

Britain's best boltholes for under £50 a night

Spring breaks that won't break the bank

[The Matchbox](#), East Sussex

Sleeps: Up to 6

Price: £285 per night (£47.50 each for 6 people)



The suntrap deck of this beach house looks directly on to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve. It's just a five-minute walk from pretty (though pebbly) Winchelsea Beach – a safe swimming spot. Sleeping up to six, the house is ideal for one big family or two small ones. Its exposed wood and whitewashed interiors ooze charm, tempting you to stay inside with the log-burner or in the rolltop bath. But go out you must, as the surroundings are equally gorgeous. Rye, with its cobbled streets and Tudor inns, is less than five minutes away by car.

Surf boards tucked under the stairs ensure hours of entertainment as the younger ones (and the adults) attempt to ride the waves. The wraparound terrace is perfect for barbecues (logs and kindling are provided to get you started) – but if you don't fancy cooking, you're not short of lovely spots for lunch or fish and chips locally either.

