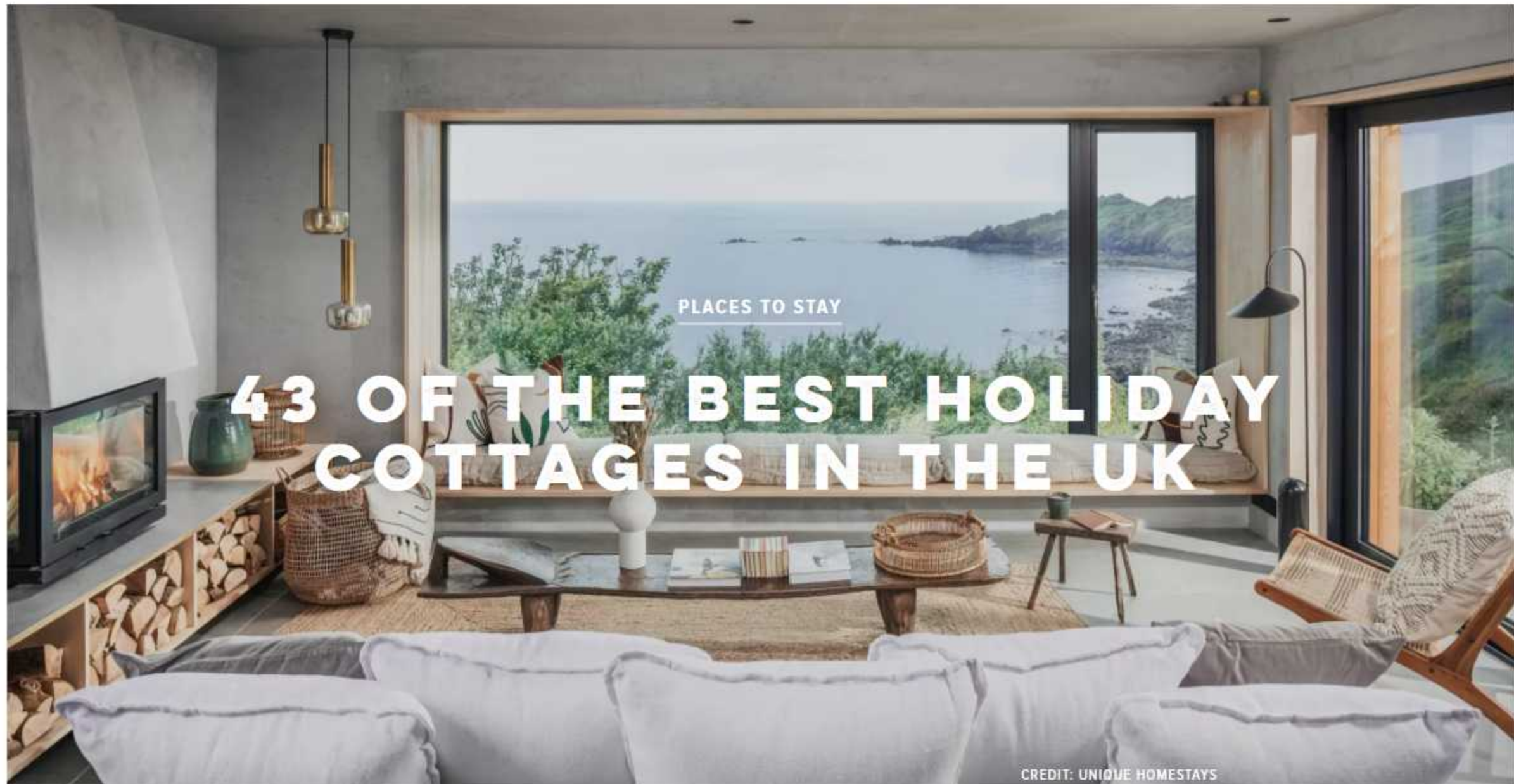


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From party crash pads to family favourites and couple retreats right across the country, there are plenty of options when it comes to cottages to rent for a weekend break in the UK.



**1. UKIYO, COVERACK, CORNWALL**

Ukiyo translates from Japanese as ‘the floating world’. It’s a fitting title for a place that seems to hover over the Lizard Peninsula and the sea that swooshes and swirls around it. A Sixties former family home, it was transformed into a modernist, eco-friendly dream house following an exhaustive makeover in 2019. Now it combines influences from Japan, California, Scandinavia and the Mediterranean, yet maintains a simple, pared-back feel with earthy, neutral furniture and fittings, largely crafted by Cornish locals.

The main focus of the interior is, quite rightly, the ever-changing view, with huge, attention-grabbing single windows in the sitting room and master bedroom that frame the vista like a picture. Choose to stare out at it meditatively from either the enormous walk-in shower or free-standing bath, while inhaling the refreshing scent of the Land & Water products. The lighting throughout is extremely sophisticated (it may take a while to work out which switch controls exactly which corner), walls and doors are kept at a minimum, and there’s a central, show-stopping floating staircase, all making for an airy space with lots of light. And while the cool, copper-heavy kitchen is boutique, it probably contains more glasses and kitchenware than your own at home. Likewise, the smaller second bedroom neatly packs in a smart shower room and clever storage details, such as a line of nostalgic wooden pegs along the wall.

The palm-tree-lined side garden then works as an extra outdoor room, with a ready-to-dip-in hot tub, Adirondack chairs and firepit, kept private from the footpath just below by beautiful grasses that dance around endlessly, revealing the direction of the breeze. With its silvery cladding and urban look, Ukiyo stands out proudly next to the coastguard cottage on the cliffs of dinky Coverack, a charming village with a retro grocery store, the Paris Hotel which serves an excellent roast and the contemporary – and deliciously eerie – Terence Coventry Sculpture Garden, located 10 minutes' walk up the hill. Our top tip? Arrive by night, tuck into the bacon, eggs and prosecco from the generous, locally sourced hamper, then leave the bedroom blinds open, allowing the view to slowly unveil itself to you come morning.

**Sleeps:** Up to four

**Price:** From £1,450 per three nights (up to four guests)

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