

# Luxury for less: how to make the holiday £££s go further

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Exclusive private holiday homes from just £500 per week

As the credit crunch bites into holiday allowances, many may have resigned themselves to a package deal or limiting all-inclusive holiday. But this needn't be the case: by opting for a private holiday home rental it's possible to get luxury and exclusivity without a hefty price tag, plus more privacy, space and flexibility. Guests can come and go as they please, eat out, or 'at home', which is another great way to keep holiday spending in check.

What's more, with a private holiday rental guests have all the facilities to themselves and dealing direct with owners means a more personal and customised service. Many can organise extras, such as babysitting, local tours or even a chef, and provide lots of useful tips, helping to tailor-make the perfect holiday.

Below is selection of luxury properties for various types of holiday available on Holiday-Rentals (<http://www.holiday-rentals.co.uk>), the UK's largest rentals site. These include beach-front homes from £500 per week, chic city apartments from £860 per week, a Tuscan villa apartment from £456 per week and an entire Moroccan Riad from £1,000 per week.

Holiday-Rentals lists over 130,000 properties worldwide. Among these are thousands of luxury holiday homes. Click here (<http://www.holiday-rentals.co.uk/search/refined/Theme:luxury>) for the full selection.

Beach-front living:

**ULTRA-COOL ST TROPEZ PAD WITH DESIGNER FURNISHINGS:** from £500/wk

Property 87667 – This ultra-modern one bedroom apartment has been finished to a very high standard, with Travertine flooring and wall-tiling in the bathroom and designer furnishings. Situated in a private residence with secure parking, communal pool and gardens, the apartment also has its own private garden area with gorgeous lounging furniture. Just 7 minutes walk from the port of St Tropez, and 200m from Boullabaise beach.

**SOUTH AFRICAN OCEAN-FRONT RETREAT WITH INFINITY POOL:** £1,050/wk year-round

Property 2881 – This spectacular, architecturally striking three bedroom ocean-front house literally overhangs the beach and sea below, with a small, round infinity pool out on the deck that merges in to the ocean beyond. Set in Misty Cliffs, a conservation village on the Cape Peninsula, it provides a perfect escape from the rat race, and a place to relax and unwind together.

**BEACH-FRONT APARTMENT IN BARBADOS:** from 850/wk

Property 62794 (Apartment 1) – 'Coralita' is a spectacular ocean front property located on the beautiful west coast of the island at Prospect, St James, just south of Sandy Lane, and close to the soon to be Four Seasons Resort on Paradise Beach. This fantastic property sits on a small cliff. It is built

on three levels; each level is a separate apartment with its own entrance. One bedroom Apartment 1 leads directly on to the beach via a private staircase, is light and bright and superbly furnished with colonial-style furniture and all modern appliances.

Chic city retreats:

**PRETTY PARISIAN APARTMENT WITH ROMANTIC DÉCOR:** from £860/wk

Property 97926 – Wow your loved one and book a stay in this ultra-romantic one bedroom Parisian apartment. Set in the heart of Paris, just 50m from the famous Notre Dame, you're within easy access of everything this wonderful city has to offer. The apartment has every amenity you want, as well as an extremely elegant, pretty and luxurious décor. Plus of course you also have full kitchen and bathroom facilities (including tub), for any romantic evenings 'at home'.

**SKYLINE VIEW PENTHOUSE IN NEW YORK:** from £1,703/wk

Property 168886 – This fabulous one bedroom penthouse apartment in Midtown Manhattan has floor-to-ceiling windows to make the most of the spectacular skyline view, including the Empire State building! Plus, you have your own private terrace for breakfast or evening cocktails. This apartment is brand new, furnished with the best modern furnishings, fine linen and china and comes complete with free phone, wireless Internet, HDTV, and DVD player, and your own private washer/dryer. Fully outfitted kitchen so you can dine in or enjoy take out in style.

A Tuscan dream:

**APARTMENT IN AN ANCIENT TUSCAN VILLA:** from £456/wk

Property 95480 ('Galileo') – This one bedroom apartment is set in an ancient Tuscan villa in a rural valley below San Gimignano, with many luxurious and beautiful features, such as: a magnificent Roman Bath house style indoor heated pool opening up to the gardens, Fitness Suite, Solarium and Sauna. Perfectly located for day trips to nearby Florence, Siena and Pisa, and the nearest beaches are under an hour.

Hot & spicy holidays:

**AN EXCLUSIVE MORROCAN RIAD, WITH STAFF:** from £1,000/wk year-round

Property 73430 – £1,000 a week will get you exclusive use of this entire Riad and includes breakfast, daily maid service, housekeeper. This stunning, traditional Riad has been restored to its former splendour and is set in the heart of the Medina. Offers extensive and luxurious living space: set around a beautiful courtyard with plunge pool for cooling off in, it has four bedrooms, a large living/dining area, and a second relaxing 'salon' on the first floor which leads out on to the large roof-top terrace; also with dining table and chairs.

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About Holiday-Rentals & HomeAway, Inc.

Based in London and founded in January 1996, Holiday-Rentals represents more than 130,000 holiday properties providing travellers with a worldwide selection and easy to use tools for finding a holiday home, and owners a simple, cost effective way to market their property.

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