





# HIDEAWAYS & ESCAPES

A restorative, refreshing retreat away from everyday life with the convenience of travel within England could just be the tonic this spring

**W**e all need the occasional escape from modern life. We spend too much time on our screens and not enough time appreciating the natural beauty that is within easy reach and those that are close to us. It is not necessary to go far to find the sanctuary that is craved; from expansive beaches to dense woodland, craggy cliff faces to rolling hills, the cabins here offer a slice of British wilderness that will ensure a feeling of being reconnected. Reconnected to ourselves, our loved ones and the world around us.





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location overlooking  
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the fresh sea air by  
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doors wide open.

## Aurora

### Clapboard cabin on a Cornish clifftop

Wedged high above Freathy Beach at Cornwall's breathtaking Whitsand Bay, Aurora is an invigorating treat for all the senses, its unfussy interior and triple-aspect windows providing a clean stage from which to witness salty squalls and supernatural sunrises. Such a wild location could easily feel disquieting, yet here, totally immersed in nature, it is almost impossible not to relax – even when the weather is at its most intense. One for intimate escapes, or when you need reminding of the raw power of Mother Nature.

**DESIGN** Aurora radiates cool seaside charm by the bucketload, with tongue-and-groove panelling, metro tiles and not a single seashell ornament in sight. Stripped back without feeling stark, the whitewashed cabin acts like a giant picture frame, capturing the constantly altering loveliness of the Cornish skies.

**NEARBY** Mosey down to the historic Devonpoint Inn for delectable potted crab on toast and Cornish pasties, before heading over to Patchwork Studios for its packed cultural programme of live music, spoken word and cinema. Alternatively, catch the Cremyll Ferry for a jaunt over to Plymouth to mooch around Admiral's Hard or check out Royal William Yard's numerous buzzy bars, pop-up breweries, galleries and cafes.

Aurora, Freathy, Torpoint PL10; [uniquahomestays.com](http://uniquahomestays.com)

## Bowcombe Boathouse

### Characterful waterside sanctuary

The end result of owner Miranda Gardiner's decades spent collecting artefacts as a painter and curator, Bowcombe feels more like an artist's clifftop hideaway than a holiday rental. Occupying a former boat store on the edge of a beautiful ria, its private location makes this feel like a getaway in the deepest sense, with a well-stocked drinks cabinet and inviting window nook offering a home-from-home vibe, and heavy wooden gates forming a physical and psychological barrier between the cabin and the rest of the world.

**DESIGN** Bowcombe's interiors are so characterful that staying in them almost makes you feel like Goldilocks trespassing on someone else's momentarily deserted property. Its numerous nods to its estuary location are set against wood-panelled walls to create the ultimate waterside hideaway.

**NEARBY** Despite the sense of seclusion, you're only a five-minute walk from the picturesque Crabshell Inn with its moreish seafood and wood-fired pizzas, and a few glorious minutes' paddle (or a 10-minute walk) from pretty Kingsbridge, where you can moor up and head to a plethora of cafes and restaurants. Alternatively, grab your walking boots and discover one of Devon's many coastal walks, or even the wilds of Dartmoor.

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