

ATLANTA, CORNWALL

Best for: a romantic retreat

This lovingly restored 100-year-old cabin on the edge of a cliff close to the small village of Freathy, just over the Cornish border from Plymouth, flaunts panoramic views across the coastline of Whitsand Bay. There's enough space for two, a four-poster in front of floor-to-ceiling glass, a double-ended bath and a wraparound terrace on which to sit and stare. Keep an eye out for dolphins - they can sometimes be spotted in the bay.

Eco credentials: Upcycled furnishings and reclaimed fittings throughout.

How remote? You get all the benefits of being immersed in the natural elements but none of the cold.

Sleeps: 2

Address: Atlanta, Freathy, Whitsand Bay, Cornwall PL10

Price: from £895 for three nights Website: uniquehomestays.com

AMMONITE, EAST SUSSEX

Best for: beach breakers

A 1930s cabin that exudes understated class. Rustic furniture, whitewashed wood and a lived-in feel characterise this beach house, designed by a husband-and-wife team with a past in magazines and photography and a homewares boutique in nearby Rye. There's a nature reserve on the doorstep, and the shores of Camber Sands are just a short wander away. Sit back and embrace slow living: brew fresh coffee on the stove, open the French doors in the bedroom to take in the sea air and cook meals that will go on into the late evening sitting around the scrubbed-wood table under the kitchen skylight.

Eco credentials: The property was renovated using reclaimed and natural materials.

How remote? An equal mix between neighbours and nature.

Sleeps: 6

Address: Ammonite, Winchelsea, Rye, East Sussex TN36

Price: from £213 per night

Website: uniquehomestays.com