



When it comes to the best holiday destinations for 2021, we've looked locally to the riviera nature reserves, coastal up-and-comers, a TV-famous town and a pretty Scottish peninsula

HERE ARE OUR 12 UK DESTINATIONS TO KEEP ITCHY FEET HAPPY AT HOME IN 2021.

11. OXFORD, ENGLAND

Stories and spires to ignite imaginations of all ages

As authors from Lewis Carroll to Philip Pullman attest, it's impossible not to be lured in by [Oxford's](#) famous alleys, intricate waterways and towering spires, unchanged for hundreds of years. If a curious mix of student nostalgia and [Harry Potter](#)-ish charm appeals, college rooms are available this summer. At the other end of the luxury spectrum, the city's most extravagant digs, [The Randolph](#) (formerly the Macdonald Randolph Hotel), reopens as a Graduate Hotel (an American university-city chain) in June. The refurb has protected the hotel's heritage, including the snug, oak-panelled Morse Bar where scenes from *Inspector Morse* were filmed.

The recently refurbished Story Museum in the heart of the city provides an afternoon's imagination fix, but better still is Black Tomato's [Take me on a Story](#) Oxfordshire trip. This five-day *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*-inspired extravaganza takes families down the rabbit hole via [Belmond's Le Manoir aux Quat'Saisons](#). Activities include a Mad Hatter's tea party, an interactive treasure hunt, a themed river cruise and a costume-making experience.

If something outside of town (a 30-minute drive) is more appealing, local-sourcing, handcrafted-interiors and overall British-hospitality champions Country Creatures opens the 17th-century, 19-room [Double Red Duke](#) in Clanfield in May. The hotel and restaurant group has also partnered with the Carter Company to create a four-day Cotswolds cycling trip for guests to enjoy, visiting all three Country Creatures pubs. Further east in Wallingford, new restaurant Five Little Pigs – named after a novel by Agatha Christie, who once lived in the area – will whip up seasonal dishes with produce from Nettlebed Creamery and The Orange Bakery.