

GREAT BRITISH SUMMER

50 best places to stay in Britain for a fabulous mini-break

It's time to escape to the country or coast with Susan d'Arcy and Richard Mellor's definitive guide to where to go



Sea Sentry

Sea Sentry, Shaldon, Devon

Thatched cottages, craft bakeries, botanical gardens and two golden-sanded beaches have helped this Georgian fishing village to become one of south Devon's loveliest spots. Sea Sentry was built for Second World War soldiers who were guarding the coast. Now it's an open-plan bolt hole sleeping two, with a superb shower room, king-sized bed and private terrace. Two minutes' walk away, one of England's oldest passenger ferries crosses the estuary daily to Teignmouth. There's a regatta here every August, which has been running for 200 years.

Details Seven nights' self-catering for two from £995 (seasentry.uniquehomestays.com)