

The 25 dreamy Christmas cottages you can book now



Ukiyo, Cornwall



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4. The Meadows, Cornwall

Best for... a peaceful retreat

Close to Bodmin Moor, this dog-friendly barn conversion sits seven miles inland from northern <u>Cornwall</u>'s coast. Its tucked-away location, within the grounds of an old farm, screams romance. Crisp and contemporary, the open-plan interiors feature lime-washed wood, poured-concrete floors and big windows below chunky rafters; two sofas hug a log burner and the bedroom's egg bath looks on to wildflower meadows. Day-trip options include foodie Padstow and, for some last-minute shopping, boutique-lined Newquay.

Details Seven nights' self-catering for two from £2,750; beginning December 21 (uniquehomestays.com)



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8. Ukiyo, Cornwall

Best for... a Scandi-style Christmas

Just above the Lizard Peninsula's emptier eastern coast, eco-friendly Ukiyo makes for an escapist Christmas retreat. Inspired by Scandi summerhouses, it balances buffed concrete surfaces with bespoke timber fixtures and huge picture windows that all look seawards. After unwrapping pressies by the fire, you could storm-watch from cushioned window seats before stargazing in a garden hot tub. Upstairs, both en suite bedrooms also overlook Coverack Cove, where dolphin pods sometimes appear (binoculars are provided). You're within 40 minutes' drive of St Michael's Mount.

Details Seven nights' self-catering for four from £5,350; beginning December 21 (uniquehomestays.com)