

Six of the best COTTAGES FOR GARDEN LOVERS

*Summertime is when the English country garden is at its best, which is why you should pick one of these picturesque cottages, castles or cabins to enjoy a rural idyll, says **Rhiannon Batten***



Castle India

For all but the deep-pocketed few, holidaying among the sub-tropical gardens of Castle India will be in a virtual capacity only. Those lucky enough to stay at this Cornish party pad, however, can wander among fruiting banana trees, drifts of lupins and a natural swimming pool framed by jungly palms. Formerly leased by garden designers Julian and Isabel Bannerman, the property has been reimaged by current custodians, Frieda Gormley and Javvy M Royle. The House of Hackney founders bring the botanical theme indoors with bold use of their floral wallpapers, fabrics and accessories. *Sleeps 18, from £5,695 for four nights.* uniquehomestays.com