

apartments in Menorca. The ones at Punta Prima, in the south-east of the island, are on a hillside overlooking the beach, sleep four in two rooms, with kitchen and satellite telly if you want to watch the Olympics. There are plenty of bars, restaurants and shops nearby if you don't.

● *A week self-catering with Cosmos Holidays (0844 573 4261, [cosmos.co.uk](http://cosmos.co.uk)) from 25 July is £1,739 for a one-bedroom apartment sleeping four, including flights. Breakfast is included if you book before 19 January*

## UK

### Country cottage in Fife

One reason to book your holiday now is to make sure you get exactly the property you want for summer. Cambo Estate in Fife has a range of cottages and apartments - including some that were former servants' quarters, if you're still getting over Downton Abbey - and its location makes it handy for trips to St Andrews, a host of lovely golf courses in Fife, fishing villages, beaches, pubs, shopping in Dundee, a day out in Edinburgh and hikes in Perthshire.

● *East Cottage (01333 450054, [camboestate.com](http://camboestate.com)) has one double and one twin bedroom and costs £665 for a week in peak season*

### Cabin in Worcestershire

The eclectic, bucolic Hatch Cabin - "a wendy house for grown-ups" - is located in a private meadow near Lindridge and always gets snapped up early for summer. It comfortably sleeps six so is perfect for a larger family or a group. In the evening you can listen for owls and stargaze through the telescope, there are supplies of paper if you want to draw or paint, and



Umkhumbi Lodge, South Africa



Treehouse at Keycamp's Paris International site



## Turkey

### Princes' Island apartment

If you want to see a different side to Turkey's largest city, stay on one of the traffic-free Princes' Islands, which are a 50- to 90-minute ferry commute from Istanbul. Cycles, horse-drawn carriages or feet are the only ways to get around, whether you're heading towards the beaches or meandering along forested paths. Demand for the few rental properties always exceeds supply in the school holidays, so it's a good idea to book now.

● *A week in a flat sleeping four in high season with Istanbul Islands (020-7436 8009, [istanbulislands.com](http://istanbulislands.com)) costs from £760. Turkish Airlines ([turkishairlines.com](http://turkishairlines.com)) flies to Istanbul from Heathrow, Gatwick, Birmingham and Manchester, from £310 return*

## Morocco

### Atlas Mountains trek

The Adventure Company offers 5% off if you book at least six months in advance, so you can sneak a discount if you get in early on its eight-day family trips to Morocco. There are departures on 23 July, and 6 and 20 August, when you'll take part in a four-day trek in the Atlas mountains, staying in Berber villages, and spend time in Marrakech.

● *The Adventure Company (0845 2871198, [adventurecompany.co.uk](http://adventurecompany.co.uk)) has eight-day trips (for four, children must be 12 or over), excluding flights (£2,796 including flights), with accommodation, most meals, local transfers and guiding*

## South Africa

### Wildlife lodge, KwaZulu-Natal



Malathiros Villas, Crete

*under 12. Activities, drinks, flights and transfers are not included. The nearest international airport is Durban, two-and-a-half hours away by car. Emirates ([emirates.com](http://emirates.com)) flies from Gatwick to Durban from £620 return in August*

## West Indies

### Beach villa on Grenada

If you book by the end of this month you can get 30% off a villa at Mount Cinnamon, which means prices in July start at £150 a night for a villa sleeping two adults and two children. The small resort overlooks Grand Anse beach and has a children's club in the holidays. You can go sailing and snorkelling and visit cocoa and spice plantations.

● *Seven nights in a villa for four at Mount Cinnamon (0808 234 2497, [mountcinnamongrenadahotel.com](http://mountcinnamongrenadahotel.com)) starts at £1,030, excluding flights. Monarch ([monarch.co.uk](http://monarch.co.uk)) flies once a week from Gatwick from £500 return*