



PLACES TO STAY

10 OF THE BEST HOLIDAY COTTAGES IN PEMBROKESHIRE

West Wales' loveliest beach houses, coastal cottages and off-grid cabins

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fter a year of being cooped up, Pembrokeshire's wide-open horizons, exhilarating coastline and stunning seascapes feel like freedom itself. Renting a cottage here is the perfect post-Covid tonic, with days spent in the fizzing surf, clambering up gorse-clad cliffs and munching on lobster sandwiches in hidden coves that are silent but for the trill of seabirds and crash of waves. From revamped castle stables to revived smokehouses, these 11 hideaways are right in the heart of Britain's only truly coastal national park, which is gorgeous no matter what mischief the Welsh weather gets up to.

5. THE CABLE HUT

Meadows dip down to the dark pencil line of the sea at The Cable Hut in Aberbach, where the first telephone lines were laid across the Atlantic Ocean. More than 100 years later, the setting fired the imagination of a romantic young couple, who made over the space with white metro tiles and slate, hardwood, pops of red, artistically framed maps and references to the cabin's nautical past. Outside there's a deliciously secluded garden courtyard, hot tub and chimenea, as well as a sea-facing terrace for spotting dolphins, seals, puffins and choughs. And when a storm rolls in, you can soak in the slipper tub, or rest up in the king-size cast-iron bed and doze off to the sound of the waves.

Sleeps: two

Price: from £895 for a short break

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6. SMOKEHOUSE COTTAGE

Set above the vast surf-lashed beach of Newgale, this former smokery is the coastal dream, whether you're hitting the waves, go wild swimming in the secret coves at the south end of the bay or plop into the wood-fired hot tub as the sun dips atmospherically behind the cliffs. Cleverly maximising light and space, the reclaimed fisherman's cottage is simple and coolly modern, full of sunlight and shadow, with oak floors, wrought-iron beds, snow-white linen and the gentlest dusting of dove-grey and ochre. There's a wood-burner in a glorious inglenook for when the weather turns grim, but otherwise you'll want to be out on the deck with its wraparound views of St Brides Bay.

Sleeps: four

Price: from £1,495 for a short break

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