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Cool and quirky places
for a self catered break

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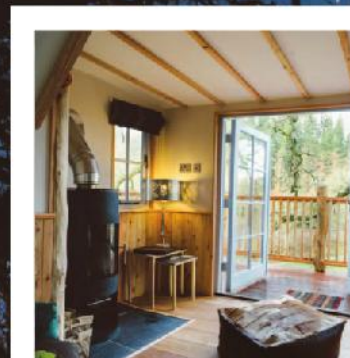
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news, pro-chef recipes, gourmet comps and loads more

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Tea in a treehouse

Self catering holidays are great if you like cooking with new ingredients and eating in a different restaurant every night. We've tracked down the South West's coolest bases for your next gourmet getaway



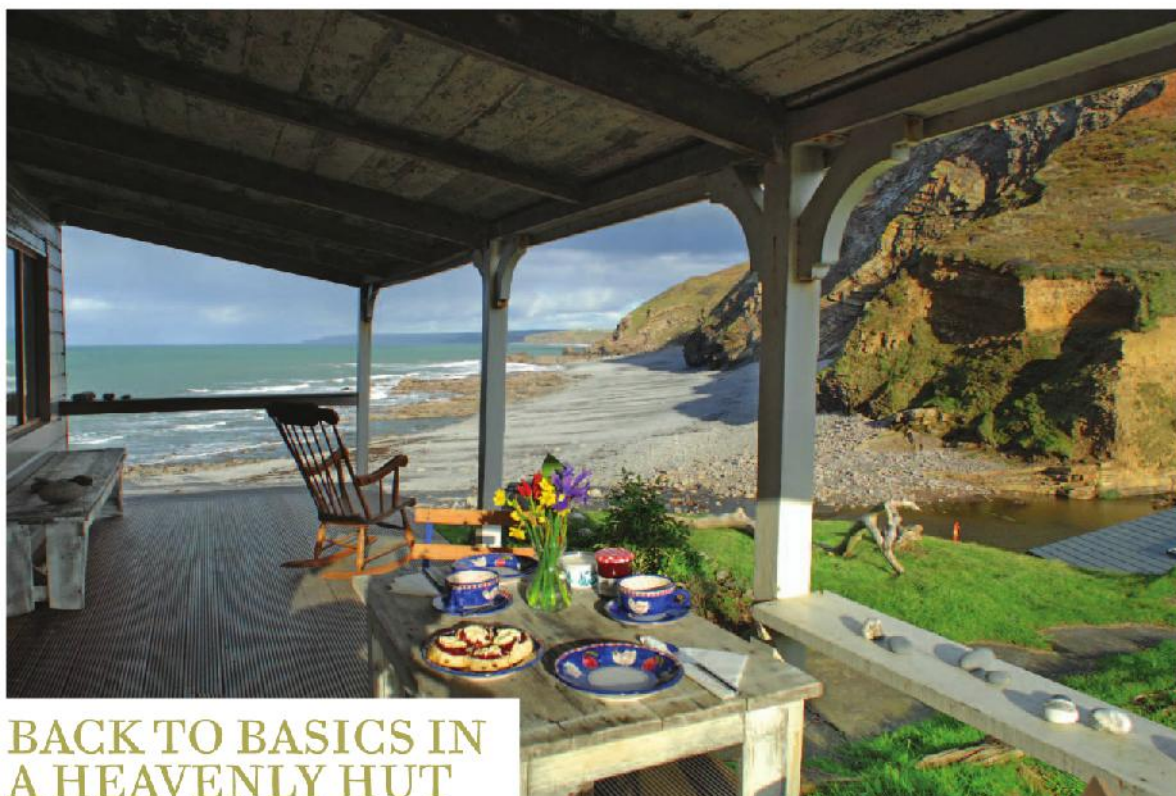
FLIGHT OF FANCY IN THE TREETOPS

RETURN TO CHILDHOOD AND sleep under a canopy of leaves with a treehouse holiday. A whole house with lots of interconnected rooms has been built into a 250-year-old oak tree in the grounds of the Fox and Hounds Hotel in Eggesford, Devon. **Treetops** is secret and luxurious, with a woodburner, copper bath and – if little ones are in tow – a fabulous children's room with criss-crossed bunks and a ladder of branches. From £245 per night, for two (extra space for children available). Another leafy escape is **Old Mill Treehouse**, which is just six miles

from the centre of Bath. And although there's no kitchen, breakfast arrives packed into a picnic hamper every morning. From £130 per night (sleeps two). Also near Bath, and with its spacious living area, persian rug and leather armchairs, **The Treehouse** at Harptree Court is a hotel apartment in the treetops for two and you'll find homemade foodie treats awaiting you. From £250 per night. All these treehouses are available from www.canopyandstars.co.uk



Sleep under the stars in **Treetops Treehouse** (main picture and inset top) or **The Treehouse** at Harptree Court (inset below)



BACK TO BASICS IN A HEAVENLY HUT



THEY LOVE FOODIES AT **The Angel Hut** in Shaftsbury, Dorset. If you book a stay in this pretty little private eco cabin on a farm in the heart of Thomas Hardy country, you'll find a gorgeous foodie hamper awaiting you – including bacon, sausages and eggs from the farm, bread made using flour ground at the neighbouring mill and homemade jam and butter. From £90 a night – two night minimum – (www.quirkyaccom.com). For lakeside views and a spot of trout fishing, try **The Log Cabin** set in a peaceful location by the water's edge on the Blackdown Hills in Devon. From £235 for seven nights (www.quirkyaccom.com). Two

can stay right by the sea at Widemouth Bay in Cornwall in **The Beach Hut**. Sit on the outside decking, sipping a glass of wine and listening to the sound of sea on sand (www.uniquehomestays.com). From £1,120 for a three night weekend in low season. Or tuck yourself away in the woods at a fairytale cabin on Dartmoor. **The Secret Holt** is a perfect romantic hideaway for two, surrounded by ancient trees. It has links to *The Hobbit* creator J.R.R. Tolkien too, which explains its magical atmosphere (www.uniquehomestays.com). From £620 for a three night weekend in low season.

Dine, and dream on the deck at **The Beach Hut** (main picture). Back to nature at **The Secret Holt** (bottom left) or **The Log Cabin** (bottom right).