

An Indian Summer on England's Coast: Last-minute stress-free stays, no passport required



L-R: St Bees Head; Margate Main Beach; Durham Heritage Coast; Saltburn-by-the-Sea

5 August 2025: [England's Coast](#), the coastal booking and inspiration tool, shares ideas for how to make the most of the long summer on the English coastline – whatever the weather.

This is the year to opt for a spontaneous, stress-free break with no passport required, and where furry friends are welcome. From new sunrise saunas to classy bolthole stays, great last-minute offers are ready to be grabbed, so explore a multitude of ideas to spend late summer on the coast:

The South West Coast:

- **Poole: Culture & the newly-reopened Scaplen's Court & Garden, Poole Museum** - Scaplen's Court and Garden, Poole's best-preserved medieval building and its stunning herb and physic garden, has just reopened. As part of a three-year makeover of Poole Museum, it now boasts an exciting blend of art, culture, coffee, and creativity—open for free and fully-accessible all year long. Explore the captivating rooms, wander through the enchanting garden, and dive into fun seaweed and creative art workshops for all ages. Poole Museum is set to fully unveil its £10m transformation this autumn, with exclusive pre-opening tours available in the meantime. **STAY: [The RNLI College Hotel](#) overlooking Holes Bay, Poole. From £189 per night, including breakfast.**
- **Plymouth: Marine Adventures** - Discover the UK's first National Marine Park – a vibrant coastal setting where nature, community and conservation meet. Relax and swim in the historic saltwater pool of the iconic art deco Tinside Lido. Take to the sea by paddleboard or kayak to explore hidden corners of the Sound, join guided tours to spot marine wildlife and uncover the park's secrets, take part in a family rockpool safari or a spot of beachcombing. **STAY: [Future Inn Plymouth](#), ideally located for exploring all the port city's attractions. All rooms sleep up to four and are bike-friendly. From £95 room only.**

The South East Coast:

- **Isle of Thanet: Artisan Dining & Coastal Wellness** - Head to the stylish Seabird Bar and Kitchen in Ramsgate for a private Cocktail Masterclass, enjoying tasty bar snacks and learning cocktail secrets as your bartender creates three signature cocktails bespoke to you. In Margate, head to the Sea Scrub Sauna for a special August edition of New Moon Cacao experience (23 August) on Margate Main Sands, or enjoy a Nordic wood-fired barrel sauna or electric cube sauna for a rejuvenating experience with amazing sea views. **STAY: New for 2025, the [Quex Livery Glamping](#) set on the private Quex Park Estate, close to Birchington-on-Sea. Glamping pods sleep 2 guests and feature kitchen and bathroom facilities. From £90 per night.**
- **Maldon, Essex: Sailing & Maritime History** - Starting in the characterful town of Maldon, set sail on a Top Sail Charter for a delightful afternoon tea cruise taking in Northey Island and Osea Island while indulging in scones, cakes and tea. Afterwards, explore the town's Hythe Quay. The historic waterfront is lined with traditional shipwrights' huts and brims with nautical treasures, and features seven active Thames Sailing Barges which offer birdwatching and historical tours around the Crouch and Blackwater Estuaries. **STAY: [Potters Resorts Five Lakes](#), a 5-star adults' only all-inclusive resort set in 320 acres of Essex countryside. From £699 per adult for a 3-night weekend break.**

The East Coast:

- **The Lincolnshire Coast Path: Birdwatching & Walking** – All 124 miles of The King Charles III England Coast Path stretch in Lincolnshire is now complete and boasts an abundance of opportunities for twitchers of all ages; situated on the East Atlantic Migration Flyway there is a constantly changing seasonal spectacle. The Coast Path is dotted with diverse nature reserves, including Waters' Edge near the Humber Bridge and RSPB Frampton Marsh near Boston. In late summer and autumn, witness massive flocks of waders, bitterns at Far Ings, and the wader-rich RSPB Frampton Marsh, home to birds of prey. **STAY: [North Shore Hotel](#), overlooking Skegness Beach. From £134 per night (double room).**

The Yorkshire Coast

- **The Cleveland Way: Coastal Rambling and Fossil Hunting** - Discover some of the most picturesque beaches and finest walks in Yorkshire along the stunning Cleveland Way, where four-legged companions are welcome (kept on a lead). Walk a section of the 109-mile route on one of the many short, circular routes or multi-day walks available, including a five-day route from Filey to Helmsley, taking in sea views, sculpture trails, fossils, waterfalls and charming fishing villages. **STAY: [Coast & Camplight](#) near Whitby, off-grid dog-friendly glamping site in a wild corner of the North York Moors. From £85 per night, with no extra charge for dogs.**

The Durham & North East Coast

- **Durham Heritage Coast: Adventure & Nature** - This stretch of coast is becoming a hub for wellness and adventure, with new sunrise paddle boarding, beach sauna and kids' camps at the Seaham Harbour Marina with [Adventure Access](#), and yoga and SUP lessons with Hotpod Yoga Sunderland. The area is also becoming known for its foodie scene; visit the pretty, 24-acre Dalton Moor Farm near Seaham with its regenerative veganic fruit farm and food forest to try foraging and cookery lessons. **STAY: [Rest At The Nest](#), a collection of chic waterside lodges and treehouses with hot tubs and log burners 10 minutes' drive from the coast. 3-night stays from £724 (sleeps 2).**
- **The Tees Valley: Watersports & Community Sauna** - In picturesque Redcar, head to the Beach Base community hub, boasting a great summer line up of watersports and activities such as land kite and wind surfing, cycling and yoga. Over in Saltburn-by-the-Sea, vast stretches of golden sands, gentle cliffs and pastel beach huts make it ideal for beach games and rock-pooling. Certain sections of the beaches at Saltburn welcome dogs over the summer months, including the promenade, so make the ideal spot for a summer stroll with your canine best friend, ice cream in hand. The 18th century fishing village also has a great reputation for its foodie and arts scene, and the seafront is now complemented by the [Nature's Oasis Wild Sauna](#), perfect in combination with an invigorating North Sea dip. **STAY: [The Breaks Saltburn](#), a 6-bedroom dog-friendly cottage 100m from Saltburn beach. From £1,997 for a week's stay (sleeping up to 12 guests and 4 dogs).**

The North West Coast:

- **Morecambe: Nature & Art** - Discover the area's diverse wildlife at the TERN project, an impressive series of award-winning sculptures along Morecambe's seafront and promenade, featuring steel cormorants, gannets and razorbills as well as interactive games and trails. The trail extends towards the Festival Market where you can follow a path made up of poems, jokes and quotes by famous authors, musicians, entertainers and artists. **STAY: [The Midland Hotel](#), an iconic 4* art deco hotel overlooking Morecambe Bay. From £193 per night (double room).**
- **St Bees Cliff: Birdwatching & Lake District Gateway** - The magnificent, mile-long, sandy beach at St Bees is one of the best on the whole Western Lake District coast, and is also home to an RSPB Nature Reserve with one of the largest colonies of sea birds on the west coast of England and breathtaking views from the sandstone cliffs across to the Isle of Man. St Bees is also an ideal coastal base to explore the Lake District National Park or to do a section of the Coast-to-Coast walk. **STAY: [The Tree House Cumbria](#), a unique holiday cottage set between the unspoilt Cumbrian coast and Lake District's highest mountains. From £584 for a 3-night stay (sleeps up to 6 guests).**

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