

# GLAMP IT UP

Leave the tent at home and camp in style at one of these UK sites



Set up camp in Tattershall Lakes Country Park

## TATTERSHALL LAKES Lincolnshire

**THE LOWDOWN** Think caravan, think cramped beige box? Think again. The TriBeCa is doing for caravanning what glamping has done for camping. Exclusive to Away Resorts and available at four of its UK parks, the new kid on the static-home block stands out from the rest with its brightly striped exterior.

Inside, it's all about luxury and modern family living, with trendy New York loft-inspired décor, panoramic glass sliding doors and a kids' den. Grown-ups can retreat to their room to watch TV from the comfort of a king-sized bed - or on the TV mirror above the bath while taking a soak.

The kids will love the funky bunk beds in their room, which each have dens underneath and come with their own TV and sockets for gaming. For added indulgence, some TriBeCas have hot tubs too.

Located within beautiful grounds set around seven lakes, Tattershall Lakes Country Park has plenty to keep everyone entertained.

Activities on the water include wakeboarding, pedalos and - most kids' favourite - a giant inflatable obstacle course.

On land there's a beach area, open-air film screenings, a golf course and spa. And in a nod to nearby RAF Coningsby - Typhoons and Spitfires often perform awesomely close flyovers - the park offers refreshments at the Spitfire and Propeller bars.

**OFF-SITE** If you have enough time to venture further afield, there's plenty to do nearby, too. Climb the 150 steps to the battlements of the castle in the quaint village of Tattershall to see right across the 365 acres of the country park (nationaltrust.org.uk/tattershall-castle).

You could also flock to Lincolnshire Wildlife Park (£9.95pp, lincswildlife.com), one of the largest parrot sanctuaries in the world.



The TriBeCa isn't your usual caravan

Or explore the historic cathedral city of Lincoln, about 40 minutes' drive from the site. A great way to get a sense of its past is on a ghost walk or an open-top bus ride (visitlincoln.com). Seven nights in a superior caravan, sleeping six, cost from £233. Visit awayresorts.co.uk to book.

Lincolnshire's coastline is less than an hour's drive away, with traditional seaside attractions galore in Skegness (visitskegness.co.uk). Or head to Anderby Creek to lie back with your eyes to the sky at the world's first cloud bar. Truly breathtaking. Find more info at explorelincolnshire.co.uk.

**BOOK IT** Three nights in a two-bedroom TriBeCa, which sleeps



Inside it's all about luxury



Hit the water in Lincolnshire

## READY CAMP Canterbury

**THE LOWDOWN** Ready Camp's two-bedroom safari tents aren't your usual pokey pitch tent. Everything you need is already here - real beds, a wooden floor, furniture and a fully-stocked kitchen complete with fridge, microwave, kettle and toaster...

In fact, everything but the kitchen sink (don't worry, there's a washing-up bowl instead).

And just steps from your door are clean toilets and hot showers, washing-up facilities and a children's play area.

up to seven, with a hot tub, costs from £277, while a seven-night break costs from £321.

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Ready Camp's tents have everything you'll need for your break



Enjoy evenings under the stars in Canterbury

There's plenty of room for the family to sit down to a meal inside the spacious open-plan living area, plus you're equipped with a little heater so you can dine al fresco even on chillier nights. Just pick up your basics from the on-site shop - where helpful staff are on hand to answer any questions - then cook up a barbecue and relax on your pretty decked terrace for an evening under the stars.

**OFF-SITE** Canterbury is one of the UK's most visited cities, not to mention the birthplace of Orlando Bloom! You can easily spend a whole day exploring its landmarks and boutique shops.

Check out visitkent.co.uk to find ideas for a wide range of attractions to suit everyone. An obvious place to start is the majestic cathedral (adults £12, kids £8; canterbury-cathedral.org), some parts of which date back to the 11th century. Take a cooling walk inside to admire its awe-inspiring beauty.

For the most relaxing 40 minutes you could wish for, join a Canterbury

historic river tour (£10.50pp, canterburyrivertours.co.uk). Taking you through the willow-fringed backwaters of the River Stour, it's a gloriously peaceful way to delve deeper into the city's fascinating history.

A place well worth heading out of Canterbury for is Wingham Wildlife Park (£17pp, winghamwildlifepark.co.uk), a 40-minute drive from the city. There are lots of entertaining hands-on experiences and kids will love meeting the impressive range of resident animals.

**BOOK IT** A three-night break, staying in a tent sleeping up to four adults and two children, costs from £98 low season, and increases to £278 high season. Visit readycamp.co.uk/canterbury to book.

If you're new to glamping, camping and caravanning, freedomtogo.co.uk has lots of great ideas to help you plan your next adventure. ■

**ROSIE HENDERSON & CHRIS MORRIS**



Orlando was born in Canterbury



## SPA OF THE WEEK

### Rowhill Grange Hotel & Utopia Spa Kent

**Who goes?** Sam and Billie Faiers have visited.

**Why is it so special?**

This boutique hotel oozes splendour. Set within glorious Kentish countryside and surrounded by 15 acres of lush grounds, it's the perfect place to pamper your stresses away. There are plenty of dining options on offer - the hotel's famous afternoon tea is not to be missed. But it's the Roman-style Utopia spa that's the real reason you're here.

Having recently undergone a £250,000 regeneration, the new-look spa certainly lives up to its name. You can lose hours blissing out in the hydrotherapy pool, bubble tubs, saunas, steam rooms and monsoon showers.

**What treatments are on offer?** The Chakra Wellbeing body therapy (£150 for 115 minutes) uses seven essential oil blends to heal the chakras and relax the nervous system.

Or to wake up tired skin, go for the Ananda face therapy (£85 for 55 minutes).

**Any packages?** The Mark The Occasion break (from £212pp) includes an overnight stay, a 55-minute treatment, £35 towards dinner plus a bottle of bubbly and chocolate-dipped strawberries! Or book the Sunday Night Spa (from £159pp), which gets you an overnight stay, treatment, supper and full works breakfast. ■



Sam and Billie have chilled here

**Rowhill Grange Hotel & Utopia Spa, Wilmington, Kent DA2 7QH. Call 01322 615 136 or visit alexanderhotels.co.uk**

## CELEB HANGOUT

### ZOBLE'S THE NED, 27 POULTRY, LONDON EC2R 8AJ

**Who goes:** Eddie Redmayne, Olly Murs, Pixie Lott, David Gandy, Gary Barlow, Daisy Lowe and Alexa Chung. So, er, everybody who's anybody.

**Vibe:** One of members club The Ned's ten swanky restaurants, Zoble's gives us all the New York deli feels. Head chef, New Yorker Isaac, cooks up authentic NYC Jewish food, transporting you to the buzzing Big Apple with every mouthful. In true deli style, you order from the counter. But don't be fooled by the anti try-hard menu - the stunning interiors of this former banking hall leave you in no doubt this is a place to see and be seen in.

**Best for:** The kosher-style Reuben open sandwich is a winner. You'll be making a special trip just to order the dreamy pile-up of salt beef and melted Swiss cheese on toasted rye.

**Contact:** Call 020 3828 2000 or visit thened.com/restaurants.



Pixie's popped in