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Garden lovers should rent these holiday homes

Looking for somewhere to stay that combines lovely interiors with a beautiful garden? These holiday homes are dreamy...



It's all very well to rent a holiday home based on a handy location and beautiful interiors, but what about the outside space? When on a relaxing summer holiday, having a garden can make a vast difference, allowing you space to breathe, providing an outdoor dining room and the perfect shaded reading spot. We've scoured our favourite rental companies to curate a list of lovely houses that boast rolling lawns, wildflower meadows, orchards and azure pools, all with charming, stylish interiors to boot. From Napa Valley to Hampshire, via Australia and Italy, plan a stay in one of these rentals.



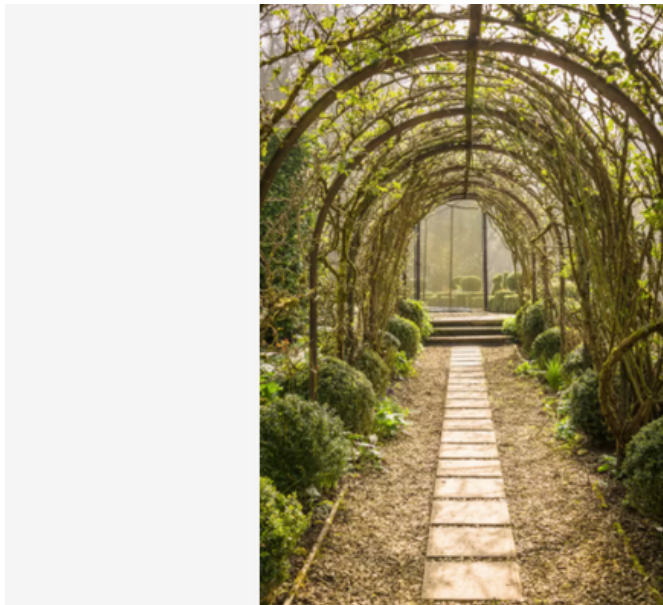
Shamley Green, Surrey

The garden of this stunning 16th century manor house is classic English, with its wildflowers, rose garden and vegetable patch. An enormous, incredibly well kept lawn wraps around the house, leading down to a pond to one side of the house. There are 38 acres of garden to explore, filled with a bounty of beautiful plants and secluded spots.



Winchester, Hampshire

Wildflower beds border formal lawns next to a sun-soaked courtyard (when the weather allows), bohemian umbrellas shade the outdoor swimming pool and pompoms cheerfully swing from the orangery ceiling of this wonderful property's garden. Wisteria takes over every surface it can find, its wildness tempered by the sculpted shrubbery lining the lawn. There's even a loggia - it might be perfect.



Bourton-on-the-water, Cotswolds

The garden at Midsummer Wood - a cottage in the Cotswolds - is like something from a children's fairytale; rose arches, apple orchards, woodland and meadows all contend for attention, not to mention the stream running up to this former millhouse. There's even a weeping willow, to complete the perfect picture. And if it rains? The indoor pool is bursting with greenery from the multitude of potted plants.