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## 15 Unique UK Rentals for New Year's Eve

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### Fort Clonque, Channel Islands



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There's only one way to ensure you don't have unwanted visitors gatecrashing your New Year's Eve party – maroon yourself on an island in the middle of the Channel Islands in a gigantic fort. Designed to mount ten massive guns and house 50 men, it reminds us of Fort Boyard. If we stayed here we would make *Game of Thrones* fancy dress compulsory. At this time of year it's particularly atmospheric, with huge waves crashing at your door, best enjoyed from the floor to ceiling glass windows. *Four nights from £715. [landmarktrust.org.uk](http://landmarktrust.org.uk)*



## Rockhaven Manor, Rock Cornwall



Head down to Cornwall this NYE and check into Rockhaven Manor, which is big enough for the whole family (and maybe even your best mate's family, too). A crab Newburg recipe is etched into the slate under the worktop, so pick up some fresh crab from the local fishmonger and kick off the New Year as you mean to go on, with freshly-cooked food, good wine and great company. *Sleeps 12* [latitude50.co.uk](http://latitude50.co.uk)

## Carbis Bay Hotel Beach Lodges, Cornwall



Fancy seeing in the New Year in a private hot tub or plunge pool right on the beach? And then waking up in your sea-room view to a breakfast hamper of delicious Cornish treats? Check in to Carbis Bay Hotel's brand-new Beach Lodges, situated directly on the beach and all boasting rooftop or beach gardens, with open-plan lounges and floor-to-ceiling windows leading out to private sun decks, and private access routes directly onto beautiful Carbis Bay beach. Extend your stay by a day so you can take the coastal train to St Ives for a day of exploring. Extend it by another for a private surf lesson to kick-start that New Year's resolution to try something new. Hell, extend it forever because honestly, you won't want to leave. *Beach Lodges from £1200*



## Old Drift House, Suffolk



What are you looking for in your NYE rental cottage? Do you want pink? Do you want a pretty thatched roof? Do you want enough space for two families, or one really, really big one? Head to the medieval village of Kersey and check out Old Drift House, a five star rental cottage with exposed beams, inglenook fireplaces and leadlight windows. There's an outdoor playhouse and babysitting is available by arrangement so there's no need for the party to finish before 2019 begins... *A seven night stay for eight guests arriving 28 December is £1,800. [www.premiercottages.co.uk](http://www.premiercottages.co.uk) 01582 763533*

## Barlby Road III, Ladbroke Grove



Want to getaway for NYE without actually leaving the capital? Head west to kick off the New Year in style at onefinestay rental Barlby Road III, a three-bedroom, two-bathroom home in Ladbroke Grove. With beautiful clean styling, you'll wake up on the first day of 2019 with a clear mind (clear head more dependent on your NYE plans). Paradise gastro pub is a short stroll to the north is Kensal Rise, or Ladbroke Grove and Portobello Road Market are to the south. *From £300, [onefinestay.com](http://onefinestay.com)*



## Endymion, Polzeath, Cornwall



Minutes from Baby Bay, Endymion is right on the edge of National Trust land and a great place from which to explore Polzeath and a network of stunning coastal paths. With white walls, stone and brick exterior this striking modern property boasts eco-travel credentials with solar panels and an air source heat pump. *Sleeps 6* | [latitude50.co.uk](http://latitude50.co.uk)

## Athenaeum Hotel & Residences, Mayfair



If you want the privacy of a rental but the comfort of a five-star hotel for the festive period, check in to the Athenaeum's 14-bedroom pied-a-terre. Located on a residential side-street, a turn from the Athenaeum's main entrance and Green Park, the mansion once owned by MP and arts patron Henry Hope is the perfect home away from home. There are one and two bedroom residences available. *Townhouse Residences are available for NYE from £699, visit [athenaeumhotel.com](http://athenaeumhotel.com) to book or call 020 7499 3464.*



## Port Lympne, Kent



Why not see in 2018 on your own personal safari? Port Lympne is a must-visit for animal-lovers; this Kent-based conservation charity is not your average UK wildlife experience. Opt for a short stay over New Year and you'll come face to face with big cats, gorillas, giraffes and many more. If you really want to push the boat out, book in for the new Tiger Lodge, where tigers play right outside your (very sturdy) windows. Book quickly as rooms are filling up quickly for the festive period. *From £199.*

## Silverholme Graythwaite, Lake District



This spectacular Georgian manor house is located on the Graythwaite Estate right on the edge of Lake Windermere. With juxtaposed contemporary and traditional designs, Silverholme provides everything you need for an elegant alternative New Year's celebration. With floor to ceiling windows overlooking the lake, it's superbly equipped for making a celebration dinner to remember; what a view! After dinner, the drawing room offers a sumptuous retreat where you can gather in front of the roaring open fire with a glass of bubbly ready to toast in the New Year. Silverholme also benefits from shared use of the Graythwaite Estate grounds and facilities which includes an indoor heated swimming pool, table tennis room, children's play area, fitness suite and 2.5-acre trout fishing lake. *Sleeps 18. Five nights from 29<sup>th</sup> December for £8,964.*



## Gothic Temple, Stowe



Make sure you book in for a massage after the holiday, it's highly likely you'll crick your neck from staring at the gilded dome all weekend long. This folly was built in 1741 as part of the gardens of Stowe, with soaring gothic windows looking out onto breathtaking vistas of the Buckinghamshire countryside. Canine friends are welcome too, so you can make the most of strolling across the grounds. *Sleeps four. Five nights from 28 December £1,842. [landmarktrust.org.uk](http://landmarktrust.org.uk)*

## Pentillie Castle, Cornwall



Who wouldn't want to spend New Year's Eve in a castle? Go shooting on New Year's Day and cook your spoils in the large country kitchen. If you're feeling brave (or need to cut through a hangover) take a dip in the outdoor solar heated swimming pool or you could just enjoy generally wafting around like the Lord of the Manor and book in the caterers to take care of the rest. The staff can also arrange river boat trips, horse-riding on the moors and golf on nearby, internationally renowned courses. *Sleeps 18. Five nights for £5,859. [pentillie.co.uk](http://pentillie.co.uk)*

## Gordon Castle, Scotland

How does a New Year's Eve in the heart of whisky country in the Scottish Highlands sound? With on-site fishing, eight acres of walled garden and grounds worthy of very long New Year's Day walks, this is the perfect place to start the New Year with a handful of your favourite people and nobody else for miles around. Gordon Castle is one of Scotland's largest houses, a beautiful Scottish retreat. *Stays at Gordon Castle are priced from £5,500 per night based on accommodation for up to 16 people. Accommodation is based on a half-board basis. [castlecollection.com](http://castlecollection.com)*



## Manor Farm Conderton



Set in the centre of Conderton, a delightful Cotswolds hamlet, Manor Farmhouse is a newly renovated, eight-bedroom, eight bathroom, property. Book with your New Year's Day walk in mind; there are hundreds of miles of footpaths straight from the backdoor, across the orchard and into AONB of Bredon Hill. *Luxury Cotswold Rentals offers Manor Farm Conderton for seven nights at New Year's (28 December – 4 January 2019) for £10,000. 0207 993 6545 / [luxurycotswoldrentals.co.uk](http://luxurycotswoldrentals.co.uk)*

## Butley Priory, Suffolk



A 12<sup>th</sup>-century Augustinian priory might not seem like a likely venue for a rocking party, but the tuned and chicly battered piano begs to differ. This statuesque church has been given a modern makeover and looks like something straight from an interiors shoot, with lots of nooks and crannies for hiding in and big rooms for relaxing in. You can cater for yourself on the Aga, call in help or check out the local seafood restaurants. *Sleeps 15. £750 per night.*



## Hedsor House, Buckinghamshire



For the festive period, [Hedsor House](#) is transforming itself into the 'Gatsby Mansion'. Transporting groups back to the glitz and glamour of the Roaring Twenties, the fully immersive experience will include themed food and drink and entertainment, from valiant cabaret entertainment to vintage photo booths and theatrical experiences. The Gatsby Mansion Packages will enable guests to step back in time, experiencing the razzle-dazzle of the Great Gatsby in their own exclusive country house. *The Fizzy Flapper* is a unique package includes live cabaret entertainment, after a sparkling drinks reception followed by a three course seated dinner then DJ and dance floor, plus exclusive use of Hedsor House and its 11 luxury guest bedrooms: £20,000 + VAT. *Sleeps 22. £20,000.*