

Inside this maximalist fairy-tale castle in Cornwall – and it's even more magical at Christmas



UNIQUE HOMESTAYS

Owned by House of Hackney founders Frieda Gormley and Javvy M Royle, this luxurious dreamlike property is a feast for the eyes, showcasing the designer duo's unique style and vision.

Based in the Tamar valley in the south Cornwall coast, Castle India consists of a transformed Georgian manor that sits on nine acres of land within the ruins of a 14th century castle. The manor house is packed full of unique artefacts and, as a living showroom of the family's luxury homeware brand, is decorated with the colourful, pattern-clashing, maximalist style that House of Hackney is known for.

The sage green entrance sets the tone for what is to come – the interiors offer a wild celebration of nature, with walls from top to bottom exuding botanical beauty.



UNIQUE HOMESTAYS

Beauty and detail really can be found at every turn, with bold and sumptuous prints, clashing patterns, bespoke wallpapers, and a whimsical, vintage luxury style throughout.

Available to book for short stays, this luxury self-catering home contains nine fairy-tale bedrooms that can sleep up to 18 guests, as well as many grand communal areas, such as a music room, drawing room and library.



UNIQUE HOMESTAYS



UNIQUE HOMESTAYS

Castle India has multiple cosy but spacious living areas with fireplaces. Elegant dining rooms are ready for holding the perfect lunch. There's a large, fully functional kitchen, and also a second kitchen equipped for professional chefs – a fully catered option is available for those who want to take a break from cooking.



UNIQUE HOMESTAYS

At Christmastime, this grand property is even more magical. In the living room, a natural garland with pine cones adorns the fireplace, along with a ceiling height Christmas tree – filled with quirky and unique baubles – which is nestled in the corner. Meanwhile, a garland adorns the sweeping staircase.

The outdoors is just as mind-blowing as its dazzling interior. Once home to famous gardening duo Isabel and Julian Bannerman, the garden – said to be the most romantic garden in Cornwall – is full of surprises. Planted in tropical style, there are banana trees and pineapple beds, and within the ground, there's also a natural swimming pool (although it closes from October to April) accompanied by an ornate Indian-style pool house. A fire pit is available for use, so you can sit out and enjoy the night stars over the valley, even during winter.

Children are welcome and will be spoilt for choice of activities, with a croquet lawn, ping pong table, football goals, trampoline and an indoor skate ramp all on site. Two (well-behaved) dogs are also welcome.

This magical Cornish home is available to rent from Unique Homestays, + 44 (0) 1637 881183.