



Searing heat calls for serious cooling off and last month's eye-watering temperatures saw thousands of us flocking to the refreshing breezes and a dip on the coast, makes you glad we live on an island!

With more than 15 daylight hours, July is an ideal time for a dash to the beach and when you're there, you'll find it crammed with events and festivals to make your heart sing whatever the weather. Head to the [Gosport Sunset Festival](#) 9-12 July for a line-up of bands and artists on the south coast, enjoy three days of live music in a festival atmosphere at [Betteshanger Rocks](#) near Deal, Kent, 17-19 July and if seafood tantalises your tastebuds, check out our [new guide](#) for a host of tempting foodie events.

But if summer's scorching heat isn't your thing, [enter our competition](#) to win a three-night autumn escape of beach walks and roaring log fires in a beautiful cottage on The Bay, Filey, East Yorkshire, for up to five people.

Sunny days or cosy breaks – enjoy the coast!



Make a splash on the Dorset coast

This is one of the best month's for getting out on the water and Dorset offers arguably more water sports than anywhere else. Try stand-up paddleboarding at Studland Bay, Weymouth or Lyme Regis, all promise beautiful views for a scenic paddle. Or follow the Snorkel Trail around Kimmeridge Bay to spot peacock's tail seaweed or Connemara clingfish, while beginners can experiment with a 'try dive' at Swanage Pier.

Lined with camp and glamp sites and holiday parks, now is the perfect time to get out on the water and enjoy balmy evenings dining al fresco on the Dorset coast.

Plan your Dorset adventure



400 years of celebrations in Scarborough

It's all happening in Scarborough! 2026 marks 400 years since the discovery of its spa waters, putting it firmly on the map as one of the first seaside resorts and certainly one of the most iconic.

Visit a trail of oversized deckchairs, join in a silent disco, enjoy Scarborough Seafest, immerse yourself in the [celebrations](#)! Then explore charming Whitby with its Abbey, brewery and gin distillery or head to the sands of family-friendly Filey.

[Explore Scarborough](#)



Summer in Portsmouth city

It'll be the school holidays before we know it. If there's a music fan in your family, book to see Scissor Sisters, Nile Rodgers & Chic, Bastille and much more at [**Victorious Festival**](#), Southsea, 28-30 August.

Better still, stay a little longer exploring this compact city, its attractions are all within easy walk of each other, marvel at naval history in the Historic Dockyard, glide up the Spinnaker Tower, shop at Gunwharf Quays, Portsmouth is the perfect island city break.

Plan your trip to Portsmouth



Win a cosy three-night winter escape to the Yorkshire Coast!

Dreaming of crisp beach walks, roaring fires and a relaxing coastal retreat? Here's your chance to win a three-night winter break courtesy of [Anchor Bay Holidays](#) at beautiful Wren Cottage, located on The Bay, Filey, one of Yorkshire's most popular seaside destinations.

Sleeping up to five guests plus a cot, this stylish two-bedroom, dog-friendly detached cottage is the perfect place to unwind with family, friends and four-legged companions. After exploring the stunning coastline, return to the warmth of the log burner and settle in for cosy evenings together.

Just moments from the cottage, you'll find direct access to the award-winning, dog-friendly Filey Beach, where miles of golden sands and breath-taking sea views await. Whether you're enjoying invigorating morning walks, spotting local wildlife or simply breathing in the fresh sea air, the Yorkshire coast offers the perfect winter escape.

As part of your stay, you'll enjoy full complimentary access to The Bay's fantastic leisure facilities, including the indoor heated swimming pool, gym, steam room and sauna. The resort also features a dog-friendly pub, restaurant, pharmacy and convenience store, ensuring everything you need is close at hand.

Don't miss your chance to [win this wonderful 3-night coastal getaway](#) and experience the beauty, comfort and relaxation of Wren Cottage this November.

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