

50 best holiday homes in the UK

A Cornish cottage, a barn in Cumbria, or a designer pad by the sea —
Richard Mellor has the top places to book now for summer



The Hide, Cornwall (1)
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1 The Hide Cornwall

While the Hide is minimal in its glass-and-concrete appearance, it's big on luxury: you get a cast-iron bath, a king-size bed cleverly positioned for stargazing and, on the valley-facing deck, a hot tub. The retreat feels secluded at the end of a north Cornwall country lane, but great beaches are just a short drive away: it's three miles to Perranporth and nine miles to Newquay's surf breaks. Caterers can be arranged.

Details A three-night break for two costs £950-£1,850, a week is £1,250-£2,500 (01637 881183, uniquehomestays.com). Two dogs are welcome, £40 each



The Signal Station overlooks the Lizard Peninsula

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Cornwall

An eye-catching, turreted residence, originally built to guide passing ships, the Signal Station sits high above the Lizard Peninsula's waves. Nowadays it's a bright, cheery home. Two stylish bedrooms for adults have window seats, and above them is a bunked room for children. Above that is a roof terrace with fabulous sea views, ideal for yoga, while an outside table set into the cliff is ripe for dramatic sunset dinners.

Details A three-night break for six costs £1,395-£2,125, a week costs £1,925-£4,500 (01637 881183, [uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com)). Dogs allowed, £60 each



Aphrodite: great views and lovely woodland walks
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5 Aphrodite

Cornwall

Sleeping two, this coastal home near Boscastle has five beautiful levels, the views of rugged north Cornish cliffs getting headier with each flight of the spiral staircase. Whitewashed surfaces lend calm, with upcycled gilt mirrors and swirly landscape paintings contributing an arty note. A two-person bathtub and huge windows provide reasons to stay put, yet it's worth resisting: lovely tracks strike off through ancient woodland towards Tintagel Castle and villages specialising in cream teas.

Details A three-night break for two costs £995-£1,845, a week is £1,295-£2,500 (01637 881183, [uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com)). Two dogs are welcome, £40 each