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The rental revolution

Airbnb and its pals started it, now there's a new wave of offbeat rental sites coming your way. Not chic city pads this time — instead quirky boltholes, including windmills, train carriages and lighthouses. Coolstays.com can hook you up with anything from a converted stable to a treehouse or igloo (from £36 a night). Or there's 3rdhome.com, a luxury house-swapping club for those with second homes — splendid ski chalets, safari lodges and beach villas are all yours when you sign up for free. And all at sea, there's Incredibblue (incredibblue.com), the Airbnb of the deep, with 3,000-plus Mediterranean yachts on its books. Charter one from Greece, Spain, Italy or Croatia, and sail stylishly into the sunset.

