

Britain's 20 best places to stay on the beach



Nare Hotel in Cornwall

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From a spa with panoramic views of a surfing paradise to an old country pile a few steps from the Atlantic Ocean, our coastline is studded with outstanding seaside retreats. Travel writer Rob Ryan selects the top locations to stay in during a heatwave

1. The Nare, Veryan-in-Roseland, Cornwall

On the Roseland Peninsula, the country house-styled Nare is arguably the most traditional hotel in Great Britain, so wonderfully anachronistic you can probably find someone called “the Major” at the bar or in the billiards room most nights. The setting is wonderful, the food excellent, the restless seascapes of the Atlantic oddly soothing and there are always buttered scones for tea.

Details: Availability is “good” throughout the summer. A two-night stay in a sea-view room costs £518pp B&B with Cornish cream tea (01872 501111, narehotel.co.uk)

2. Watergate Bay, Cornwall