

Top five 'must-stay' UK properties

Cottages.com reveals its most sought-after properties in 2017

Dreaming of escaping to faraway lands for the chance to relax and unwind? Well you don't have to travel as far as you think to experience a holiday like no other.

The UK's largest holiday cottage website, **cottages.com**, has revealed its top five most popular properties in the country so far this year, to help give you some serious staycation inspiration.

It's perhaps not hard to see why these properties are coming out on top of the holiday company's 20,000 strong portfolio, with each boasting features such as private hot tubs, top quality fixtures and fittings, and beautifully kept outdoor areas.

Luxury isn't just synonymous with stately homes; even pint-sized properties can give them a run for their money. With exposed wooden beams and brickwork, cosy log fires and mezzanine floors, traditional and modern design meets across the board, making the top five utterly individual.

From the stunning lakes in Cumbria, 'Britain's top holiday destination in 2018', to the beautiful county of Worcestershire or the rural silk industry county of Cheshire, there's a place and property to suit all types of travellers here in the UK.

So, what are you waiting for? Let your autumn getaway be inspired by the best of the bunch.

Cottages.com top five properties of 2017

[Horseshoe Cottage, Sawley, Lancashire](#)

Property Reference: W43915



Nestled in the beautiful Ribble Valley, on a working sheep farm close to the village of Sawley, this comfortable and thoughtfully laid out, self-contained barn conversion is ideal for couples looking for a relaxing rural break. Surrounded by farmland and stunning views, this property is great for

people who enjoy walking and there are plenty of lovely spots within the grounds for a picnic or even to enjoy a spot of trout or salmon fishing on Swanside Beck.

Sleeps two. One bedroom.

[Green Farm Holiday Cottages – Tawny Owl Barn, Cutthorpe, Derbyshire](#)

Property Reference: 18220



This former barn has been sympathetically converted, retaining many beautiful features such as exposed beams and stone walls. This beautiful property boasts a hot tub with the adjoining property (at cost) and for an added sense of relaxation, dressing gowns, towels and slippers are all provided. Just 10 minutes outside the Peak District National Park and with Linacre woods nearby, there are plenty of walking trails to explore.

Sleeps five. Three bedrooms. One pet allowed.

[Bannerrigg, Windemere, Cumbria](#)

Property Reference: CC127195



Ahead of the much-anticipated release of the Peter Rabbit movie in 2018, why not visit the towns of Ambleside and Windermere where some of the scenes for the film were shot. A Grade II listed property, Bannerrigg was designed by Augustus (AWN) Pugin (1812 - 1852), arguably the greatest British architect, designer and writer of the 19th Century whose name is synonymous with the interior of The House of Lords and the Palace of Westminster. The historic nature of this spacious property is reflected in the style and quality of the decor, furnishings and accessories. Outside there's a new large slate patio and an eight-seat hot tub has been installed in its own building in the garden.

Sleeps fourteen. Five bedrooms. Two pets allowed.

[Doe Meadow – Dye House, Langley, near Macclesfield, Cheshire](#)

Property Reference: CC412109



Relax in the hot tub, visit the seven indoor themed gardens (which evoke the silk route from China and can be viewed by arrangement with the owner) or feed the farm animals that can be found on-site. This stunning conversion of a former dye house exudes character, personality, heritage and history, with its beamed, vaulted ceiling and original stone flagged flooring, the open plan living arrangement is both impressive and spacious. Other buildings at the silk mill have also been sympathetically converted and have previously featured in interior design magazines.

Sleeps two. One bedroom. One pet allowed.

[Sunbrae Holiday Lodges – Robin Lodge, Stoulton, Worcestershire](#)

Property Reference: UKC392



Venture off on a journey for two and visit this delightful Scandinavian inspired log cabin, which comes complete with your own hot tub. From the private decking area you can overlook the lake and enjoy far-reaching views of Bredon and the Malvern Hills. This unique holiday lodge is set in the quiet village of Stoulton, which boasts an 11th-century Norman church and offers many footpaths for walking and cycling. Attractions in the area include Capability Brown's famous landscaped grounds at Croome Court, and the attractive spa town of Malvern is also nearby.

Sleeps two. One bedroom.