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Snug Self-Catering Stays to Rent this Autumn

A converted Cotswolds barn, a shell-encrusted former artist's abode and a luxurious hut on Pembrokeshire's craggy coast are among our favourite stays to visit with friends this autumn



There are nine weeks left of 2022, which is more than enough time for us to squeeze in at least three more getaways with the gang, right? We can dream (read: settle with one). While we love nothing more than visiting a hot hotel, sometimes all you need is your best mates and an epic crash pad to properly recharge the batteries. Whatever the squad size or occasion, any of these seven stays will make for a seriously sublime escape. Adventure with us from the craggy cliffs of [Cornwall](#) to the dramatic [Scottish moors](#), as we track down wood-fired bathtubs, [hand-crafted tapestries](#), indoor pools and cinema rooms.

Cosy crash pads: our favourite UK self-catering stays



Pearl's on Sea

Rye, East Sussex

This East Sussex hideout is the former residence of an artist who spent his time crafting sculptures using shells borrowed from the nearby Winchelsea Beach - some of which have been incorporated into the house. Inside, you'll find whitewashed wood-grain walls, ditsy florals and antique furnishings. Outside, a manicured garden offers a heated pool, sauna and Swedish wood-fired tub. Bring up to eight of your pals and stay for a long weekend, giving you time to tour the quintessential seaside town of [Rye](#) - pit-stopping in top-notch restaurants and gin-soaked bars. Our choice? [The Fig](#), for its flatbreads, and [The Globe Inn](#), for its beer garden. Insider tip: private in-house catering options are available on request.

What it costs: £670 a night

Address

Winchelsea, Rye, East Sussex

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The Cable Hut

Pembrokeshire, Wales

Set on the shore between Abermawr and Aberbach in South Wales, this humble hut was originally built to house the first telephone lines laid across the Atlantic Ocean. Fast forward an entire century, and the bolthole has been reimagined as an off-grid oasis for two. Standouts include a slipper bath, king-sized bed and open-air terrace. Spend days stomping around Pembrokeshire Coast National Park, kayaking through hidden coves and splashing in the crystal-clear waters. Sea-life lovers should bring a pair of binoculars for spotting visiting dolphins and seals.

What it costs: £185 a night

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Anthology Farm

Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Sleeping up to 18, this charming Cotswolds stay is ideal for those who have a special occasion on the horizon - or dare we say, a landmark birthday. The 18th-century barn, which has been converted into a stunning, rural stay, looks like something straight off an architect's moodboard, with enormous banquet tables, braided lights, Moroccan-tiled floors and exposed-stone walls adorned with tapestries and abstract artworks. Super-slinky amenities include an indoor pool, tennis court and cinema room - all set on 200 hectares of rolling farmland. Bedrooms? Think hand-crafted furnishings, half-moon headboards, baskets stuffed with overgrown plants and Persian rugs. Plus, airy en-suites that come stocked with organic toiletries.

What it costs: £1,140 a night

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Lyme Regis, Dorset

Dreamed up by a textile artist who found inspiration in the principles of Japanese wabi-sabi, this recently renovated hillside stay describes itself as somewhere that honours age and celebrates flaws - something that we can absolutely get on board with. The three-bedroom property features flint borrowed from the original dwelling, natural patterns, plaster and plenty of warm wood. Bag the master bedroom, partly for its rainfall shower, but largely for the sweeping vistas of the surrounding greenery. The hub of the property is the outdoor terrace, which is decked out with hanging egg chairs and candlelit lanterns.

What it costs: £270 a night

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