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COASTAL RETREATS

Victoria Guthrie investigates opulent coastal holiday homes around the UK

With so many amazing beach destinations around the world, sometimes it's easy to forget the incredible hideaways and stunning locations available right on our doorstep here in the UK. Formed from a variety of islands, peninsulas, bays and headlands, there are huge variety of different terrains around the British coast. With the sun beating down on your back in the height of summer, a chilled glass of white wine in your hand, a coastal break to somewhere on our fair isle may be just what the doctor ordered.

Just a few hours drive away on the north coast of Kent, just off Seasalter beach in Whitstable, sits The Oyster Shell. This exquisite seaside pad was designed by architect Nick Baldry, who wanted to combine modern luxuries with an air of opulent elegance. A contemporary steel and glass exterior frames fantastic sea views out onto the beach, offering a stylish place to escape to.

Nestled along a quiet stretch of Lake Windermere in the Lake District National Park,



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The Osprey is a boathouse with a difference. Not strictly a coastal location, it does offer some of the finest views of the lake without even having to leave the building. Interior designer Sarah Nielsen recently restored The Osprey to glory. It may be compact, but it is nothing short of impressive. A classic exterior gives way to a clean, contemporary interior. Many rooms feature floor to ceiling windows and a large balcony boasts wide-reaching inspiring views across the lake.

For a breathtaking getaway, quite literally, on your own island, head to Cornwall. The House in the Sea sits in a magical location right on Towan Beach on the Cornish coast. The only way to The House in the Sea is across a suspension footbridge. Quirky New York style interiors make this retreat the epitome of seaside chic and relaxed luxury. It brings a whole new meaning to 'secluded bliss'.

Another breathtaking Cornish gem is The Viewing Gallery, built on one of the cliffs that overlook the beautiful beach and once busy fishing port of Portreath. It took owner Paul James five years to find the ideal property and eventually he fell in love with it and renovated, creating the impressive building that stands today. With windows that run the entire length of the building, this is the perfect spot to escape to when you crave a seaside break. A

crisp modern interior leads out onto a balcony and a decked area where you can enjoy uninterrupted view of the Cornish coastline. Spend hours watching local surfers enjoy the waves or discover the local area by foot.

The Isle of Skye may not be somewhere your brain automatically associates with luxury coastal holidays but if you want incredible views of the water with rugged mountains behind you, The Chapel on Cloud Island is a nothing short of perfect. Set on the quiet shores of Loch

Harport, home to the Talisker Distillery, The Chapel on Cloud Island is a quirky, secluded converted chapel, which features a Scandi-style sauna and spa bath overlooking the mountains and offering an experience like no other.

Next time you feel like escaping, look at some of the breathtaking properties and locations available here in the UK. To find out more about any of the properties featured, visit www.uniquehomestays.com or call 01637 881183



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