

TRAVEL

A review of CAMBER SANDS, travel NEWS, six of the best SEASIDE HOTELS, plus 48 hours in ANTWERP



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Review

REVIEW Camber Holiday Cottages, Camber Sands



ABOVE This 1930s weather-boarded house has had a contemporary makeover, complete with an open-plan interior

The idea of getting away from it all, packing up the car and heading to the coast, is always an appealing one, but perhaps even more so during the summer months. East Sussex is replete with lovely beaches – stretching from Brighton in the west to Camber Sands in the east – and it was to the latter that we headed one Friday afternoon from Wales, to enjoy a weekend of sea air, windy walks, and fish and chips al fresco.

Tucked along a quiet lane, Sandways was our chosen bolthole for the next couple of days – an attractive, weather-boarded bungalow, just a couple of minutes from the beach. Inside, all modern needs were catered for, while large windows with window seats – my favourite – meant the gorgeous light flooded in, bouncing off the crisp decor and lifting our city-worn

spirits. The four-bedroom property has a generous garden looking out over the dunes, complete with swing and trampoline, which thrilled our six-year-old.

Tearing ourselves away from the pleasures of the golden, four-star Camber Sands beach, we very much enjoyed a day-trip to Rye. A mere eight-minute drive away, this historic port town is crammed with personality, from its ancient winding streets to its quirky buildings and boutique shopping opportunities.

A few highlights include an amble along cobbled Mermaid Street; shopping trips to Puckhaber, specialists in French and Swedish decorative antiques; lifestyle emporium Rae Store; and Alex MacArthur Interiors, a former monastery filled with art and antiques. camberholidaycottages.co.uk