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Late deals

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Dales cottage

In the charming Yorkshire Dales village of Kirkby Malham, Bull Barn, a three-bedroom luxury cottage, is ideal for walkers, with riverside autumn colours, great pubs and Gordale Scar all in reach. A wood-burner and Sky-subscribed TV await each evening. Four-night breaks between October 5-9, October 12-16 and October 28 to November 1 are reduced by 20 per cent, and now cost from £512 (07817 524597, daleslettings.co.uk; quote "Bull Barn Late Booking").

Self-catering near Edinburgh

Nine minutes by train from Edinburgh, the five-bedroom cottage Forth Bridges View has glorious views over the Firth of Forth. It's well-equipped and comes with a garden and barbecue, should the weather permit. The price for seven nights for ten people has been cut by 30 per cent to £1,561 from October 11 or 18 (01237 459888, holidaycottages.co.uk). Dogs are charged at £20 each.

Glamping in South Wales

Not only will you save £100 if you stay at Penhein Glampsite (01633 400581, penhein.co.uk) for three nights from Friday, November 1, but the Saturday night promises a private bonfire party. The Wye Valley estate's six stylish, bubble-shaped Alachigh tents — each

sleeping up to five, and featuring a log-burning stove, modern kitchen and toilet — are part of a large farm close to Wentwood Forest. The new price is £395, including the party.

Cosy Shropshire inn

The Clive Arms, a Georgian inn on a country estate just outside foodie Ludlow in Shropshire, has 18 spacious bedrooms and seasonal food largely sourced from its farm. Three nights' B&B now costs from £135pp between October 1 and November 30 (01584 856565, theclive.co.uk).

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Florence in October

Late October in Florence brings warm weather, but fewer tourists. This year, it also brings the city's Biennale art exhibition (florencebiennale.org). Citalia (01293 831970, citalia.com) has five nights' B&B at the Grand Hotel Baglioni — home to decadent, high-ceilinged rooms and a rooftop aperitivo bar — from £749pp, saving £80pp. It is based on departures on October 23 and includes BA flights.

Autumn in the Algarve

The Algarve resort of Vilamoura has a large, buzzing marina, as well as golf courses, cycling routes and a sandy beach. Fleetway (020 3917 7435, fleetwaytravel.co.uk) has knocked almost a third off the price of seven nights' half-board at the seafont Vilamoura Garden Hotel, which has a pool and a

spa. Departing on October 30, when average temperatures nudge 20C, it costs from £329pp including flights to Faro.

Half-term high jinks in France

Al Fresco Holidays (0161 3328900, alfresco-holidays.com) is discounting October half-term breaks at some of its family-orientated European holiday parks by 50 per cent. One is Étoile d'Argens, near Fréjus and just off southern France's Côte d'Azur, where the activities range from tennis and football to badminton, boules and cycling. Seven nights' self-catering in a two-bedroom mobile home from October 19 now costs from just £88.

Adults-only Canary Island

Perhaps targeted at tonic-seeking teachers, Prestige Holidays (01425 480400, prestigeholidays.co.uk) has £363pp savings on a week in still-sunny Tenerife over half-term... at an adults-only bolt hole. The Red Level Gran Melia Resort Palacio De Isora has a facility list as long as its name, with a black-sand beach and a meditative Zen garden among the offerings. Seven nights' B&B starting October 20 now costs from £1,746pp, including flights from Glasgow and private transfers.

Seaside eco-luxe in Morocco

Wexas Travel (020 7838 5892, wexas.com) has savings of £285pp on week-long stays on Morocco's Atlantic coast if you book by October 16. Paradis



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