

TREGULLAND COTTAGE & BARN
CORNWALL

WHAT'S THE USP?

Pure, unspoiled relaxation. Nestled in the rolling green hills of a valley in north Cornwall, Tregulland is the place to go if you want to grab five (or 22) of your closest friends, unplug from the stress of city life and take a few deep breaths. Its location means a welcome and enforced lack of signal (there's Wi-Fi if you're desperate) and the property – which comprises three separate buildings, one of which is a giant heated indoor freshwater pool and steam room – really has everything you'll need, including 11 bedrooms, a hot tub, an at-home cinema room,



huge dining space and an outdoor barbecue. Its true USP, though, is the sheer charm of the place. Each bedroom has been designed with its own character and colour palette. The living spaces are huge and the grounds make it feel like you have your own stretch of countryside all to yourself. Whether you want to read your book tucked up in bed with sunlight pouring in from your own private terrace, fill a roll-top bath and soak for hours or have a local chef come and cater your own private dinner party while you kick up a storm in the games room – this place has got you covered.

ANY HAVE-TO-DO HIGHLIGHTS?

Grab a bottle of wine and do the treasure hunt in the grounds. Follow the clues that are hidden around the property and discover hidden streams, local wildlife and a giant slide while you're at it. We think it's probably meant for children, but can confirm that five thirtysomething women gave it a whirl and had a blast. This part of the UK is also home to some of the best local fresh produce (and food producers) you can get your hands on, and there's no better way to showcase it than by getting dinner cooked for you in the comfort of your (brand new) home. The

property manager, Bonny, can arrange everything from a three-course dinner party for 22, cooked by local chefs, to a picnic lunch, barbecue or Cornish cream tea in the garden. Arrived late on a Friday night? They'll put some homemade lasagnes in the oven for you. Oh, and if you feel like actually venturing out of the property (disclaimer: you really might not), go and grab some local seafood, Cornish fudge and ice cream at Trebarwith Strand, which is just a short drive away.

AND HOW MANY MATES CAN I TAKE WITH ME?

If you book both the barn and the cottage (which are next to each other on the same plot), then Tregulland sleeps a total of 22, making it perfect for big family celebrations, trips with friends or a combination of both. You can also book the properties separately

(they each have their own kitchens and are fully self-contained) if your group's a little smaller. Prices for the entire lot start from £3,780 for a four-night midweek stay, so if there's 22 of you, that's just £172 per person. Not bad, eh? For more information, visit Tregullandandco.co.uk



Headboard or Bourbon biscuit? We're into both

Four more A-list abodes

VILLA ANAVAYA, KOH SAMUI



We're not sure what we love most about this villa. High on the list would be the cinema room, the L-shaped infinity pool, private gym, well-stocked bar and al-fresco sofas for hanging out beneath the stars. There are six contemporary bedrooms with terraces and standalone bathtubs, and forget self-catering – there's a private chef to whip up your favourite dishes. Living. The. Dream. From £1,256 per night, based on 12 friends sharing = £105 per person per night; Theluxurysignature.com

VILLA AKRI, CRETE



If you're looking for a chilled getaway with friends, you won't find a better spot than this spectacular Greek hideaway. Carved into cliffs, it houses four en-suite bedrooms, a barbecue and covered terrace for open-air dinners, roof terrace for ocean views, gym, infinity pool and hot tub (a great spot for late-night prosecco drinking). And Plaka Resort's restaurants, bars and shops are close by. From £4,499 per week, based on eight adults sharing = £562 per person per week; Jamesvillas.co.uk

VILLA 008, CAPE TOWN



More inspired by this winter's *Love Island* villa than the contestants? Time to book a stylish pad in sunny Cape Town. Not only is Villa 008 strolling distance from Camps Bay, with its cool bars and restaurants, but you can see The Twelve Apostles mountain range and the Atlantic Ocean from your bed. There's also an infinity pool, state-of-the-art kitchen, a pantry that's restocked daily and a breakfast chef. From £8,382 per week, based on 12 sharing = £698 per person per week; Myprivatevillas.com

VENNLANE HOUSE, DEVON



Vennlane House in the UK is as luxurious as any Euro mansion. You and up to 20 mates will feel like you've won the Lottery hanging out in the heated indoor pool or (slightly more chilly) outdoor pool, playing tennis on the grass court, watching movies in the cinema room or relaxing in the hot tub. Bonus points for the Moroccan hammam spa room, blue pool table and silver bath tubs. Rent the whole thing for a two-night weekend stay from £7,460 (20 sharing) = £373 each per person in total; Bighouseexperience.com

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