

# 10 of the best English holiday cottages to book this spring

**Ianthe Butt** rounds up the best cottages to book when the rules are relaxed from 12 April



According to the government's roadmap out of lockdown, 12 April is the earliest date that stays at "self-contained" accommodation – including campsites, caravan parks and holiday rentals – can restart in **England**, for one household or social bubble only.

The firm date has kicked off a booking frenzy in the UK, with families desperate to get away.

Here are the best **holiday cottages** with availability this spring.



Unique Homestays' Pomegranate Tree  
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## Fawn Wood, Hartfield, East Sussex



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Fans of Winnie the Pooh will enjoy this storied property, sleeping up to six, at the edge of Ashdown Forest (aka 100 Acre Wood) in rural Hartfield. Fawn Wood, a striking 17th-century ex-granary building with brick nogging and half-hipped tiled roof, has the look of a smart gingerbread house. Interiors fuse trad flagstone flooring and woods-and-whites with pom-pom cushions, and a striking Cocoon Aeris fireplace hangs in the sitting room. Wellies are provided for rambles through bluebell forests and ancient woodland, and use of an on-site pro golf simulator room can be arranged.

*A Monday-Friday stay in May, through Unique Homestays, costs from £1,795*

*[uniquehomestays.com/self-catering/uk/east-sussex/hartfield/fawn-wood](https://uniquehomestays.com/self-catering/uk/east-sussex/hartfield/fawn-wood)*

**Low Hallgarth, Nr Coniston, Cumbria**

## The Pomegranate Tree, South Molton, Exmoor, North Devon



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A truly wild-at-heart hideaway, The Pomegranate Tree is a 16th-century cottage in Devon's West Anstey which sleeps four (with extras on request). At the fringe of Exmoor National Park, and in Europe's first Dark Sky Reserve, it's also under an hour's drive to the golden sands of Blue Anchor Bay. Downstairs, homely living spaces combine colour-popping Cole & Son wallpaper with low-slung timber beams and crackling fires, and a swish kitchen has an aga tucked in a stone alcove. Upstairs, calming, natural-toned bedrooms are decked with stout wooden furniture. After days spent scrambling across tors or wild swimming nearby, there's an acre-sized garden with a stream-fed pond to retreat to for a BBQ followed by stargazing soundtracked by owls hooting in the trees.

*A four-night stay in April (Mon-Fri, for up to four guests, children 13+) costs from £1,595 through Unique Homestays*

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