

Late deals

Beachside in Bodrum or French skiing

UK

A classy North Yorkshire bolt hole

Your must-do list will be a long one when you check into pretty and well-appointed Hob Cottage, outside the North Yorkshire village of Markington. Just up the road both Fountains Abbey

and Ripon cathedral beckon. To the west lie the Yorkshire Dales and York is waiting to the east. But actually you might just prefer to stay indoors. Once the wood-burner is lit and you've got stuck into the cottage's library, winter will have rarely seemed so snug. From January 16, seven nights' self-catering for two costs £485 — a saving of £190 (holidaycottages.co.uk).

Walking Offa's Dyke

Offa's Dyke may have once had a grim-faced political purpose as it tried to firm up the frontier between Mercia and the kingdoms of Wales. But there's nothing grim-faced about it now as it threads its long, Anglo-Saxon line through some of Britain's loveliest landscapes. Using the three-star Speech House hotel in the Forest of Dean as its base, this one-week guided walk covers 70 miles of the Dyke's southern half, visiting Hay-on-Wye and Monmouth en route, as it heads towards the final stop at Chepstow. Seven nights' half-board from May 30 starts from £1,139pp, saving £230 (rambleworldwide.co.uk).

EUROPE

A week in Lanzarote

This lava-encrusted Canary Island is a fascinating place to visit. Snap up this 16 per cent saving on a January week at the five-star Paradisus by Melia Salinas hotel in Costa Teguise — and yes, by all means let your mind go slack for a couple of days beside its giant saltwater swimming pool. Then hire a car and get exploring. Surf lessons on Famara Beach are a must (calimasurf.com). So too is a trip to the island's tip for the strange and beautiful troglodyte architecture. From January 10, seven nights' all-inclusive starts from £1,518pp, including flights — saving £301 (easyjet.com).

May in Santorini, Greece

Book your stay at one of the Andronis group's five-star properties on Santorini or Paros before December 31 and you'll get 15 per cent off between May 1 and October 31, 2026. This includes the low-rise, barefoot indulgence of Andronis Arcadia. Perched high above the picture-postcard town of Oia, it gazes for the most part south across Santorini's

spectacular sea-filled crater. But there's the chance to catch the sunset each day from its slouchy, rooftop Pacman restaurant. Three nights' B&B from May 11 in a natura suite, with its own small infinity pool, starts from £1,911 — a £574 saving (andronis.com). Fly to Santorini.

Easter skiing in Tignes, France

Few ski areas come close to matching Tignes' appeal at Easter. Most of the French resort's broad slopes are set above 2,100m and its highest lift rises to the giddy altitude of 3,456m, so even in a sharp spring thaw you can have a thrilling time following the sun as it softens up the cover. What's more, the recently opened Latino-flavoured Yncio apartments are available for a week from April 11 at a 20 per cent discount (book by February 1). Seven nights' self-catering for a family of four starts from £2,112, including a return Eurotunnel crossing for a car and passengers. That's a saving of £528 (peakretreats.co.uk).

Spring on the Danube

Here's an interesting place to eat your Easter egg — on board a sleek, modern Emerald river cruiser, before a day's exploration of Budapest. From April 4 to 11, this discounted Danube Delights cruise will be full of such moments as central Europe slides past your window and Vienna, Passau and the Wachau Valley come into view. A wide range of excursions are included too — such as a hike to Dürnstein Castle, a family visit in Bratislava and a guided tour of the Kunsthistorisches Museum's fabulous art collection in Vienna. Seven nights' all-inclusive starts from £2,160pp, including flights — a £775 saving (emeraldcruiises.co.uk).



Above: Oia, Santorini.
Below: Reykjavik, Iceland

Walking in Madeira

You may well have just enjoyed a bracing Boxing Day walk, but it will have been nothing compared with a day's hiking on Madeira. Blown up out of the mid-Atlantic by millions of years of volcanic activity, it's an intricate and spectacular place to explore on foot, with the sense of isolation heightened by the views of the ocean from its peaks. Exodus is offering 20 per cent discounts across a range of departures up to Easter, including seven nights' B&B from March 14, which starts from £1,599pp — a £400 saving (exodus.co.uk). Fly to Madeira.

FURTHER AFIELD

Cruising Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland

Until February 28, the small-ship specialist Swan Hellenic's Elevated Expeditions promotion offers big discounts on some of its cruises, including this itinerary along the edge of the North Atlantic. Sailing from Nova Scotia on May 18, SH Vega will visit Newfoundland, Greenland and Iceland as it explores a world of migrating whales, seabird colonies and Viking settlements. The Vega offers a rich mix of gastronomic dinners, photography workshops and active excursions. Eleven nights' all-inclusive starts from £5,805pp — a saving of £5,020 (swanhellenic.com). Fly to Halifax and out of Reykjavik.

Luxury on Langkawi in Malaysia

A five-star tropical sanctuary awaits at the Ritz-Carlton Langkawi in Malaysia — as well as a 15 per cent accommodation discount thanks to this deal, which must be booked by January 4. Even better, it's for holidays from January 8 to March 31, and if you book in the second half of that period, the climate anomaly La Niña (which has brought such heavy rain to southeast Asia) is expected to be over. So get set for leafy, spacious luxury, with views across the Andaman Sea, and the chance to walk Langkawi's spectacular, high-altitude Skybridge. Seven nights' B&B starts from £2,385pp, including flights (inspiringtravel.co.uk).

Beach bungalows in the BVIs

It may have been flattened by Hurricane Irma in 2017, but true to its name the Bitter End Yacht Club is back, with the same laid-back atmosphere as before. The remote, 64-acre island outpost in the British Virgin Islands now offers accommodation in wood-panelled waterfront rooms and beach bungalows as well as three restaurants, sprawling through the clubhouse and out onto the sundeck. But the real treat is its watersports centre, with paddleboards, kayaks, windsurfers and dinghies waiting to help you enjoy the surrounding seas. Five nights' room-only from April 10 starts from £2,926pp — a saving of £915 (beyc.com). Fly to Tortola.

Beach time in Ras Al Khaimah

Sometimes, Christmas is anything but restful. And if you need a holiday straight afterwards, the beachfront Rixos Al Mairid might do the trick. Opened last year, this five-star resort in Ras Al Khaimah is ready to wrap a cocoon of seaside swank around you, with ten restaurants, palm-filled gardens and an entire ecosystem of giant pools. And if you ever get itchy feet you can take your pick of day trips — 60 miles south to the glittering towers of Dubai, perhaps, or into the mountains to the east. From January 7, seven nights' all-inclusive starts from £1,740pp, including flights — a saving of £557 (kenwoodtravel.co.uk).

Stay by the sea in Bodrum, Turkey

If you can't bear to think about summer just yet, this 55 per cent discount may change your mind. It's being offered on selected stays between April 10 and October 17, 2026 at the seafloor Lujo Art & Joy Hotel in Bodrum, Turkey — and it stops on December 31. Never mind the hotel's four private beaches, watersports facilities and kid-friendly aquapark; the style here is more Manhattan than marina, with floor-to-ceiling windows, clean, contemporary lines and DJ sets after dark. In May, for example, when temperatures can break the 30C barrier, all-inclusive doubles start from £396, including airport transfers — a £483 saving (lujohotel.com). Fly to Bodrum. Sean Newsom