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# THE BEST BEACH HOUSES TO RENT IN THE UK AND IRELAND

For rooms with a sea view

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fter a year stuck inside, our collective longing for wide-open spaces, natural light, vast stretches of ocean and immediate access to the wilderness feels more urgent than ever. From Camber to [Cumbria](#), these properties have interiors as striking as their views, designed to reflect the natural beauty of their surroundings. Whether you want to immerse yourself in a waterfront community or retreat to the most remote corners of the country, we've rounded up the best studios, holiday homes, cottages and huts with views of the beach and beyond.

## TRIED AND TESTED BEACH HOUSE RENTALS IN THE UK

# BAY VIEW COTTAGE, WHITBY, YORKSHIRE (VIA UNIQUE HOMESTAYS)

Stuffed with board games and books, Bay View makes a brilliant hideout all year round, so don't just bookmark it for summer. Between the heather-topped moorland and the wild North Sea, the cottage overlooks Robin Hood's Bay – whose name remains a bit of a mystery, even to local historians – in the seaside town of [Whitby](#). With its slick underfloor heating, mezzanine bedroom and velvety interiors, you'd never know this building was originally a stable block. Nowadays, you're unlikely to come across any equine animals, but there are deer, badgers, pheasants, rabbits and partridges to spot nearby. We like that owners Dawn and Steven provide Martini glasses and bathrobes – these are people who understand how to take a proper break.

**Sleeps:** nine

**Price:** from £850 per short break (four nights)

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# THE SHIPWRECK, WHITSAND BAY, CORNWALL (VIA UNIQUE HOMESTAYS)

The Shipwreck is both named after and built using materials scavenged from Kodima, a vessel that ran aground in Whitsand Bay in 2002. Its white cladding walls and wooden shutters are typically Cornish, but the vistas of Portwrinkle Beach are anything but commonplace. While there's plenty to keep you busy in this south-east corner of [Cornwall](#) – try rock pooling, surfing, or paddleboarding – there's only so much you can be expected to do when there's a chrome bathtub with ocean views, and we won't judge if that's the closest you get to a swim. The Shipwreck is so near the beach it feels like private access, and Unique Homestays offers add-on packages such as dining experiences by chef Anna Humphreys to make your visit extra special.

**Sleeps:** four

**Price:** from £1,450 per short break (four nights)

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# SEREN MOR, PEMBROKESHIRE, WALES (VIA UNIQUE HOMESTAYS)

Not only is it ideally located for exploring the [Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#), but glass-fronted Seren Mor provides a sweeping panoramic view of Newport's paint-by-numbers estuary. The house's name translates as 'star of the sea', and with showstopping views from the timber-decked balcony and wildflower-filled garden, it's easy to see why. The upside-down RIBA award-winning property was designed by architect firm John Pardey, with the open-plan living room and kitchen on the upper level to make the most of the views. If you can't get enough, walk the three miles to the top of craggy Carningli Mountain for more. The Chattocks, who own the place, also allow guest access to kayaks, kids' wetsuits, a boules set, a barbecue and a secret pathway to the [beach](#).

**Sleeps:** 10

**Price:** from £2,395 per short break (four nights)

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