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It's a growing trend now to holiday to staycation, which means, instead of forking out a truck load to holiday abroad, just chucking some bags in the back of your car and zipping off down the road to find a slice of vacation paradise in our own back yards.

Although it might not quite have the exotic mystery or foreign thrill of the Mediterranean, the United Kingdom is actually a vast island filled with mystery, magic and surprises around almost every corner. Not only is it cheaper and easier than arranging flights, passports, Visas, exchanging money, dealing with other languages, travel insurance and probably a whole host more problems, keeping your holiday at home is the stress free and cheaper option.

And it's not as though a holiday in Britain is less exotic either. It's time to expel the dull images of damp camping trips in muddy fields out the back of some family farm or Kitsch trips to stay with the old fashioned red coats of Butlins. If you know where to look you can find all the best bits that different countries have to offer, all hidden in the most special places of Britain.

Here's a few destinations that can make our own United Kingdom feel just as fun as somewhere exotic.

#### 1. Beaches

One of the best bits of abroad are the great tropical beaches on offer, we all dream of lounging on the sandy shores, soaking up the sun with the luxurious seas lapping at our feet. Britain does have its fair share of beaches though, remember we're a humungous island, Britain is surrounded by luxurious beaches. Especially along the south coast you can find a succession of long, sandy beach fronts, all enjoying the warm sub-climate of the south coast. Destinations like Brighton are great towns for all the classic fun of the beach front, buckets, spades, arcades and sticks of rock. Or, for when the lively family fun of Brighton is not your scene you can also find some of the more beautiful secluded sandy coves to enjoy around the beautiful Jurassic coast and Cornwall.

#### 2. Epic History

Athens might have the Parthenon and Egypt might have the Pyramids, but Britain again is not too short on epic historic visitors attractions. Most famous is the barely believable Stone Henge, one of the most epic and mysterious human monuments of history, Stone Henge is beautiful, it provides a window into a fantastical past and strikes our imaginations with incredible awe. Not only is there Stone Henge but Britain has many more grand castles and palaces spread across the country.

### 3. Cosmopolitan Cities

So you're not one for hanging round on a beach all day and you're not too interested in getting out amongst the history either. You love going abroad to explore the cultural hubs of the world, getting mixed up in the art of Venice, the theatre scene of New York or indulging in the wine and street cafes of Paris. But, once again, Britain's not going sparing for the urban experience, not only is there is the bright lights of London, one of the globe's economic and theatre capitals. There is also the musical heritage of Newcastle or the up and coming cultural and sporting delights of Cardiff to enjoy, Edinburgh is even home to the largest theatre and arts festival in the entire world.

So you don't need to spend a fortune exploring the globe and spending a fortune for your favourite

get away, you find everything you want and more right outside your doorstep.

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