

The 15 wildest hideaways in Britain

From Cornwall to Aberdeenshire, Gemma Bowes finds the best places to stay off the beaten track

2. Verte, Chevithorne Barton, Devon



This Riba award-winning house moulds itself into the rolling landscape. Clad in larch, it is built into the curve of a steep slope beside two lakes. From different perspectives, this shape-shifting property appears as a triangular wedge slotted against the gradient of the land, as a timber tower set within the trees and, when its sedum roof is viewed from above, as a green slope blending with its surroundings. Inside, full-height glass brings the outdoors in. It's been brought in literally as well, with stairs made from storm-felled trees. It all feels almost as if the building has been carved from one piece of wood. Sleeps six, or up to ten if six adults and four children. *From £3.450 for 7 nights: uniquehomestays.com*

5. Little Inka, Bodmin Moor, Cornwall



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A sumptuous cocoon for two, surrounded by the owners' alpacas and with a living space painted black to echo the area's famously dark night skies (Bodmin Moor is a designated Dark Sky Landscape). A shepherd's hut is connected to an old stone building, which houses the bedroom and a free-standing copper bath. Between the two is a sunken courtyard with a Japanese *ofuro* hot tub - just the place for watching pipistrelle bats dart at dusk ahead of some stargazing. *From £1,295 for 7 nights; [uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com)*

9. Wishbone, Malvern, Worcestershire



Nestled into an ancient fruit farm in the Malvern Hills, with a private fishing lake, a fire pit and acres of fields, is this ivy-covered escape. Hiding within stone walls tangled with foliage is a luxurious interior where snuggly blankets, plump sofas and a log burner form a very cosy little nest. Some of the century-old orchard trees remain, and guests can scrimp away happily, helping themselves to the bountiful fruit and herbs that grow here. Sleeps two. *From £1,450 for 7 nights; [uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com)*

II. The Find, Cranham, Gloucestershire



When the Found family bought a derelict 18th-century cottage in a quiet part of the Cotswolds near Cheltenham, they created one of the country's most astounding architectural holiday homes, which won the Riba national award. The showstopper is an uninterrupted, pillarless wall of clear glass looking out at a lawned garden that glides down to sky-scraping trees and a mirror-flat lake, complete with a rowing boat for taking starlit spins across the water. Sleeps 12. *From £15,895 for 7 nights; [uniquehomestays.com](https://www.uniquehomestays.com)*