

30 great British mini-breaks

Surfing weekends, stylish hotels and family adventures — there's still time to book a quick summer getaway



12 Kayak in Cornwall

Take a half-day kayaking trip in Cornwall and you can head through Poldark country on the north coast or explore Frenchman's Creek near Falmouth, the inspiration for Daphne du Maurier's famous novel. There's optional wetsuit hire on the guided tours, which cost £40pp (korukayaking.co.uk). Stay at the Merchant's Manor (01326 369343, merchantsmanor.com), with its luxurious bedrooms and, new for this year, self-catering apartments, designed with Bert & May, from about £95 to £176 a night in August and September. They have raw wood walls, hot tubs on their private balconies, and floors tiled in the designer's famous styles. The new Bakery on the Beach attached to the Gylly Beach Café at Gyllyngvase beach is a light-filled space with wonderful views, perfect for post-water-fun snacks.



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