

The best-hidden gems within 20 miles of major UK cities

Not far from home: The hidden gems within 20 miles of your city

UK TRAVEL: The hidden gem hotspots within 20 miles of the UK's major cities

Staycation summer: Quirky stays within 20 miles of your city

- Searches for April breaks soar by 284% as roadmap is announced
- There's no need to go far! Find the perfect break within 20 miles of your home

With self-catered staycations set to get the green light from 12th April, it's time to start looking for some inspiration for your next trip! There's no need to venture far and wide either, as there are plenty of hidden gems waiting to be discovered near you.

To inspire your next staycation, leading UK accommodation providers, [Snaptrip](#), [Dog Friendly Cottages](#) and [Big Cottages](#) are here to share their top picks of perfect properties, all within 20 miles of the UK's major cities - an overnight stay in a renovated cheese house anyone?

London - Runaway romantics

[Baldwin's Hill Cottage](#)

Location: Loughton

Perfect for: Wildlife watching and snuggles by the log fire

Miles from London: 20 miles



You wouldn't believe that this stunning cottage is only 20 miles outside of busy London. Resting in an idyllic position in the Epping Forest District of Essex, Baldwin's Hill Cottage is situated deep within a Special Area of Conservation.



This contemporary-styled holiday site is perfect for groups or couples looking to enjoy time together in the countryside. Admire the beauty of the grounds that boast a lively wildlife garden, specially managed to attract local fauna and benefits from regular visitors including birds, butterflies, fallow and muntjac deer.

Liverpool - Photographer's paradise

Childe Of Hale Cottage

Location: Chester

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Perfect for: Artistic landscapes and bird watching
Miles from Liverpool: 13 miles



Imagine a scene from your favourite fairytale coming to life, this is it! The added bonus is it's only 13 miles away from Liverpool, towards Chester. This historic, thatched cottage, with exposed stonework, woodburner and beams, is ideal for photographers looking to capture the quaint city of Chester and the local wildlife.



This detached, Grade II listed thatched holiday cottage, dates back to the 15th century and was the birthplace and home of John Middleton, the 9ft 3in giant known as the Childe of Hale. The village is on the Trans Pennine Trail and the area is great for walkers, cyclists and birdwatchers.

Edinburgh - Day dreamer's bliss

The Hayloft

Location: Balerno

Perfect for: Curling up with a book in the countryside

Miles from Edinburgh: 11 miles



Offering the best of both worlds, situated in peaceful countryside amid the rolling Pentland Hills and just 10 miles from Edinburgh city centre, this striking holiday cottage has been renovated from its former use as a barn.



Adjoining the owner's home with its own private enclosed garden, the barn has stylish contemporary furnishings providing comfort and warmth. The renovated barn is full of character with crafted stained glass windows and woodwork to add to its rustic charm.

Cardiff - Family fun

The Cheese House

Location: Gileston, Vale of Glamorgan

Perfect for: Cosy countryside escape

Miles from Cardiff: 19 miles



If you're looking for a quirky staycation this summer, why not stay in a former cheese house? The luxury property isn't shy to show off its heritage either with stunning 18th century features including exposed beams and brickwork. The handcrafted kitchen is made from the estate's own felled trees too!



During your escape to the countryside, you can also take a visit to the coast which is just under a mile away. Fancy a cold drink after a warm summer's day? The local pub can be found just a mile away too.

Leeds - Pawfect place for dog walkers

Waterside Lodge

Location: Elland, Calderdale

Perfect for: Pooch parents in search of paradise

Miles from Leeds: 20 miles



If you're looking for a staycation for the whole family (pooch included!), Waterside Lodge should be on your list. Set in 40 acres of stunning parkland, your pooch will be in paradise! If that's not enough nature for you, the private porch boasts exclusive views of the surrounding lake with outdoor seating and a hot tub.



The nearby Calderdale towns of Brighouse and Elland are usually brimming with activity with popular shops, cafes and restaurants. Brighouse is home to a vibrant weekly market and Elland is home to one of the oldest cinemas in Britain. If you're looking to stay close to the lodge don't fret as a lakeside restaurant and bar is just half a mile away.

Bristol - Cosy nesters

Peppers Lodge

Location: Cheddar, Somerset

Perfect for: An eco-friendly escape

Miles from Bristol: 19 miles



Strawberry Field Park in Cheddar boasts a number of eco lodges that are a perfect home from home if you're looking for a little luxury this summer. Be sure to pack a pair of walking boots, whether you want to explore the Mendip mountains surrounding the lodge, or pack a picnic lunch to enjoy in the orchard.



The eco lodges are open plan with plenty of space to relax and unwind in front of the wood burning stove after an evening in the hot tub or lounging on the deck. There's no need to wander far from Pepper's Lodge!

For more information and to find more hidden gems near you, please visit:

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