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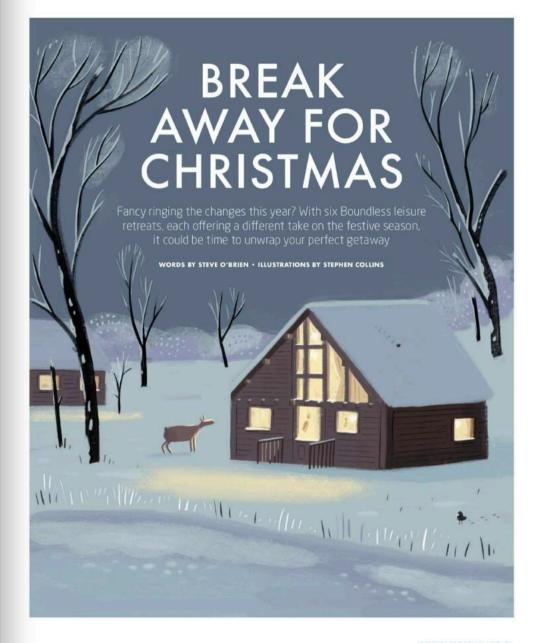
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TREWORGIE BARTON COTTAGES IN CORNWALL

WHAT A charming collection of selfcatering cottages homed in 36 acres of peaceful farm and woodland, boasting dazzling views over the rolling Cornish countryside to the sea beyond. WHY A shared holiday experience, away from the hustle and bustle, can help bring families together and so if you're looking for a restful break over the Christmas period, or a tuckedaway retreat to escape the New Year madness, it's hard to think of a more perfect destination than Devon and Cornwall. Treworgie Barton Cottages are impeccably positioned for making the most of all that this unique part of the country has to offer. And if you enjoy a cream tea, you'd be hard pushed to find a better one than you'll enjoy in Cornwall. NEARBY Head on down to the Eden Project for a seasonal spin on the indoor rainforest's ice rink or, if that doesn't appeal, then maybe you might prefer to sample some mulled wine and mince pies in the fishing port of Mousehole (yes, that's its real name). Here, the real attraction is its Christmas-themed illuminations that include 40 set pieces and which, for three weeks from 14 December, transform the village into the most colourful in the whole of Cornwall. edenproject.com; mouseholelights.org.uk

WHERE EVERYTHING IS DONE FOR YOU

GHYLL MANOR IN SUSSEX

WHAT A comfortingly traditional oak-beamed country house hotel dating back to the 17th century, sitting just outside the picturesque village of Rusper, deep in the Sussex countryside. WHY If you fancy sitting back and relaxing, and letting someone else make your bed, cook your food and serve you drinks this Christmas, why not consider joining Ghyll Manor's magical threeight festive break. This charming hotel boasts near-to-everything a luxury

(and hands-free) festive break needs, even down to a glass of bubbly with the Christmas carols. Chin-chin!

NEARBY While you're in the area, why not pop along to one of the Rio Carnival's lively Christmas parties (running from 29 November to 21 December) at Haywards Heath, or maybe catch an enchanting new staging of Dickens' ageless classic A Christmas Carol (13-24 December) at the 400-seat Capitol Theatre in Horsham. christmaspartiesunlimited.co.uk; thecapitolhorsham.com



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A PERFECT CHRISTMAS IN THE COTSWOLDS

COTSWOLD COTTAGES IN BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER

WHAT Positioned in the exquisitely beautiful village of Bourton-on-the-Water, Cotswold Cottages are a collection of four period cottage apartments, all constructed from local honey-coloured Cotswold stone and boasting original rustic exposed beams throughout, housed within an old mill building. WHY Why not? Bourton-on-the-Water is one of those villages you occasionally motor through and find so arrestingly pretty you wonder why they're not world-famous. Stay in the village and you'll be able to soak up its beauty, from

the arched stone bridges that sit atop the River Windrush (it's not for nothing that its nickname is the 'Venice of the Cotswolds' – and the town's Christmas tree is traditionally placed in the river) to the gentle rolling hills that envelop it. The village attracts on average 300,000 visitors each year, but it's at its most still at Christmas and New Year.

NEARBY Check out the beautiful new illuminated trail around Sudeley Castle's pretty grounds – this year's installation has a Peter Pan theme. Alternatively, check out the gourmet grub and artisan toys, jewellery and clothing at Cirencester's buzzing Christmas market. sudeleycastle.co.uk; cirencester.gov.uk





SNOW-CAPPED PEAKS AND WINTRY WALKS

PARKERGATE COTTAGES IN THE LAKE DISTRICT

WHAT A collection of 18th-century cottages surrounded by sheep and cattle, located near the tiny village of Bassenthwaite and a short hop from Keswick in the heart of the North Lakes. WHY Did you know the Lake District has been the inspiration, over hundreds of years, to some of our most enduring art and literature? Indeed, it's where the great William Wordsworth penned his eternal classic, I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud, roused as he was by the area's peerless tranquility. Christmas and New Year in the Lake District is a

particularly magical time. With its snowpeaked mountains and crystal lakes, the landscape takes on a spellbinding winter beauty, providing you and your family with some unforgettable scenes. **NEARBY** While Bassenthwaite itself is noted for its unabated calm, there's plenty to do and see in the surrounding area in December, including Christmas markets in Cockermouth and Carlisle. If you fancy seeing the New Year in with fellow revellers, why not head to Keswick where, during the countdown to midnight, the crowds gather in front of the clock tower in the town centre. There are some great restaurants there, too. thelakedistrict.org

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FESTIVE FUN IN A WOODED WONDERLAND

WHITEMEAD FOREST PARK IN THE FOREST OF DEAN

WHAT A perfect getaway for camping, glamping or caravanning with plenty of amenities, situated within acres of luscious woodland in the Forest of Dean. WHY Christmas in a log cabin? It's hard to think of a more tip-top location for the festive break. This forested wonderland offers up plenty of Christmas-themed excitement including a Santa's grotto, a tasty carvery (with a five-course feast served on the big day) and even a panto in the shape of Beauty and the Beast. **NEARBY** There are heaps of festive activities happening around the Forest of Dean this December, including a familyfriendly Christmas Spectacular at the bewitching Clearwell Caves and a chance for the kids to get up close with Kris Kringle and his elves on the Santa Railcar Special (courtesy of the Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway). clearwellcaves.com; gwsr.com





CHRISTMAS ON THE COAST

WEST CLIFF HOTEL IN BOURNEMOUTH

WHAT A pleasingly contemporary hotel located slap-bang in the centre of one of southern England's most unhurried and tourist-friendly seaside towns.

WHY Fancy kicking off Christmas day with a swim and then maybe a visit to a steam room? Or sitting back with a delicious afternoon tea - or a glass of something bubbly - in the Brasserie Bar or lounge? There's everything you're

likely to desire for a truly indulgent Christmas treat - book a stay or just join in with one of its Christmas parties, which include a Bucks Fizz on arrival, a three-course meal and a resident DJ, should you want to let your hair down.

NEARBY Head into the seaside town's must-see Christmas Tree Wonderland, a free festive trail that runs from November 2019 through to 2 January 2020, where your eyes will be treated to over 100 glittering trees and illuminations. christmastreewonderland.co.uk



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