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The UK's best coastal holiday cottages

There's nothing better than a summertime stroll by the sea. So here's our guide to the best places in the UK to be beside the sea



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Inside the Blue Monkey in Cornwall



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Toad Hall Cottages (01548 853089, www.toadhallcottages.co.uk) has dog-welcoming properties at Bigbury-on-Sea, a Devon village with views across to Burgh Island. We like Highdown, a traditional seaside bungalow a five-minute walk from the beach. It sleeps 6 and costs £444-£958 (dog £25). Helpful Holidays (01647 433593, www.helpfuleholidays.com) has two-bed apartments on the same beach, some of which welcome dogs (from free to £27), for £595-£1,735.

On the Salcombe Estuary, Harbour Watch is a modernised detached 1930s house with a private beach, a lovely terrace overlooking the water and a kitchen with wood floors and beams. Bag the master bedroom — it has the best views. It sleeps 12 and there is availability in May, June and September, when the weekly rental is £3,500. Dogs negotiable. Again booked through Toad Hall Cottages. Or try Coast & Country Cottages (01548 843773, coastandcountry.co.uk) or The Big Domain (thebigdomain.com).

In Cornwall, on the Rame Peninsula, Blue Monkey is a well-turned-out, Grade II-listed, 18th-century house set in the pretty and historic village of Kingsand, which is twinned with the equally pretty and historic village of Cawsand. There are four bedrooms (sleeping 8), four bathrooms, an open-plan living/dining area with log fire, and a pretty garden with barbecue. It also comes with two kayaks — Kingsand Beach is close by.

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