The Places To Be This Summer

Scotland, Cambridgeshire and Oxfordshire see spike in popularity for summer holidays

With so many beautiful locations on our doorstep, it's no surprise that more and more people are staying on our shores for their getaway this summer.

With that said, **cottages.**com, the UK's largest self-catering holiday cottage provider, is predicting a self-out summer* in some of its most popular destinations. With hotspots including Norfolk, Northumberland, the South West and Scotland all experiencing high demand, customers hoping to holiday in these sought-after destinations need to move fast and book their break before it's too late.

But these destinations aren't the only places that are set to welcome an influx of visitors over the summer. Cambridgeshire, home to beautiful countryside, cultural attractions and historic towns, has experienced a huge 81% uplift in bookings over the summer, with bookings to Oxfordshire also up 21% year on year.

Further North, Scotland looks set for a busy summer, with several destinations experiencing a wave of bookings. The Outer Hebrides, Isle of Cumbrae and the Isle of Bute have received an uplift of 52%, 50% and +33% respectively. What's more, Fife and Moray and Aberdeenshire have also proven popular with an increase of bookings by 46% and 26%.

Simon Norton at **cottages**.com commented: "It's wonderful that holidaymakers are choosing to spend their holidays in amazing UK destinations like Cambridgeshire and the Scottish Highlands this summer. Even though we have increased the number of properties in our portfolio in these areas and more, year on year, the high demand over the peak period means that holidaymakers should book now in order to find a property that suits their requirements."

There's still time to find the property perfect for you with **cottages**.com and its family of brands. For more information and to book a summer escape, visit www.cottages.com or call 0345 498 6900.

Kames Castle Estate – Clutha - Rothesay, Isle of Bute, Argyll and Bute

Property Reference: SSBA







Nestled in a secluded coastal location in large grounds, this traditional stone cottage, part of an estate, was once the seat of the Bannatyne family. Situated in a wonderful coastal location in Kames Bay on the east side of Bute, the lovely traditional stone cottages that form Kames Castle are situated in approximately 19.5 acres of woodland and parkland and provide a superb, secluded location. Within the estate there is a wonderful B listed, 18th century walled garden containing a listed Victorian greenhouse with productive vines, tennis court, river running through and plentiful walks and wildlife to observe. The estate lies only yards from the shore and boasts views to the Kyles of Bute and Loch Striven, and to the Cowal Peninsula beyond.

PRICE: £1,048 (£18.73pppn)** for seven nights' self-catered accommodation arriving 12th August 2017. Sleeps eight in four bedrooms with two pets welcome. To book, visit www.cottages.com or call 0345 498 6900.

Park Lodge - Hemingford Abbots, Cambridgeshire

Property Reference: UKC517







Explore dreamy Cambridge and the surrounding area from this comfortable, beautifully renovated Grade II listed lodge. This beautifully finished property enjoys lovely open views from the living room across a lake. A superb base from which to explore the area, guests could head out or simply relax and enjoy the comfort and furnishings of the holiday property. With original features such as low ceilings in the upstairs bedrooms, two original steep narrow staircases, as well as many original paintings, the property is perfectly cosy and only ten miles from the centre of Cambridge.

PRICE: £2,039 (£48.56pppn)** for seven nights' self-catered accommodation arriving 18th August 2017. Sleeps six in three bedrooms with two pets welcome. To book, visit www.english-country-cottages.co.uk or call 0345 268 0788.

The Chalet – Keith, Banffshire, Aberdeenshire

Property reference: B5765







Situated in a quiet rural area, this lovely holiday chalet is adjacent to a farm in expansive countryside. This chalet is light and airy with exposed wooden beams and a patio door opening onto a veranda. Extensive hill and woodland walks in the immediate vicinity providing lovely views and within easy reach of Aberdeen, Inverness and Aviemore. There's something for all members of the family nearby, with many whisky distilleries, castles and golf courses close by. What's more, if you explore the

beautiful Moray Firth coast – you might be lucky enough to spot its dolphins! Restaurants, a swimming pool, tennis courts and a bowling green can all be enjoyed nearby in Keith.

PRICE: £413 (£14.75pppn)** for seven nights' self-catered accommodation arriving 19th August 2017. Sleeps four in two bedrooms with one pet welcome. To book, visit www.welcomecottages.com or call 0345 268 0816.

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*Stats measured in July 2017.

** All per person per night prices are based on maximum occupancy.

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