



7 Lochy break... stay at Rosneath in Argyll

9 Isolated... Office Piece cottage in Suffolk

8 Barn break... Wolfscote Grange in Peak District

10 Take a Lakes break... The Sawyers Cottage

provide the entertainment. The site is 15 miles from picturesque Helensburgh, with its award-winning La Barca tapas and wine bar (labarcahelensburgh.co.uk).
THE DEAL: Seven nights in a caravan holiday home for eight from December 20 costs £450 with pitchup.com.
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8 DARLING DERBYSHIRE
Seven nights from £140pp
 If you want to be with loved ones but still have your own space, the five holiday cottages at Wolfscote Grange in the Peak District could suit you. For example, Swallows Return is a cosy barn conversion which sleeps up to six while Wolfscote Cottage has room for four people. Set above the Dove Valley on a family sheep and cattle farm, the cottages have an old world charm. Look out for buzzards and wild hares as you follow one of the many excellent walking routes. Bakewell and the spa town Buxton are both about 12 miles away.
THE DEAL: Seven nights from December 28 costs £840 at Swallows

Return and £565 at Wolfscote Cottage with Derbyshire Cottages.
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9 THE OUT OF THIS WORLD BREAK
Seven nights from £204pp
 If you're looking for a quirky festive stay, Office Piece cottage on the edge of Rendlesham Forest should fit the bill. The Suffolk forest has become known as Britain's Roswell after a series of claimed UFO sightings. It's surrounded by trees and you should expect to spot wildlife wandering through the gardens of this isolated property. And the bonus is you can have a New Year's fireworks party without disturbing anyone. Nearby civilisation is the hamlet of Friday Street, which makes a great base for walking, cycling and exploring rural and coastal Suffolk and the heaths area. Cycle the marked woodland paths or follow the Rendlesham UFO trail – if you dare.
THE DEAL: Seven nights from December 26 costs

£1,225 for up to six people with Suffolk Secrets. One pet is welcome.
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10 THE LAKES
Five nights from £127pp
 Escape to the Lake District for Christmas with a stay at The Sawyer's Cottage in Coniston, Cumbria. The traditional stone property has an outdoor hot tub to relax in as you take in the wonderful views of mountain peaks and Coniston Water, at the foot of the fells and Ambleside, at the head of Lake Windermere, is seven miles away, making it an ideal base for walking, rock climbing and mountain biking. Tarn Hows – one of the National Trust's most popular tourist sights – is two miles away.
THE DEAL: Five nights from December 22 costs £1,020 for up to eight people with The Coppermines and Lakes Cottages.
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THE HOSTE

Burnham Market, Norfolk

WHERE AND WHY
 In the heart of the charming village of Burnham Market, this four-star boutique hotel dates back to the 14th century. Its most famous regular was Lord Nelson – as documented in the hotel exhibition. We stayed in a safari-themed penthouse suite with four-poster bed and a walk-in wardrobe so vast the children had enormous fun playing hide-and-seek inside it. There is also a garden, spa and bar.
ON THE MENU
 People flock here for the AA rosette award-winning seasonal and local food. I plumped for the delicious Laverstoke park buffalo mozzarella salad (£9) and a main of grilled halloumi (£14). My partner ate the wonderful Hoste chicken liver and pork pâté (£7) and a special of fillet of pork loin (£16). Our children devoured plum tomato soup (£4),



linguini with bolognese (£8) and pork sausages with creamed potatoes and carrots (£8). Service was exceptional, as was pudding – sticky toffee pudding with caramel sauce (£8). Breakfast was an informal buffet served in the conservatory.
WHILE YOU'RE THERE
 On the doorstep there's an array of independent shops and the hotel can suggest walks to explore the area. At Burnham Overy Staithes you can watch the locals moor their boats next to the freshwater grazing marshes and salt marshes of Holkham nature reserve. Look out for lapwings, redshanks and pink-footed geese. We went crabbing off the jetty before driving five minutes up the coast for a walk along the boardwalk, past pine woods to the long stretch of sand. The children were thrilled to see horses cantering along the beach and loved splashing in shallow pools.
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