



Seaside Escapes

A staycation by the sea should be in everyone's summer calendar. Discover our top places around the country for a coastal getaway, complete with our favourite foodie finds that are most definitely worth a look in

Robin Hood's Bay, North Yorkshire

Robin Hood's Bay is nestled on the eastern coast of the North York Moors National Park, hidden in a secluded bay sheltered by grassy hilltops and impressive cliffs. The old fishing village is the picture of English charm, with steep, narrow streets that descend to the water's edge and its selection of sea-view pubs.

The village itself has a small beach that expands as the tide goes out, but just a short drive away is the popular seaside town of Whitby and the sandy strip of Whitby Beach. With plenty of treats to discover in Robin Hood's Bay and lots to explore in the stunning surrounding area, this quaint seaside village is perfect for a peaceful getaway.

To Eat & Drink:

Fish Box It wouldn't be a seaside holiday without a box of traditional fish and chips. Clamber up the hill and drop in to pick up your sustainably sourced fish and chips before taking it down to the sand or simply plonking yourself on one of the many benches outside to soak up the sun and the beautiful sea views.

Smugglers Ale House This 17th-century pub sits at the lower part of Robin Hood's Bay, just a stone's throw from the sea edge. With indoor and outdoor seating, this quaint little venue is ideal for sipping in the sunshine or cosying up from the rain as you enjoy a selection of quality local ales and some homemade grub.

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Bridport, Dorset

While not directly on the sea, Bridport serves as the eclectic gateway to a portion of the gorgeous Jurassic Coast. The market town is a buzz of independent eateries, antiques vendors and friendly pubs, all ready and waiting to welcome you with a smile and a plethora of local delights.

For a beach trip, the local coastline is your oyster. Choose from the cliff-shrouded shores of Burton Bradstock, the fishing hub of West Bexington or the peaceful seclusion of Eype – to name a few. With Bridport as your base, you'll get to enjoy some of Dorset's best gems, whether it's a trip to one of the many local seaside towns, a day spent lazing on the beach or the many vibrant stalls that decorate the streets of the town on market day.

To Eat & Drink:

Mercato Italiano Hidden in a nondescript trading estate on the edge of town, Mercato Italiano is an Italian deli and café serving up delicious delicacies, bespoke cocktails and gourmet pizzas in a stylish warehouse setting. This independent family-owned business has been slowly building out over the past 10 years and is now among Bridport's most treasured venues.

Red Brick Cafe Red Brick Cafe perfectly embodies Bridport's warm, free spirited ambience. With seats spilling out onto the tarmac of Bridport's Art & Vintage Quarter and a cosy garden that backs onto the River Brit, it's a wonderful spot in the summer for a coffee and a nourishing lunch filled with vibrant local veg.



Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk

There's nothing else in the UK quite like the sprawling sandy dunes of Norfolk. Wells-next-the-Sea, situated within the Norfolk Coast National Landscape, ticks all the seaside staycation boxes.

Its famous sandy beach, fringed by beautiful pinewoods and colourful beach huts, offers endless hours of fun on the sand. Venture back into town for even more entertainment, including fish and chips on the quay as you watch the many crabbers and fishing boats, a tour of the harbour via the Wells Ferry and a trip to Abbey Village on the world's smallest public railway.

To Eat & Drink:

Flour The folks at Flour have made pizza their passion – and it shows. Its authentic pizzas using fresh, handmade dough have become the talk of the town and its friendly service keeps guests coming back for more. If there was ever a reason to bypass the fish and chips – it's this!

Wells Crab House Seafood Restaurant This intimate restaurant located just down the road from the harbour champions local ingredients and seasonal fare, as well as an attention to detail that has it ranking among visitors' favourite eateries in Wells. Expect an evening of delicious fresh seafood, perfectly paired wines and attentive service that will be the cherry on top of your trip to Wells-next-the-Sea.



Deal, Kent

An escape to Deal in Kent promises days of historical discoveries, gourmet foodie experiences and unspoiled sea views. Unearth the town's rich smuggling history by visiting one of the many local museums or simply wandering its charming streets.

There are plenty of beachfront venues to enjoy a light lunch and views of the town's pebbled shores, fishing boats and beach huts, as well as restaurants in town for even more gastronomic delights. A stroll down the pier promises even more impressive sights of the town's sprawling coastline, and a picture-perfect panorama of the characterful buildings that line the promenade.

To Eat & Drink:

Frog & Scot Frog & Scot is a lively French bistro in the heart of town. Serving up small plates and special sips, including a vast selection of French wines, this independent restaurant is a must-visit on your escape to Deal.

Kings Head Situated on the seafront, the Kings Head is Deal's quintessential English pub. The flower-adorned brick building welcomes you inside where delicious drinks await, and a sip in the sun out front while taking in the sea views should certainly be on your holiday menu.



Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria

Grange-over-Sands, aka the 'jewel on the bay', hides away from the rough Irish Sea in the safety of Morecambe Bay, Cumbria. A walk along the town promenade will afford you lovely views of the bay's serene waters and its bordering grassy banks, as well as stunning gardens and wildlife to discover.

You won't be short of scenic walks on your visit to Grange-over-Sands.

A hike to nearby Humphrey Head promises even more dramatic views of Morecambe Bay, and the famous landscapes of the Lake District National Park are just a quick jaunt north.

To Eat & Drink:

The Pheasant Inn The Pheasant Inn is definitely worth the short drive or train journey to the neighbouring village of Allithwaite. Run by a family of foodies since 2005, this local bolthole offers delicious pub grub elevated with local produce and a warm, welcoming atmosphere – the perfect end to a day exploring the Cumbrian coast.

The Hazelmere This café and bakery is loved by locals and tourists alike for its freshly prepared snacks, meals and light bites. Whether you need a hearty breakfast to stoke you up before a day of exploring, a revitalising afternoon tea or a wholesome Sunday roast, a visit to The Hazelmere won't leave you lacking.