

Best of British

Travel is open but that doesn’t mean we can’t make the most of a night or two away in the UK. Here are Lulu’s Best of British finds for dog owners, country lovers, city slickers and those looking to retreat..

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The Travelling Bookbinder Retreats, IONA



Tucked away on the spiritual isle of Iona on the west coast of Scotland, artist and author Rachel Hazell - aka The Travelling Bookbinder – takes her guests on a journey of self-discovery and creativity. On her inventive Driftwood Binding Retreat, which runs several times a year, you’ll make your own book with driftwood covers. As well as creating pages and content, you’ll also learn how to fold, stitch and bind books. You’ll stay at The Green Shed, which is at the island’s northern tip. Expect to wander the shoreline, looking out for seals and collecting shells, and visit the abbey and say hello to flocks of Hebridean sheep. Evenings are spent curled up on sofas with a book, painting or sharing some tunes and you’ll celebrate your creations at a show-and-tell tea party. Rachel, whose own work *Bound: 15 Beautiful Bookbinding Projects* is published by Kyle, provides a space where you can tap into your creativity, lose your inhibitions, embrace mindfulness and get into the zone.

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26 – 30 August 2022, rates from £1,495 (includes accommodation, all meals and materials).