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After researching the history of her holiday home, our writer made an uncomfortable discovery



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They include Unique Homestays, which names its self-catering stays after events that have happened in the buildings they occupy. Among these are The Brandy Thief, a coastal cottage in Devon that once housed the stash of 18th-century bootlegger Hannibal Richards (of the feared bootlegging gang Cruel Coppinger), and The Cable Hut in Pembrokeshire, which was the First World War base of a small unit of soldiers who sent covert messages to America via a telegraphy cable station nearby.

Unique Homestays' Hannah Jones says that quirky property histories appeal to: "the American market in particular as well as people looking for a bit of atmosphere: something that's more of a conversation point than your standard holiday home".



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