

# **Last-minute UK holiday cottages with availability for half term**

From a converted school bus to fancy beach houses, there is still a clutch of fabulous holiday rentals available for late October

If you're a last-minute planner or someone who has held off booking a half-term holiday on the assumption that everything had been snapped up long ago, you're not alone. Thankfully, there are still a clutch of fabulous holiday rentals available for the last week in October across the country.

And while the colder weather setting might take the shine off some UK hotspots, it also means they're likely to be less overrun. Windswept beaches, woodland walks and cosy fires are some of the delights that await; from south coast beach houses to a cottage on the outskirts of York (the ideal setting for a Halloween ghost tour), we round-up the best rentals to book for half term.

## **Figtree House, Kirby Lonsdale, Cumbria**

Set on the borders of the Lake District and the Yorkshire Dales, this 17th-century farmhouse is surrounded by rolling fields and has no near neighbours. That said you're only a short stroll from a great gastropub and it's a quick drive to the old market town of Kirkby Lonsdale, with its cobbled streets and cute boutiques. Owned by an interior designer, the house is full of quality pieces (think mid-century chairs and a roll-top bath) and stylistic flourishes such as a quirky geometric light fitting in the spacious kitchen.

**The details:** Sleeps 10. Four night stays from £2,250 (discounts available for smaller groups); [uniquehomestays.com](http://uniquehomestays.com)



## The Polo Farm, Cirencester, the Cotswolds

You'll need deep pockets and a large family – perhaps the grandparents can be roped in – but it's hard to beat this old polo farm turned Cotswolds country house for a luxury half-term break. Despite parts of the property being more than 500 years old, inside there's a rather avant garde style, with colourful artwork alongside mounted stag heads. All bedrooms have en-suite bathrooms and look more like hotel rooms. If the weather plays ball, get outside for croquet, giant chess and badminton.

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