spa and cinema, with enough games to outlast any bad weather. Sleeps 14; pets welcome; a week starts at £2,750; 01297 4 4734,

Florin

New Quay, Ceredigion

This Welsh Victorian pile comes with roaring fires, lush colour schemes and quirky touches, such as a secret bookcase. There are bedrooms with four-poster beds and elaborate bathrooms with freestanding baths, plus five acres of gardens with fountains and a treehouse. Sleeps 14; two dogs accepted; a week starts at £2,250; 01637 881942, uniquehomestays.com