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## THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO UK BEACH HOLIDAYS

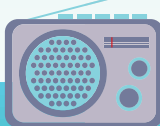
No beach holiday in the UK is guaranteed sunshine but being a little bit flexible with your booking will help you capitalise on the weather. Book last minute for great deals and sunny weather.

### On your beach day check

- Wind direction
- Sea swell
- Beach flags
- Tide times

**TIP.**

Use your tech or listen to the local radio to check tide times, surf reports and wind directions. Try [magicseaweed.com](http://magicseaweed.com) or [windguru.cz](http://windguru.cz) for up to date information.



## THE BEACH

Of course you want the beach on your doorstep to make this the best beach holiday you've ever had, but did you think about the type of beach you're looking for? Do you want lush golden sands or smooth layers of pebbles? Check out the beach types near a cottage before booking to make sure you get exactly what you want.

Please take your litter home



**TIP.**

Ask a local to see if they know of any secret spots. You'd be surprised how many people will be happy to recommend a new place for you to see.

## THE ESSENTIALS

We like to think that most people take the same things to the beach. Some godsend items to remember are sun cream, Vaseline to stop wetsuits rubbing and talc to get wet sand off your feet. Here are our essentials for beach days:

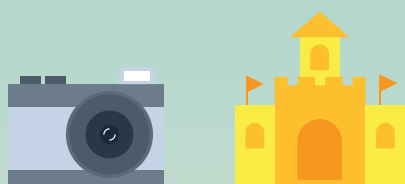


- Suncream
- UV protective clothing
- Sun hat
- Pop up tent
- Umbrella
- Windbreak
- Bucket and spade
- Wetsuits
- Swimsuits
- Beach bag
- Body boards and surfboard
- Towels
- Bottled water
- Blanket
- Flip-flops



## THE EXTRAS

Sometimes, we think the extras aren't that important. Many of us have used the phrase 'ah, it'll be alright' before actually realising that no, it will not be all right. Some thoughts taken from the Classic team's own real-life disastrous moments:



### Are there toilets on the beach?

There are many beaches in the South and West that don't have toilets. If you like a loo in the near vicinity or you have children who may need to go, a toilet block on the beach can be a lifesaver.



**TIP.**

**Carry cash with you.** There's nothing worse than a beautiful ice cream shop that won't take cards.

## BEACH SAFETY

### RIP CURRENTS

Rip currents are tricky to spot on the beach. They tend to be areas of calmer-looking choppy water in between the breaking waves. If you get caught in a rip current, stay calm and try to get the lifeguard's attention.



Do not enter the water



Swim or bodyboard between



Surf between these

### TIDES

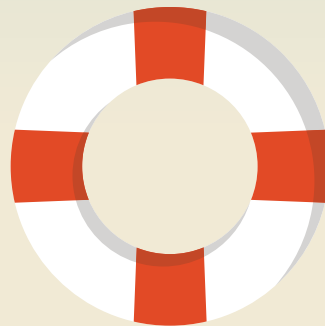
Check high and low tide times before heading to the beach to get the best experience. Low tide is when the water is far out, exposing more beach. High tide is when the water is in.

**IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 999 AND ASK FOR THE COASTGUARD**

### BEACH FLAGS

Stay safe on the sand by keeping an eye on the flags indicating the safety areas on the beach. If you're not sure, talk to the lifeguards on duty.

**Not all beaches are lifeguarded.**



Now that you've got an idea what to bring, take a look at our holiday homes by the sea.

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