

10 amazing UK beach stays that are wonderfully remote

From off-the-grid houses to cottages in hidden coves, there's nothing like finding your own stretch of sand, says our writer



The romantic Aurora looks out over one of Cornwall's lesser-visited beaches

Smokehouse Cottage

Newgale, Pembrokeshire

Like a gem set within an emerald necklace, this white stone house backed by the green hills of St Bride's Bay is a treasure of a place. Once a smokery, this former fisherman's cottage, which sleeps six, has been restored into a characterful period-style haven. Its wrought-iron beds, painted stone walls and oak floorboards may tell of a different time, but luxurious touches such as underfloor heating and an outdoor tub speak very much of the present.

It's the only place to stay along a two-mile stretch of golden sand, so the sense of seclusion is complete.

How to do it: From £1,995 per week, or £1,895 for short breaks (01637 881183; uniquehomestays.com)

Aurora

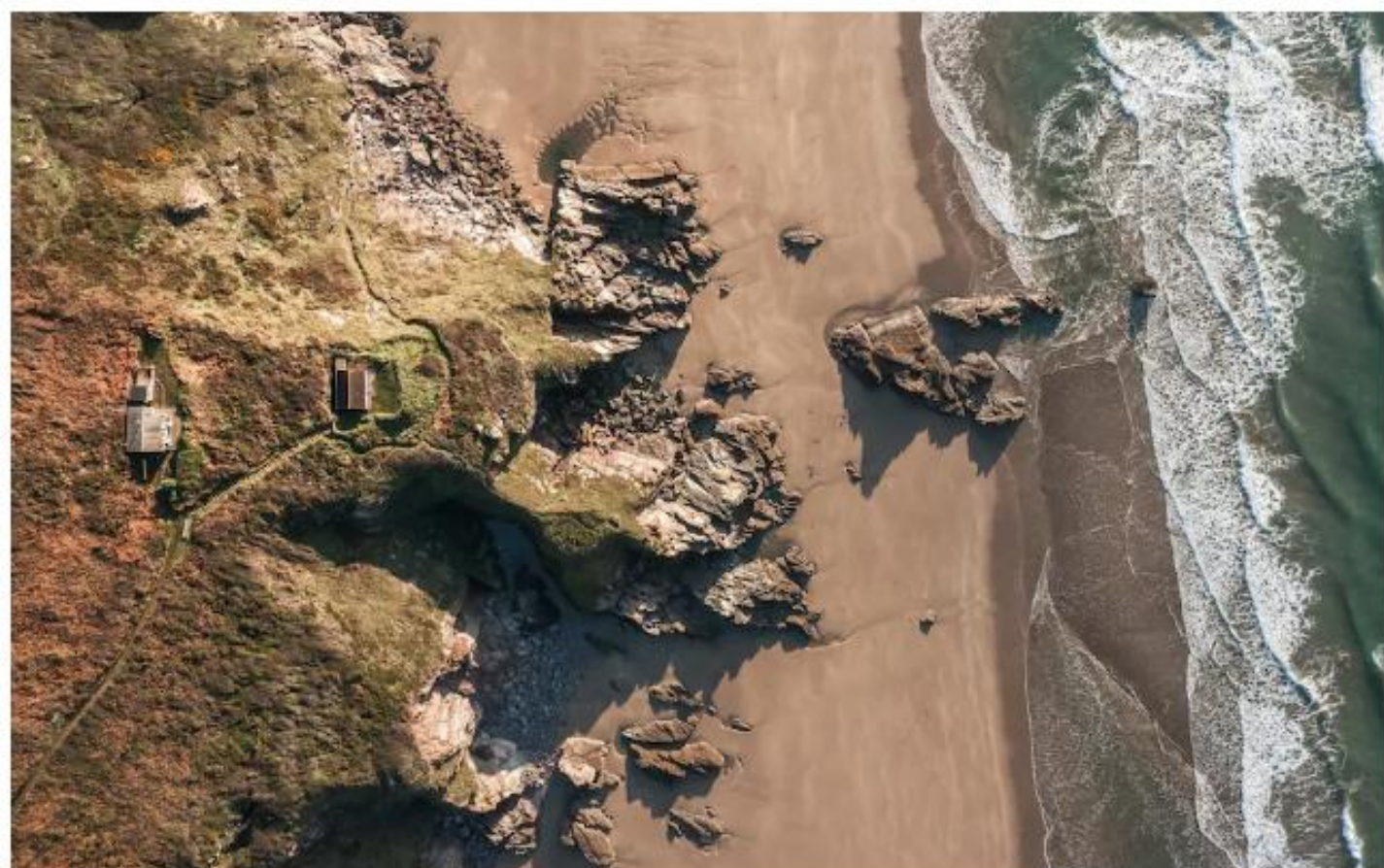
Whitsand Bay, Cornwall

Clinging to the cliffs above one of Cornwall's lesser-known – and therefore lesser-visited – beaches, this romantic cabin for two offers a magnificent front-sea seat for nature's ever-changing spectacle.

Looking out over Freathy Beach, which is accessed by a narrow winding cliff path, and whose golden sands become hidden at high tide, the pared-back interiors of the cabin are the epitome of barefoot luxury.

Whether you are watching with relief beneath a soft blanket by the woodburner as the sea roars angrily below, or you're entranced by the rise or fall of the sun as you soak in the outdoor tub, it's a very special place to be.

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Aurora perches on the edge of a cliff overlooking Whitsand Bay