



Off Grid

One-of-a-kind Glamping

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If you dream of being immersed in nature but aren't prepared to give up the creature comforts of home, then off grid glamping may well provide the answer. From a romantic cabin for two hidden away in its own private cove on the South Devon coast, to a rustic hand-built yurt in the heart of the Cornish countryside, here are some seriously special, one-of-a-kind places to stay where comfort and countryside combine in glorious harmony.



LOWER YURT BOTELET

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Sleeping under canvas always feel like an adventure, and even more so if it's in a beautiful, hand-built yurt. The Tamblyn family have hosted guests at their South Cornwall farm, Botelet, since the 1930s, and their welcome is incredibly warm.

Nestled in an orchard set in 300 acres of stream-crossed farm and woodland, the picture-perfect Lower Yurt is the epitome of 'glamping'; it sits a comfortable 100m from the main farmhouse, ensuring peace and privacy, but inside the yurt you'll find an array of creature comforts, including an electric hob, stovetop espresso, wood-burning stove and even a heated blanket on the cosy double bed, which makes it very hard to get out of..

The yurt is beautifully simple, effortlessly stylish and makes the most of the surrounding countryside views. Less than a minute's stroll across the orchard, passing ancient trees, wildflowers and free roaming chickens as you go, you'll find beautiful bathroom facilities too. As night falls, fairy lights begin to twinkle, and the yurt has a magical glow. After a day exploring the many nearby beaches and countless walks, you can relax and enjoy the peace and quiet with some delicious local cider from just the down the lane.



CARSWELL BEACH HUT

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It's hard to imagine anywhere more romantic than this small but perfectly formed cabin for two, tucked away in its own private cove on the South Devon coast. Entirely invisible from the coast path above, if the total privacy and seclusion wasn't enough to draw you in then how about the indoor hammocks or outdoor wood-fired hot tub, both of which boast the most incredible sea views. It may sound too good to be true, but Carswell Beach Hut very much exists. You'll find it a 15-minute walk from your car, down a steep path, but don't worry – it also has a hot shower, and a flushing loo!

After a day of swimming, hot tubbing and exploring local coves, you can cook dinner in the small kitchen or have a barbecue on the beach before climbing up a ladder to your cosy double bed. There's no phone signal or internet here; just the crackling flames of the wood burner and the waves lapping against the rocks.

HOLLY WATER CABIN

Hill Farm, Crediton

Devon, EX17 4DP

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This stunning cabin is so wonderfully secluded that you'll need to borrow Henry (the farm's 4x4) to run your luggage down. Built for two, it was designed to immerse its guests in the surrounding countryside, and it oozes chic, Scandinavian vibes. With natural materials all around and the likes of deer, kingfishers, otters, and barn owls to look out for, the connection to nature is instant. It's hard to know whether to slide back the vast windows, curl up on the sofa and take in the views, or head out to the terrace and start running the exquisite alfresco copper bathtub.

Sweeping views across green fields can be enjoyed from every window, including the perfectly placed one at the foot of the bed. The bathroom and kitchen are both well-equipped, but there's also an outdoor cooking area if open fire calls to you. And if the cool, serene cabin isn't enough, there's also a private mini treehouse to discover; a perfect spot for morning coffee, or evening cocktails...





THE GARDENER'S SHED

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If disappearing to a quiet corner of the bucolic British countryside is your idea of summer bliss, then The Gardener's Shed is one for you. At serene Somerset smallholding, Mello View, you'll find this cosy cabin situated at the top of an orchard with incredible views over the Axe Valley. Inside, there's a wood-burning stove, gas hob and an en suite bathroom with a hot shower, but no TV or Wi-Fi to disturb the peace.

Lie back with a cup of tea and enjoy the views of the valley from bed or sit on the small terrace and look out for shooting stars. The only visitors you're likely to have are the farm's resident animals who are rotated around different fields, including the one right in front of the cabin. Guests are encouraged to help themselves to vegetables from the garden and eggs from the chickens, and owners Ed and Vicky, who make and sell their own charcuterie, chutneys and jams, also run onsite cookery courses and supper clubs. You're welcome to do as much, or as little, as you please.