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Vineyards, cider farms and boozy cruises: 10 of the best UK drinking holidays



Hop and cider farm, Herefordshire

One of Britain's last family-owned hop farms, Townend, still uses donkeys - Herbie and Teddy - to plant its crop each year. The award-winning results are sold to breweries across Britain. The farm, near Ledbury in Herefordshire, has been run by the Andrews family for three generations. Surrounded by 200 acres of hop yards and apple orchards, you can stay at their luxurious self-catering cottage, the Hop Store, which sleeps up to four people. The welcome hamper includes the farm's own beer and cider.

See townendhopfarm.com. Four nights from £1,295; book at uniquehomestays.com