

31 brilliant Christmas escapes

A festive trip to New York, Barcelona for New Year or a sparkly hotel stay for the day itself



Unique Homestays' The Fable

Known for its reliably chic holiday rentals, Unique Homestays has several Cornish properties available during the festive period. Large groups might opt for the silver-timbered Monterey, so close to Porthtowan Beach you'll need a good excuse not to join in with the local Boxing Day swim, and available for the week starting December 22 (seven nights' self-catering for ten, £6,995). For the same week or starting the week after, Castle India is a leafy Tamar Valley manor with botanical House of Hackney wallpaper (seven nights' self-catering for 18, £11,500). Redesigned in collaboration with the White Company, the two-bedroom Fable is otherwise a classic thatched cottage near Perranporth. **Details** Seven nights' self-catering for four at The Fable from £3,495 (uniquehomestays.com)