



the coastal gem

UKIYO, CORNWALL

It's all about balance in this home on our south coast. Chic interiors that chime with today's Japandi trend (think clean lines, concrete and bleached woods) are set against a landscape that's wonderfully and wildly Cornish. Expansive picture windows team with jute rugs, linen cushions and cosy furniture. The combos really work and make for a bolthole that's perfect for urbanites looking to escape the city. Strong style credentials are accompanied by an awareness of eco design, from the air source heat pump system to the myriad recycled building materials. The house is perched right on the cliffs, with views across Coverack beach on the Lizard Peninsula. *Livingetc* loved the village's sweet cafe, Archie's Loft (feast on its home-cooked pizzas or fresh salads on sweet outdoor tables), but true foodies will want to contact Harbour Master Jon Carey to source delicious lobsters and crabs pulled from the sea that morning.

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Sleeps up to four. From £1,895 for a week; £1,450 for a short break ([uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com))



the hotel hotspot

FYNBOS COTTAGES, BABYLONSTOREN, SOUTH AFRICA

If there is one hotel in South Africa that you need to know about it's Babylonstoren. In the heart of the Winelands, this Cape Dutch farmstead consists of manicured kitchen gardens, working vineyards and rustic yet refined interiors. There is plenty of choice in terms of rooms and houses to rent across the estate, but travellers in the know will choose the Fynbos Cottages that were built just last year. Broad-beamed pine floors and thick walls make reference to the property's 18th-century heritage, but all else is contemporary purity: crisp white paintwork and the textures of linen, jute and fine cotton. The bathrooms are large, minimalist spaces, rich from the opulence of space and marble underfoot. Bicycles are provided so you can explore the estate. Indulge in land-to-table dining at celebrated restaurant Babel or head to the farm shop to stock up on supplies to cook in the chic modern kitchen.

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The Fynbos Cottages start from approx £417 a night for a one-bedroom cottage based on two people sharing ([babylonstoren.com](https://www.babylonstoren.com))

