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THE CABIN AT BLISS BLAKENEY

BLAKENEY, NORFOLK

Right on the edge of the salty marshlands just outside Blakeney village, this chic seaside shack is a new breed of hideaway. Built in just seven weeks out of sheets of Scandinavian pine and spruce wood that were laminated together like a Jenga puzzle, the finished cabin is an eco-warrior's dream. It's incredibly well insulated and energy efficient. Designed by husband-and-wife team Lisa and Daniel Broch (the man who brought sofas and cocktails to the London cinema scene with the Everyman), the property has a clever, hotel-style flexibility. If there are just two of you, rent the master bedroom, which comes with a scoop-shaped, free-standing bath and suntrap of a private terrace, and use the open-plan kitchen and sitting room with its flashes of pink (bright cerise cupboards, candy-painted chairs, a coral-coloured record player), cocktail kit and log fire. Or if the whole brood is in tow, there are three other double bedrooms, all with their own bathrooms, floral Arne Jacobsen wallpaper and groovy local furniture finds that you might want to take home – which can be arranged. The most covetable are the vintage bedspreads and industrial lampshades from Nixey and Godfrey in Holt. The living space is very well thought out, the poured-concrete and latex floors are great for sandy feet, and rather than the traditional welcome hamper there's a brown paper bag overflowing with artisanal produce: quail eggs, sloe gin and freshly picked strawberries from Wiveton Hall farm. There are masseuses on call, a fire pit and an outdoor shower in the garden. And beyond that, high jinks on the coast: crabbing and mud sliding in Blakeney harbour at high tide, trips out on the afternoon boat for seal-spotting in the afternoon and long walks on nearby Holkham Beach.

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