

Last-minute Christmas holidays in 2019

From a cosy cottage in Cornwall to a beach retreat in Sri Lanka, it's not too late to book a festive getaway. Richard Mellor knows where to go



Self-cater in this lovely farmhouse for eight near Rock, Cornwall (8)

8. A cosy farmhouse in Cornwall

Most of Latitude50's luxury self-catering homes in north Cornwall were booked up for Christmas this summer. Keiro Veor, however, has just been added to the portfolio, so opportunity knocks. Flanked by fields, the former farmhouse comes with a large walled garden and hot tub, should you fancy some champagne-sponsored stargazing, while log burners and fires heat up the oak-beamed lounges inside. Other perks include table tennis, board games, BT Sports, and bathtubs in two of the four bedrooms. Dogs are welcome too, so the whole family can come. Rock's restaurants are within walking distance should dinner by the beach be in order.

Details A week starting December 20 for eight costs from £3,295 (01208 869090, latitude50.co.uk)