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ARUBA, JAMAICA, OH I WANNA TAKE YA

Summer has arrived and it's crying out to be spent by the sea. From Mexico to Mykonos to the Maldives, here's our pick of the best beach clubs, beach shacks, and oceanside hotels to park your stripy towel by this season

1,192

Number of islands
in The Maldives

29° C

Average
temperature in
Bodrum in July

4,938

Miles from London
to Tulum

THE POET TS ELIOT once wrote:
'At the beach, time you enjoyed
wasting is not wasted.' Never were
truer words said. You know how

it goes: you pitch up to the seaside, straw bag in one hand, airport bestseller in the other. You set up camp on a parasol-shaded sunlounger or, if you're feeling fancy, a curtain-draped cabana. You order a glass of Whispering Angel. You might have a dip in the water. And repeat, all day, every day, for a week. Whether you're staying in a luxurious boutique hotel in Tulum, or a rustic beachside shack in Mozambique, all you have to do is blissfully spend your days on a stretch of golden sand. Forget work. >

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TALENT POOL:
*Situated in the Alifu
Dhaalu Atoll in The
Maldives, Conrad
Rangali Island is a
consistently popular
destination hotel*



> Forget stress. Forget everything. You've got this. For one shimmering summer, your job is just... beach.

BEACH HOTELS

Sani Resort, Greece

Comprised of not just one, but five different properties all set within a stunning eco-reserve in **Halkidiki** on the mainland, Sani is the stylish super-resort you never knew you needed. Heading away with little ones? Book into Sani Beach, the biggest, equipped with a creche, kids clubs and a splash park, or Porto Sani, which caters for new parents with special baby menus by nutritionist Annabel Karmel.

Situated in the northern part of Greece, **Halkidiki** boasts over 300 miles of coastline and 94 Blue Flag beaches, with some of the cleanest water in the Med

Those who prefer the company of grown-ups should check into Sani Dunes, which has adults-only areas and a more sophisticated feel, but all five are clustered around the coast, with access to dreamy, long Blue Flag beaches and views over the warm, shallow waters of the Aegean. If you tire of that (unlikely), you can sharpen your serve at the resort's Rafael Nadal tennis centre, hone your end-of-the-world skills at the Bear Grylls Survival Academy, or attend a coaching session run by Chelsea FC.

From £183 per night; sani-resort.com.

W Ibiza

Set far from the madness of San An, W Ibiza is tucked away in the calm bay of Santa Eulalia on the east coast of the White Isle.

LOUNGE LIZARD: [below] An aerial view of the D Maris Bay resort in Turkey's Datça Peninsula



The palm-tree-fringed beach is just a short trot across the promenade where W has its own beach club, Yellow Fish, with loungers and cabanas exclusively for guests. The vibe on the sand is chilled, but if you want to experience the island's party beats, hang out by the hotel pool, where the DJ cranks the sound up as the sun rises higher in the sky. The W brand has always focused highly on design, and this is no different, with interiors taking inspo from the history, patterns, and colours found throughout the island. The sculptured rope ceiling is a nod to its fishing traditions, while the fabrics reflect Ibiza's ties to Moorish culture. The heart of the hotel, the sunken W Lounge, is inspired by the steps of Ibiza Town's cathedral, Dalt Vila. Don't miss a sundowner at the rooftop bar, Glow, which offers 360° views.

From £297 per night; marriott.com

D Maris Bay, Turkey

Set on the evocatively named Turquoise Coast, on the undeveloped and protected Datça Peninsula, this secluded hotel is the perfect place for switching off. A forty-minute drive from buzzy Marmaris, you have to make your way up a three-mile-long, densely wooded lane before you even get there; relax, no one's going to find you. Here, you've got access to five gleaming, white-sand beaches, and if you fancy taking to the water for the day, luxury yachts and gulets are available for hire. There's also a water-ski school, a vast spa, a Technogym and an Olympic-standard running track around the grounds; useful if you need to work off the incredible food from the resort's five restaurants which include high-end Japanese, Zuma, and an outlet from the Sultan of Salinity himself: Salt Bae's Nusr-et.

From £365 per night; dmarisbay.com



A ROOM WITH A VIEW: [above] Private overwater villas at the Conrad Rangali Maldives hotel

Hôtel Martinez, France

Add some Riviera chic to your holiday with a stay at one of the South of France's most iconic hotels. Set proudly on Cannes' main artery, the Croisette, the Martinez dates from the 1920s and this Art Deco gem has played host to film stars, musicians and royalty alike. It's just steps away from its own private beach, but you might want to try and celeb-spot around the exclusive Carita spa, or L'Oasis, a beautiful enclosed garden housing an azure swimming pool. When it comes to booking a room, will you go for one with a sea view, like Rihanna did, or a city view, like Susan Sarandon? If you've just won the lottery, go for the two adjoining

YOU CAN HAVE THE SLIGHTLY UNSETTLING EXPERIENCE OF TUCKING INTO FISH WHILE ALSO WATCHING THEM CAVORT ABOVE

penthouse apartments, which together add up to a sizeable 13,455sq ft and offer a stunning 180° view over the sparkling bay. C'est magnifique!

From £1,401 per night; [hyatt.com](#)

NEST Tulum, Mexico

Tulum's USP is that it's the quieter, more nature-focused antithesis of the louder, flashier Mexican resorts further up the coast, such as Cancun and Playa del Carmen. Its hotels are less 500-roomed concrete monoliths and more small, eco-chic, luxury boutique properties, and NEST is no exception. Featuring just 12 stylish rooms and one private villa, the cocooning 'nest' theme extends to the rooms' thatched roofs and balcony hammocks, with earthy-toned decor and natural materials such as bamboo and rattan. In true hippie style, the hotel has a rooftop space for meditation and yoga sessions, and if you're feeling even more active, day-trip to swim with turtles in a cenote, explore ancient Mayan ruins or cycle through the jungle landscapes. Or, you know, just settle down on a lounger on the hotel's own stretch of beach.

From £243 per night; [nesttulum.com](#)

Conrad Maldives Rangali Island

Home to the Maldives' first undersea restaurant, where you can have the slightly unsettling experience of tucking into fish while also watching them cavort above your head, the Conrad is the very definition of barefoot luxury. Composed of two private islands in the [South Ari Atoll](#) connected by a bridge, both are fringed by golden sand. Water babies rejoice - this particular area is known for its great diving sites and the possibility of spotting whale sharks. And if you're incredibly bouji, you can even book into the Muraka, a James-Bond-style stand-alone

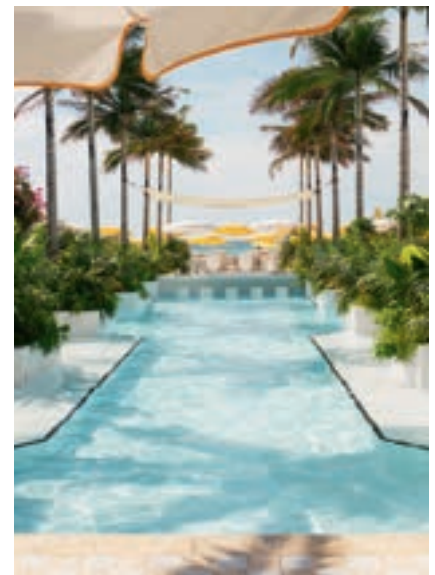
The [South Ari Atoll](#), aka the Alif Dhaal Atoll, consists of 49 islands, with ten that are inhabited, 17 that are resort islands, while the rest are uninhabited by humans

residence with a master suite submerged under the Indian Ocean.

From £440 per night; [conradmaldives.com](#)

Palm Heights, Grand Cayman

This stylish boutique hotel is a welcome addition to an island more commonly, and mundanely, known as a tax haven (see: Tom Cruise film, *The Firm*). Sunshine yellow parasols line the glorious stretch of dazzling white sand known as Seven Mile Beach - one of the best in the world - contrasting with the sparkling, aquamarine sea. Pops of yellow feature throughout the whole property, a buzzy, hip, all-suite lodging evoking understated Caribbean glamour with a laid-back, mid-century modern aesthetic. You'll find carefully sourced vintage pieces rubbing shoulders with furniture by the likes of Charles Rennie Mackintosh and contemporary artworks. The Garden Club Spa is the perfect place to be pampered, while the Palm Heights Athletics training >



CAYMAN IN HOT: [above] Turquoise waters await visitors to the Palm Heights hotel in Grand Cayman

> programme will whip you into shape, with classes, retreats and residences led by world-class athletes and coaches.

From £469 per night; palmheights.com

Jamaica Inn, Jamaica

Sharing its name with a former 18th-century smuggler's inn in Cornwall (the location in Daphne du Maurier's Gothic thriller) this Jamaica Inn - an elegant, family-run hotel - has only been around since 1950. You'll find no pirates here (shame), but in the comfortable library is a series of photos of past guests, who include Winston Churchill, Marilyn Monroe, and Megan Markle. Every single suite, cottage and beach bungalow has a view out onto the iridescent Caribbean Sea, with a stretch of private beach that's just begging you to while away the hours with a Planter's Punch - or three.

From £1,058 per night; jamaicainn.com

One&Only The Palm, Dubai

Only in Dubai could you find a man-made island made from reclaimed land in the shape of a giant palm tree. Tucked away on the tip of the circle which surrounds the tree is the luxurious One&Only, a surprisingly small and tasteful Andalusian-style hideaway. Moorish and Arabesque design details dazzle at every turn, with lattice panels, ornate pendant lights and curved

THERE ARE FOUR BARS SO YOU CAN REWARD YOURSELF WITH A COCKTAIL AFTER A DOLPHIN-WATCHING EXCURSION, SUNSET CRUISE, OR SNORKELLING SESSION

archways adding to the look. There's a seriously impressive pool, lined with swaying palm trees, but you'll want to nestle into one of the widely-spaced-out cabanas on the private beach. Don't miss dinner at Stay by Yannick Alléno; the French chef holds 16 Michelin stars, so you know your tastebuds will be in good hands.

From £245 per night; oneandonlyresorts.com

Ifuru Island, Maldives

A youthful, playful addition to the Maldives' sometimes staid hotel scene, Ifuru shakes things up with the inclusion of an on-site skydiving drop zone, meaning you can get a bird's eye view of that insanely blue sea, studded with coral reefs and tiny islands. For those who don't want to raise their heart rate above relaaaaaaaxed, you can chill by the pool, have a blissful massage in the spa, or graze your way around the six restaurants. There are also four bars to tackle, so you can reward yourself with a cocktail after a

dolphin-watching excursion, sunset cruise, or snorkelling session. Or, of course, after a terrifying yet thrilling plummet to earth at 120mph from 13,000ft above the ocean.

From £470 per night; ifuruisland.com

BEACH CLUBS

The Beach Club, Victoria, Australia

Set on the beach in the sunny Melbourne suburb of [St Kilda](http://StKilda), the Beach Club forms part of the historic West Beach Pavilion which dates from 1928. Here you'll find laid-back beats, seasonal eats, panoramic ocean views, and spectacular sunsets across the bay. You can book yourself a chic cabana, unwind in the sun lounge area, or crank it up a level within the private party lounge. Kitsch but iconic amusement park, Luna Park, is just a 20-minute stroll away, in case you need to scratch the wooden rollercoaster itch.

Cabanas start at £25;

westbeachstkilda.com.au

Tipsy Unicorn, Singapore

Less of a beach club, more of a mini-festival by the sea, Tipsy Unicorn sprawls over 19,000sq ft on Siloso beach on Sentosa Island. With a stage hosting live music and DJs, a main pool featuring a VIP zone offering ocean views, and outdoor workout sessions led by dynamic trainers and fitness influencers, there's really no reason to leave. Particularly not when the on-site restaurant features an array of delicious dishes from plates of jamon iberico to katsu sandos, lobster spaghetti, and ribeye steak (order the 'Mystical Unihorn' dessert, a ridiculous >

St Kilda was given its name in 1841 by Superintendent La Trobe who was inspired after watching a boat named the 'Lady of St Kilda' anchor off the beach



SUITE AS SUGAR: [left] A view from one of the private rooms at Jamaica Inn in Ocho Rios, Jamaica

JULY

6.7 **PLÁCIDO
DOMINGO**

SPECIAL GUESTS:

**Christina Poulitsi
& George Perris**

with the Thessaloniki State Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Maestro Jordi Bernácer

13.7 **MADELEINE
PEYROUX**

20.7 **TOM
JONES**

27.7 **THE CENTURY OF
MIMIS PLESSAS**

FEATURING:

**Stefanos Korkolis
Dimitris Mpasis
Sofia Manousaki**

AUGUST

3.8 **EMELI
SANDÉ**

10.8 **GIPSY
KINGS**

FEATURING:

Tonino Baliardo



SANI FESTIVAL 24

STARS
ON THE
HILL



> chocolate and hazelnut concoction just perfect for the 'gram). Choose from daybeds, beach loungers or cabanas - and don't forget that inflatable unicorn for the pool. tipsyunicorn.com.sg

Café Del Mar, Malta

The legendary Ibiza beach bar has landed in St Paul's Bay in Malta, bringing its trademark blend of Balearic beats and laid-back vibes. With a half-moon-shaped pool looking out over the sea, the view from your sun lounger includes the islands of Gozo and Comino. Things hot up as the sun starts to set, with

a pool party every Thursday, a variety of events throughout the summer, and DJs constantly making sure the crowd get going. You can dine from your lounger or in the chic restaurant, where the menu includes the likes of sushi, pan-fried seabass, and vegan halloumi burgers. Standard sunbed starts at £17 per person.

cafedelmar.com.mt

Scorpios, Bodrum

Known as the St Tropez of Turkey, the chic resort town of Bodrum always attracts the A-list (Kate Moss was seen here recently

SUNDOWNERS: [above] The renowned Balearic beach club *Café Del Mar* has opened in Malta

on the arm of Bob Marley's grandson, while Mick Jagger, Beyonce and Prince Harry have all visited). Befitting its bouji status, Mykonos's so-stylish-it-hurts beach club Scorpios is opening here for the first time this summer, so bag that sunbed while you can. Scorpios is about more than just colourful cocktails and hedonism; within its community spaces you'll also find artist residences, immersive live performances, and healing rituals (ommmm). scorpios.com/bodrum

Bijou Plage Experimental, France

The design-led Experimental Group have lent their inimitable style to the adorably named Bijou Plage, which is tucked away at the end of Cannes' Croisette, with its own stretch of beach. Facing the Lérins Islands with the Esterel Massif on the horizon,

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LOOKING OUT OVER THE SEA, THE VIEW
FROM YOUR SUN LOUNGER INCLUDES THE
ISLANDS OF GOZO AND COMINO

sunset here is spectacular, but by day you'll be soaking up all the cute touches such as the yellow- or orange-and-white striped changing cabins, the long, oval, wood-framed mirrors, and the gorgeous, hand-painted crockery at the restaurant which is run in collaboration with renowned chef Olivier Gaiatto. Tuck into grilled octopus, red prawn carpaccio, or a hearty bowl of bouillabaisse, and imagine you're a 1960s movie star.

en.plagebijou.com

SantAnna, Mykonos, Greece

One of the biggest on an island which already rivals Ibiza, Miami or Dubai in the beach club stakes, SantAnna sits on the sun-kissed shores of Paraga. You won't (can't) get bored: it's got four pools (one of them is the largest saltwater pool in the Med), an entertainment stage, restaurant, massage area, private beach and shops. It takes its music seriously, too, with a summer line-up including South African DJ Black Coffee, US rapper Tyga, and Ukrainian duo Artbat.

santannaykonos.com

Blue Apple Beach, Colombia

Set on the tiny island of Tierra Bomba, just 30 minutes off the coast of [Cartagena](#) on Colombia's Caribbean coastline, Blue Apple Beach is also certified as a B-Corp company, meaning it meets the highest

standards of social and environmental performance. Inspired by beach clubs in Ibiza and on the Côte d'Azur, owner Portia Hart - who also runs an environmental social enterprise, the Green Apple

Foundation - has also included a sprinkling of Colombian magic. Soak up the cosy, laid-back island vibe, where you'll only find a handful of locals and in-the-know visitors, to a soundtrack of house, electro, latin, afro, soul and disco. Relax by the pool, take a dip in the sea, and tuck into some delicious dishes, from steamed mussels to white fish crudo, chicharrones, curried king prawns, or chicken mole. Day passes include boat transfers from Cartagena start from £27.50 per person, adding to the castaway vibe.

blueapplebeach.com

Cartagena is one of Colombia's fastest-growing cities with direct flights operating from London, but there are 27 Caribbean islands just off the Cartagena coast

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Da Gioia by La Palma, Capri, Italy

Channel David Gandy in a Dolce & Gabbana ad and don a pristine white bikini or trunks before draping yourself over a sunbed at Hotel La Palma's uber-chic beach club, Da Gioia, located in Marina Piccola. Perfect for people watching, it's the very definition of la dolce vita. Sun-drenched days morph into glittering evenings, punctuated with a long, lazy lunch on the restaurant terrace. Salt-crusted fish, lobster pasta and aubergine parmigiana will line the stomach for the inevitable indulgence of limoncello spritzes.

oetkercollection.com/hotel-la-palma



REVEL MOON: [from top] *The Topsy Unicorn beach club in Singapore; a dish at SantAnna Mykonos*

Experimental Beach, Ibiza

Ibiza never fails to deliver on beautiful beachside settings, and Experimental Beach is no different. Perched on a cliff in the Las Salinas salt reserve, it's lauded as one of the best sunset-watching spots on the White Isle. Rather than sticking to the by-now-ubiquitous artisan wicker, bleached wood, and rattan aesthetic, Experimental shakes things up design-wise with an understated nautical theme, featuring pops of blue and turquoise, white painted timber, and a bar made from an old boat. The restaurant offers a mix of refined Mediterranean dishes and Spanish classics, and live DJs get the groove going as the sun sinks behind the mountains. experimentalbeachibiza.com

Baia Beach Club, Miami, USA

As part of the Mondrian Hotel in South Beach, Baia is inspired by the laid-back boho energy of the neighbourhood, casual chic, with the welcoming spirit of the Med. Set on the waters of Biscayne Bay, the sizeable tropical pool is at the heart of this stylish beach club, but it also offers direct access to the marina, should you have a little dinghy, or better yet, yacht, waiting to take you for a spin out to sea. If merely lying down in the sunshine isn't relaxing enough, there's also an on-site spa and wellness centre, offering a range of holistic treatments from CBD massages to hydrating facials.

baiabeachclubmiami.com

BEACH HUTS

Tidal Shore, Cornwall, UK

This idyllic retreat, sleeping two, on Cornwall's south coast boasts private beach access and sublime views across to St Michael's Mount. Featuring a cosy-yet-minimal Swedish design, with a colour palette of soft whites and putty pinks, it's as if Elle DECO did beach huts. Tasteful lighting, wooden and leather furniture, soft >

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> natural fabrics, a standalone rolltop bath and an open fire in the living room add up to somewhere delightful to shelter if the British summer weather is up to its usual tricks. Horses and donkeys graze in the neighbouring field, and it's just a short stroll to the historic village of [Marazion](#).
From £275 per night; [kiphideaways.com](#)

Marazion is one of the oldest chartered towns in the United Kingdom, tracing its history back to the heady days of 1257 when it was incorporated by King Henry III

Perdue by NLG, Turkey

This is where Robinson Crusoe would have pitched up if he'd had the chance: an adults-only, coastal haven set within a backdrop of rolling hills, not

far from the lively holiday resort of Fethiye. Accommodation is in safari-style tent cabins amid citrus and olive groves by the shoreline, which all have unobstructed sea views. If that sounds basic, think again. You'll have access to all the comfort and convenience of a luxury hotel, including therapeutic spa treatments,

SHOTGUN SHACK: [left] One of the many glorious cabins at Baobab Beach Lodge in Mozambique

high-end farm-to-fork meals made with the freshest local produce, and a waterfront cocktail bar. Relax on your deck, enjoy a sunrise yoga session, book a scuba-diving lesson, or even try paragliding. Mr Crusoe would be so jealous.

From £565 per night; [perdue.com](#)

The Little Black Shack, Australia

Set on the quirkily named Mackerel Beach next to a nature reserve just an hour's drive up the coast from Sydney, this 1930s, eco-friendly former fishermen's house, which sleeps four, features stunning bay views. Originally built using local timber and sandstone, its sustainability credentials include using solar energy, passive cooling, and natural water catchment, and it's been lovingly restored with recycled materials.

This is a place to totally switch off and enjoy the simpler things in life; where you can toss

a shrimp - or five - on the barbie, paddle languidly around the sea in a kayak, or just chill on the deck. Sit yourself by the firepit after dinner, cold beer in hand, and listen to the soothing sounds of nature all around you.
From £543 per night; [thelittleblackshack.com](#)

Baobab Beach Lodge, Mozambique

Located just a mile from the colourful central market in the buzzy town of Vilanculos, the Baobab Beach Lodge is a veritable desert-island paradise. Each of their cute rustic huts, draped with a shaggy thatched roof, sits on the sand amid untamed gardens, with its own porch and view of the Indian Ocean. All you need to do is wriggle out of your hammock and straight into the sea. Facilities are basic, but comfortable, with everything you need for a sun-drenched stay. The area is known for its kite-surfing schools, while you can also go scuba-diving to the spectacular Bazaruto Archipelago - a group of six tiny islands with white sand beaches - go for peaceful SUP sessions, or just snorkel in the sea's clear blue depths.

From £60 per night; [booking.com](#)

Little Palm Grove, India

'Relax - you found us', it says on this charming little resort's website, and you'll be so glad you did. Accommodation is in a set of 14 simple, but well-appointed bungalows on Goa's Ashvem beach. Combining Indian style with a Scandi touch, walls and floors are poured concrete, beds hang on wooden canopies, and rattan chairs grace the decks. For an extra hippy touch - Goa was on the hippy trail in the 60s and 70s - the bungalows all have groovy names, such as Love 'n' Light, Honey Bunny, Wild 'n' Crazy, and Sunlight.

From £75 per night; [palmgrovebeachresort.com](#)

Maqai Beach Eco Surf Resort, Fiji

There's off-the-beaten-track and then there's the Maqai Beach Eco Resort on picture-perfect Qamea, perched to the northeast of Taveuni, Fiji's third largest island. Set against a backdrop of stunning, otherworldly rainforest, it offers a stretch of private white sand beach fringed with Fiji's obligatory coconut palms, crystal blue warm water, and incredible coral reefs. In short, it's the Bounty Bar advert brought to life. If you're >

EACH CUTE HUT IS DRAPED WITH A SHAGGY THATCHED ROOF AND SITS ON THE SAND AMID UNTAMED GARDENS, WITH ITS OWN PORCH AND VIEW OF THE INDIAN OCEAN

> a surfer or want to learn, this is the perfect place: breaks occur regularly right in front of the resort. You'll be staying in a 'bure', a typical Fijian wood and straw hut, set among the coconut groves and equipped with all home comforts - you may ask yourself, why would you ever want to leave?

From £136 per night; [maqai.com](#)

Tiki Hutte, France

Save megabucks on a flight to Polynesia by checking into the Tiki Hutte resort in Ramatuelle in the south of France, just a ten-minute drive from St Tropez. Set along the sandy beach of Pampelonne, the appeal here is that you'll be staying in - the clue's in the name - a tiki-style hut, either set within the resort's gardens or on the beach itself. Available in varying sizes from one to three bedrooms - perfect for families - some have hot tubs on their deck, and a few even have their own small private pool. All are beautifully decorated in 'island style', with teak wood details, palm-print cushions, straw lampshades and wicker headboards, and come with fully-equipped kitchens. All this, and no jet lag; sounds like a winner to us.

From £1,019 per week; [en.tiki-hutte.com](#)

Slaapstrand Huisje, Netherlands

Looking exactly like a little row of beach huts you might find in a British seaside resort like Bournemouth or Eastbourne, the Slaapstrand Huisje - which translates as 'sleeping beach house', ie ones you can sleep in - are a little taste of home in the Netherlands. Located on the Blue Flag Nollestrand beach in the city of Vlissingen, they're within walking distance of nature and forest, as well as urban life. There are plenty of hiking and biking routes in the area, which will take you to authentic Zeeland villages or the historic city of [Middelburg](#). Each cosy, contemporarily-designed hut, tucked within the dunes, sleeps up to five people and has



a deck so you can sit outside and watch the sunset. We can't promise it will actually be warmer than Britain - it's practically on the same latitude as London, after all - but a change of scene is as good as a rest.

From £822 for three nights; [slaapstrandhuisje.nl](#)

The medieval city of [Middelburg](#) is the capital of the province of Zeeland in The Netherlands and was founded in the 9th century to guard against Viking raiding parties

Ty Cwch Boathouse, Cwmtydu, Ceredigion, Wales

Get ready for a lot of consonants: this quirky property is located in Cwmtydu on the Wales Coast Path between

Llangrannog and New Quay on the mid Wales coast. Here, you're surrounded by secluded beaches, spectacular landscapes, and abundant wildlife. The unique, contemporary building, constructed from shipping containers, provides timber-clad, cabin-style accommodation for up to 12 people. It has fully insulated and heated living spaces on the ground floor and three sleeping pods on the first floor where you

IT HOLDS WATER: [above] An incredibly scenic suite at *Perdue* by NLG near Fethiye in Turkey

can be cosy even when it's cold and wet outside (sadly, somewhat likely). But the weather shouldn't stop you heading out on one of the many local walks, or trying to spot seals or bottlenose dolphins in the sea. Just remember to pack an anorak.

From £120 per night; [tycwch.wales](#)

Barefoot at Havelock, Andaman Islands, India

No shirt, no shoes, no... problem? Going barefoot is the order of the day at this beautiful resort which occupies prime position on one of the fascinating Andaman Islands. Along with the Nicobar Islands, they make up one of the Union Territories of India, but are actually closer to Thailand. They are also home to some incredible terrestrial and marine wildlife, including dugongs, whales, turtles, dolphins and macaques, some of which you'll no doubt spot. Here, you have the choice of staying in one of 31 elegantly designed, island-inspired tents, cottages and villas, all constructed using renewable materials such as thatch, cane and wood. You'll barely have time to relax in a hammock or sun lounger, as the resort offers a range of experiences including game fishing, beach treks, stand-up paddleboarding, diving, night walks and trail biking. Shoes optional. ♦

From £117 per night; [barefoot-andaman.com](#)

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