



Cornwall's new wave

Dreaming of a beach break? There are several openings to look forward to, from a landmark hotel to coastal hideaways, writes **Ellie Ross**

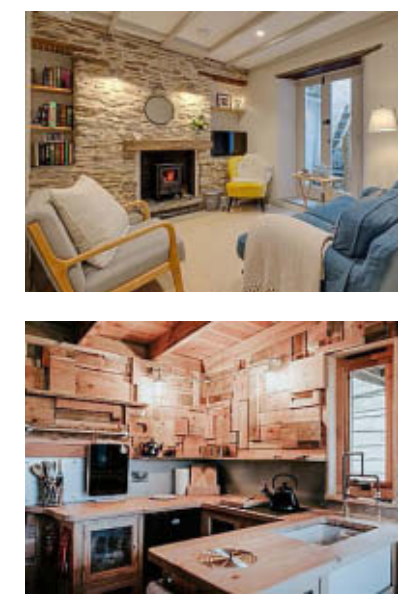
Inner Visions near Gwihian
Tucked behind Upton Towans Nature Reserve, a short walk from Gwihian Beach, this new, family friendly lodge has a contemporary feel, with whitewashed walls, open-plan living areas, vibrant pot plants and wall-mounted surfboards. There's a family bathroom and two bedrooms – including a twin room – with access to a private terrace. Built with its environment in mind, it's made from sustainable, locally sourced materials including bee bricks, with

air-source heat pumps. **Sleeping four, it costs from £1,099 per week, luxurycoastal.co.uk**

Bodmin Jail Hotel Bodmin
Following a £50m renovation, the 18th-century Bodmin Jail has been transformed into a boutique hotel, opening soon. During its 160-year history, the prison crammed in 35,000 inmates. After its makeover it will cater for 176 guests. Each of the 70 bedrooms has been created by knocking through three former cells,

and many original features remain, including bars on the windows. The moor, Fowey and Padstow are within a 30-minutes drive. **Doubles from £130 b&B, bodminjailhotel.com**

Gwel Treisa Polzeath
Directly overlooking Polzeath's sand and surf, this five-bedroom beach pad offers a front-row seat for sea views and sunsets. The best place to enjoy it from is the cushion-filled "sky hammock", with the log burner crackling in the plush lounge below. There's ample space for 10 guests and two dogs, plus underground parking and every luxury imaginable – underfloor heating, super-king beds, a cocktail bar and kitchen with all mod cons. **Sleeping 10, it costs from £1,840 per week, latitude50.co.uk**



dogs are welcome. **Sleeping six, it costs from £1,059 per week, cornishgems.com**

Springtide Marazion
With its hot tub, log burner and cosy living room, this one-bedroom terraced cottage in Marazion is ideal for a romantic retreat. The hand-built kitchen features a breakfast bar and flagstone floors and there's a courtyard with a bistro table and chairs. Located near the town's galleries, cafés and sandy beaches, it's a good base for exploring the tidal island of St Michael's Mount and this stretch of the South West Coast Path. **Sleeping two, it costs from £483 per week, classic.co.uk**

Umber Cottage, St Agnes
In the north Cornish village of St Agnes, this stonewall cottage offers luxury self-catering accommodation close to Trevaunance Cove and the dramatic cliff-top ruins of Wheal Coates tin mine. Expect a bohemian

interior of earthy tones, kilim rugs and rattan furniture beside the fire. The kitchen is decorated in smart grey and sliding doors lead to a multilevel garden. As well as a family bathroom, there's an outdoor shower for sandy dogs and feet. **Sleeping four, it costs from £1,250 per week, uniquehomestays.com**

Killas Cottage Fowey
Named after the local stone it's built from, Killas Cottage is tucked down a narrow, traffic-free passage in Fowey, an easy stroll from the town centre and harbour. Inside, its three bedrooms blend fresh white walls with character stonework and wood beams. There's a nod to the nautical with porthole windows and splashes of blue, plus a sunny terrace and a barbecue. **Sleeping four, it costs from £578 per week, originalcottages.co.uk**



The Pink Cottage Zennor
With modern style behind its Grade II-listed granite walls, this cosy bolthole – with its rose-tinted gate, door and Aga – is surrounded by the rugged, boulder-strewn landscape of Zennor, just four miles from St Ives. Inside, it's full of nooks for books and logs for the burner, with handwoven cushions, original doors and rustic wooden tables. There's a lovely garden, sleek bathroom with living plants, and two bedrooms including a twin room. **Sleeping four, it costs from £595 for three nights, kiphideaways.com**

Wenmouth Cottage Looe
Suited to couples and small families – plus up to two dogs – this 17th-century cottage is within walking distance of Looe harbour, plus shops, pubs, restaurants and the beach. Stone walls, wood beams and steep stairs add to the traditional feel, and children will love the large oak window seat in the bunk bedroom. The kitchen has an electric oven and hob, plus a washing machine, while the private courtyard is just the spot for a sundowner. **Sleeping four, it costs from £500 per week, holidaycottages.co.uk**

Surfboards can be hired and delivered straight to your door



Three Mile Beach Gwihian
Opening in May, these 15 colourful beach houses – created by Audley Travel founder Craig Burkinshaw and his partner Joanne Le Bon – are scattered among the sand dunes behind Gwihian Beach. Each of the three- and four-bedroom cabins features open-plan kitchen-lounge-diners, log burners and wrap-around terraces with sunken cedar hot tubs, barrel saunas and barbecues. Wetsuits and surfboards can be hired and delivered straight to your door, and surf lessons can be arranged with the nearby surf school. **A three-bedroom cottage, sleeping seven, costs from £1,200 per week, threemilebeach.co.uk**

The new family friendly lodge at Inner Visions (above) has a contemporary feel and is tucked behind Upton Towans Nature Reserve, a short walk from Gwihian Beach; the one-bedroom terraced cottage (left) at Springtide, Marazion is ideal for a romantic retreat

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Houses are scattered among the sand dunes at Three Mile Beach (main); in Gwihian; the bohemian stone Umber Cottage in St Agnes (right); Killas Cottage (right, top) is tucked down a narrow passage in Fowey, an easy stroll from the harbour; Log Jam (right, bottom) in Menherion offers an off-grid escape in nature

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