The best log cabins in the UK

Cliff-edge huts, woodland hideaways and treehouses for grown-up children

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Isolation is a distinct theme for 2020, so we may as well be doing it in style. Get away from it all at our pick of the best log cabins in the UK – from upcycled railway carriages to far-flung island outposts – where you’ll only have to worry about social distancing from the resident sheep.

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Juneberry, Cornwall

Once the home of a self-sufficient farmer, Juneberry has sustainability in its soul – the cosy cabin, a two-mile stroll from Holywell Bay in north Cornwall, is insulated with sheep’s wool and has solar panels taking care of its energy supply. There’s a deck with a firepit where you can practise some yoga (or stick to toasting marshmallows), floral curtains and the perfect shade of teal gracing the wooden walls. And for all of your Cornish-village needs (shopping for fudge and sticks of rock; cream teas), head into Cubert, which has frequent sights to make city-dwellers sigh.

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A charming cottage for two near Newquay in Cornwall, Firefly has its own pond (with your very own wildlife neighbours), an Aga and indoor and outdoor fires – as well as an upcycler-pleasing corrugated roof, rope lights and reclaimed walls and floors. Indoors, you’ll find a king-size bed, rain shower, double-ended bath and plenty of distraction from modern life – vintage books, board games and a TV that’s hidden, though you’ll hardly notice it’s not there. Other wholesome activities include setting off on a coastal walk to conquer some of Cornwall’s most rugged scenery, or catching some of Britain’s best surf in the waters of Mawgan Porth.

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With all of the sheep-studded views anyone coming to Wales hopes for, Hinterland Cabin on the northern edge of Snowdonia National Park is about as far removed from civilisation as somewhere with 4G can get. The hut looks out across the Conwy Valley, with the peaks of the famous mountain in sight, too. The aptly named cabin is hewn from Welsh slate and converted railway sleeper carriages retrieved from the local line. Outdoorsy pursuits in the form of fishing, gorge trekking and, of course, hiking await, but if you’d rather stay secluded with a board game as you dip in and out of your hot tub and sauna, that’s perfectly acceptable.

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