

25 Of The Best Coastal Cottages For A Dose Of That Much-Needed Sea Breeze

With many boasting views across some of the UK's most famous coastlines, beach cottages in the likes of Cornwall, Devon and Oban are the perfect hideaways for those who like to explore their nearby surroundings and take a dip in the ocean, come rain or shine.

From cottages located on the edge of cliff faces to others which are a hop, skip and a jump away from the waves (quite literally), a quaint property located close to the pub, coastal walks and seafood restaurants are a big holiday win in our book.

We've rounded up the best coastal cottages that you can rent now, for those wanting a taste of the sea in the UK:

1 The Matchbox, Winchelsea



One of the best things about a staycation is believing that you could actually live in your weekend getaway. That's exactly how it felt going to The Matchbox in Winchelsea, near Rye.

Run by Unique Homestays, the shiplap beach house with bright yellow door and window frames, sits right opposite Rye Harbour Nature Reserve where sheep and horses graze lazily during the day. Beyond the Reserve, and only a short walk away, is Winchelsea Beach which is perfect for a morning dip before heading back to the cottage for coffee and breakfast on the deck. It's the kind of routine you could get used to.

The house itself is tastefully decorated with exposed wood, colourful artwork and thoughtfully placed sofas and chairs, to cosy up in and admire the peaceful views. Nearby, Rye is a bike ride away and beyond that Camber Sands for long, sandy beach walks. But you might prefer to fire up the BBQ and pretend that The Matchbox is your own, just for the weekend.

Available from £1,995 per week, £1,495 per short break