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Best luxury winter cabins in the UK

We may not have the same cabin culture as the Scandinavians or North Americans, but we do have plenty of smart off-grid escapes for the colder months, from Thoreauvian woodland cabins to high-design bothies

Few ideas endure in the collective travel imagination like the wilderness cabin. Although they are often framed as an escape from stressed-out urban lives, the American naturalist and writer Henry David Thoreau instead saw simple cabins as part of a journey towards fulfilment, self-knowledge and happiness. Luckily, Britain is catching up when it comes to cabins to escape to in the winter — from truly off-grid, woodsy escapes to more curated places that belong on design and interior blogs. From the Highlands to the Brecon Beacons, the Lakes and the tinkling tributaries of Hampshire, here are some of the best in the UK.

14. Cabin Tapio, Fordingbridge, Hampshire

Best for discovering the smart side of cabin life

Cabin life doesn't get much more civilised than at the Cabin Tapio: a place of mid-century furniture, Farrow & Ball wood panelling and impeccable taste. Beyond the veranda and garden of the gorgeous single-storey building, the River Allen — a tributary of the Avon — tinkles serenely past, with the occasional leaping blue trout. While the place is designed for flinging French doors open in the summer, it does winter hygge too, with a woodburner and private hot tub next to the pizza oven on the decking outside.



Cabin Tapio