THE GREAT UK GETAWAY

With the credit crunch biting, many people are opting to take their holidays in the UK – and for once the weathermen are promising us a long, hot summer! Here we've found something for everyone at some great British destinations

UNDER £250 FOR 7 NIGHTS

Camping pods in the Lakes

Make the most of the fresh air in the Lake District by walking the fells and taking sailing lessons on the clear, still waters. If battling with tent pegs isn't your style, then bunk down in a camping pod – a cross between a tent and a wooden hut. They're lined with lamb's wool for cold nights, and are totally eco-friendly. Just bring your usual camping equipment – minus the tent. There will be communal toilets and showers on site. The Quiet Site by Ullswater (www.thequietsite.co.uk) has four pods from just £35 per night, sleeping two adults and two children. The National Trust (www.nationaltrust.org.uk) also has pods in the North and South Lakes, starting from £35 per night. And to help you keep the kids entertained, the Lakes Aquarium, on the shores of Lake Windermere, is running a special offer where kids can go free all summer – just mention *Closer* when paying. Plus, anyone visiting both Ullswater Steamers and Ravenglass and Eskdale Railway will get 50 per cent off at the second attraction visited. Just bring your ticket stub and quote *Closer*. (Terms & conditions apply, visit www.ullswater-steamers.co.uk for details.)

Camping pods are great if you don't want to rough it!

BEST FOR FAMILIES

Stay in an authentic Mongolian yurt!

UNDER £300 FOR 4 NIGHTS

Yurts in Monmouthshire

Go back to nature in the Welsh woodlands of Monmouthshire and stay in an authentic Mongolian yurt. Hidden Valley Yurts (www.hiddenvalleyyurts.co.uk) are set among beautiful meadows of wildflowers, streams and woods, and sleep five to six people. Each comes with a solar-heated shower, and you get a comfortable bed to sleep in for just £295 per yurt for four nights midweek. There are toilet facilities and a communal kitchen on site. If you want to keep the kids occupied, why not visit Chepstow's ancient castle nearby. Alternatively, you can hire canoes to explore the river Wye at Monmouth Canoe and Activity Centre (www.monmouthcanoe.com).

They're comfy and cosy inside

Vampire hunting in Whitby

For a holiday with a difference, take your teens on a vampire-hunting trip to Whitby, the north Yorkshire town that inspired Bram Stoker's *Dracula* – it even has a vampire trail (pick up a map from the tourist office). For a family-friendly stay, rent a cottage like Hill Cliff in nearby picturesque Robin Hood's Bay (www.cottages4you.co.uk). It costs £469 for seven nights, but as it sleeps up to eight, you can share with another family and halve the cost! And don't worry about cooking – Whitby's Magpie Café (14 Pier Road) serves some of the best fish 'n' chips in the country!

Treat your family to some of the best fish and chips around!

UNDER £500 FOR 7 NIGHTS

Historical Whitby is a picturesque area

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