

Top 10 YHA's

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1	<u>ST BRIAVELS</u> Forest of Dean	 Stay in a real 800 year old Grade 1 listed castle with portcullis gate house and spiral stone stairways Sleep (or not) in an ancient dungeon with convict graffiti from the 1600's or a room with a trap door hiding an "oubliette" Heavily referenced in most <u>haunted lists</u>. Events include: treasure hunts castle tours archery lessons Tudor Feast night
2	<u>TREYARNON</u> <u>YHA</u> , Cornwall	 Perched on a Cornish clifftop overlooking a great surfing beach Don't miss the huge tidal rock pool when the tide is out Watch the sunset from the glass walled café, or al fresco benching on better weather days
3	WASDALE HALL YHA, Lake District	 A 200 year old country manor Standing alone on the banks of Wastwater, the deepest and clearest lake in the land. Bring a boat and a wetsuit. Handy location for hiking Scafell Pike NB Avoid arriving over the single track Wrynose and Hardknott passes

4	<u>ILAM HALL</u> , Peak District	 A 17th Century Gothic manor, with its own formal gardens Set in 84 acres of National Trust parkland. Onsite National Trust cream tea cafe, Don't miss Dovedale stepping stones a mile down the country road. Family rooms from £38 a night
5	HARTINGTON HALL, Peak District	 17th Century manor house Exterior festooned with flowers Oak-panelled drawing room and onsite bar Parasoled garden benches Giant outdoor chess
6	BRIGHTON YHA	 Art deco themed hostel, originally a manor house dating from the 1700's, Cool cafe bar Sea views Within spitting distance of the famous pier and beach front cafes Wander the narrow Lanes market area
7	WILDERHOPE MANOR, Shropshire	 An Elizabethan Grade 1 Manor House in huge rural grounds Good for country walks Drinks are available on the vast stone terrace Pretty enough to host weddings NB Beware the potholed single track entry.
8	<u>BEER YHA</u> , Devon	 A Country House in a country village Walking distance to the sea Pop to Lyme Regis for a family day out
9	<u>PORT EYNON</u> , Swansea	 A former lifeboat station on the most southerly tip of the Gower Breakfast at a bench on the old boat slipway Then borrow a hostel body board for a bit of a surf NB The car park is a bit of a walk. Bring a torch if arriving at night

10	<u>STRATFORD</u> <u>YHA</u> , Warwickshire	 A Gade II listed Georgian mansion Set in grounds with outdoor benches and climbing trees 2 miles from the half timbered centre of Stratford Upon Avon Stay from about £25 for a family room. See a Shakespeare play in the home of the Bard himself
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