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1 Cliff Barns, Norfolk

Mexican hacienda meets American hunting lodge in deepest Norfolk. The owners describe the decor as "Rancho-Deluxe" — think cowhide chairs, moose heads, and

the owners beach hut at Old Hunstanton.

Details Sleeps 18, from £4,190 a week (0870 8505468, www.cliffbarns.com); it can also be booked through Mr & Mrs Smith (mrandmrsmith.com)

2 Barn Cottage, Devon

This bijou red-brick barn on a smallholding in North Devon has a distinctively Scandinavian flavour, with clean white walls, colourful decor and an open-plan living area overlooking a meadow. The surroundings may be rural but the surf beaches of the Cornish coast are only a ten-minute drive away. There's a woodburner to keep things cosy in winter.

Details Sleeps four, from £600 a week (08450 340700, mrandmrsmith.com/self-catering/barn-cottage)