

# TRAVEL

Where to go in Ryedale plus six of the best Christmas craft courses.  
Review of *The Stack* by **Katie Pike**, travel stories by **Rhiannon Batten**



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**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT** There's a cabin feel to this bedroom; the rustic kitchen; the building dates from the 1800s.

## THE STACK Trelion, Cornwall

Walking down the path towards The Stack, expectations are high. The building dates from the 1800s, when it served as an engine house to the New Terras Mine of Cornwall, near Truro, and today it makes for an impressive – and dramatic – sight: a four-storey building with its original chimney (which gives the building its name) jutting out from one side.

Inside, things feel every bit as magical. Jazz plays from Sonos speakers located in every room and soft lighting illuminates the characterful interiors – all rustic luxe with intriguing salvaged and vintage finds showcased against exposed brick, bare plaster or moody paint hues. In short, it's heaven for interiors lovers.

Exploring the building is an experience in itself: the rooms are spread over five floors. The cosy

basement is set up for movie-watching, while across the upper floors there are three double bedrooms, each with their own aesthetic.

Self-catering accommodation can sometimes lack warmth, but here blankets are draped on sofas and beds, the kitchen is well stocked (a basket of goodies is waiting on arrival), dressing gowns are in the wardrobes and toiletries are courtesy of Noble Isle. There are even recipe books and coffee-table tomes.

In the gardens, things are just as well thought through. A basket of hammam towels sits by the back door because, outside, there's also a sunken hot tub, overlooking the Fal Valley. Perfect for stargazing on crisp December evenings, sparkling wine in hand. *Unique Homestays* (01637 881183; [uniquehomestays.com](http://uniquehomestays.com))

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