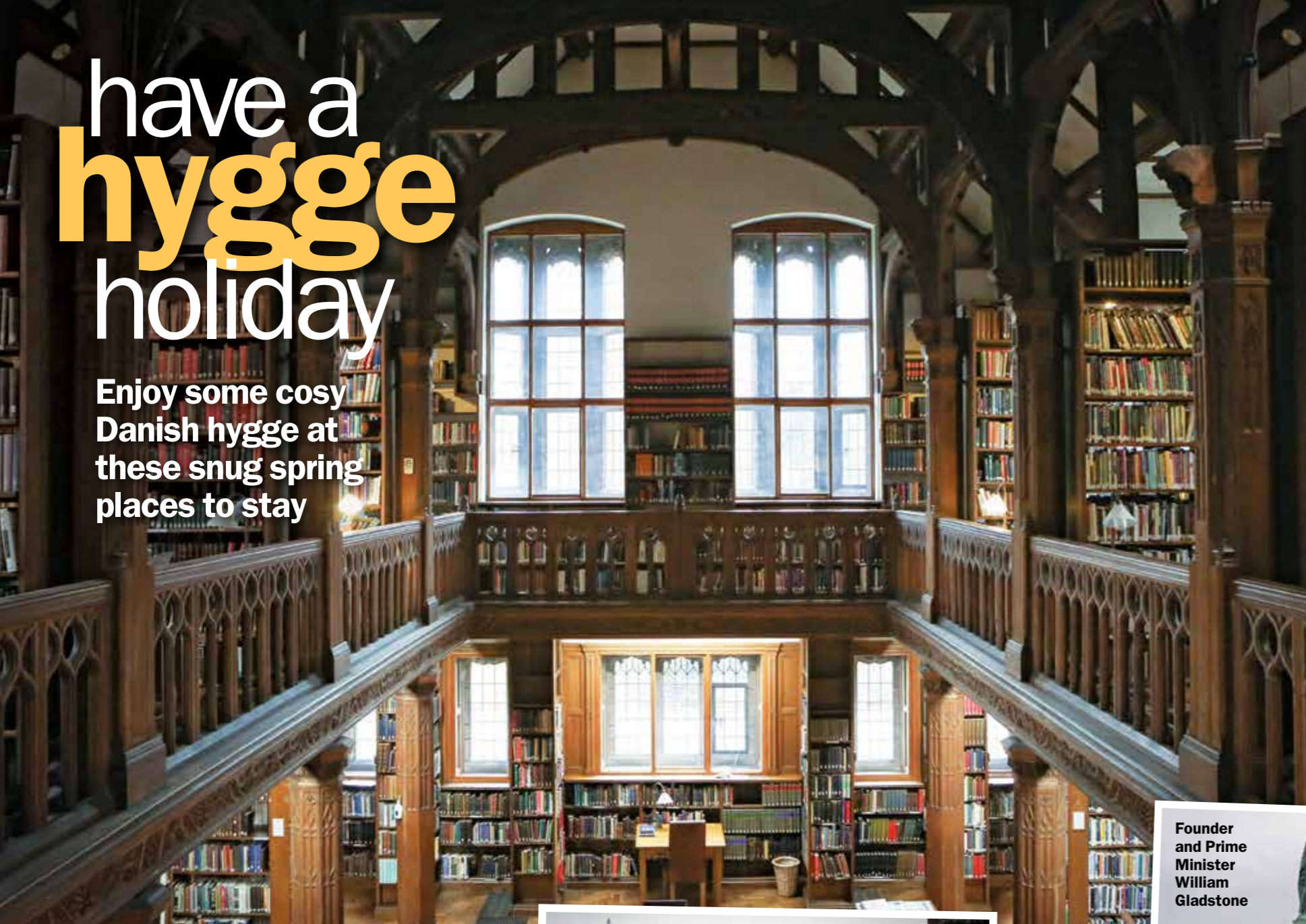


have a hygge holiday

Enjoy some cosy Danish hygge at these snug spring places to stay



Hygge By The Book

When it comes to taking pleasure in the simple things there's nothing like curling up with a good book.

However you won't need to pack your paperback for a stay at Gladstone's Library in Flintshire. The country's only residential library has 250,000 books and journals on its shelves – ideal for hunkering down and losing yourself in the pages of a classic.

Guests have special out-of-hours access to the reading rooms where the hushed atmosphere and squasy armchairs invite total relaxation, then in the evenings you can retire to the

library's Food for Thought bistro for a restful dinner.

You could take the 8-mile trip into Chester or head out to explore the castles and coastline of North Wales, but you may just want to order a hot chocolate and homemade cake, settle back and read something from cover to cover.

Rooms from £65 per night, including breakfast. Check out www.gladstoneslibrary.org.

The rustic simplicity of farm life has the hygge factor, and at Huntstile organic family farm near Bridgwater in Somerset you can experience the good life. Resident chickens, goats,



Imposing yet welcoming

and cows and pigs are calming company, and you can book a workshops to learn a skill like sausage making, crochet or beekeeping.

The farmhouse accommodation includes the Dove Loft – an attractive

room of rugged wooden beams, a giant emperor-sized bed to snuggle down in and an indulgent roll-top bath.

To really go big on hygge, stay in the farm's prettily painted gypsy caravan. It's a tiny romantic hideaway



Founder and Prime Minister William Gladstone



It's only wallpaper – or you'd be up all night!

Snug Stays

Coffee and cake is a must for any holiday hygge list, but go one step further on a Pudding Club break in the Cotswolds. Three Ways House Hotel at Mickleton is home to the popular weekly Pudding Club where you'll spend an evening sampling classic British steamed puds like sticky toffee and jam roly poly – what could be more comforting? A one-night break including two pudding club places and breakfast costs from £229. www.threewayshousehotel.com

Outdoor lovers can get back to nature during a stay at The Saltbox shepherd's hut on Elmley National Nature Reserve in Kent. It has a glass wall at one end so you can enjoy long views across unspoilt landscape and do a little wildlife spotting while lounging luxuriously on the king-sized bed. Home comforts like plump woollen blankets and hot water bottles provide an extra warm glow, while the gentle swoosh of the reeds and twittering birdsong will help restore your inner calm. Take a revitalising walk around one of the reserve's nature trails or, if you crave a little pampering, book a holistic massage. From £100 per night. www.elmleynaturereserve.co.uk

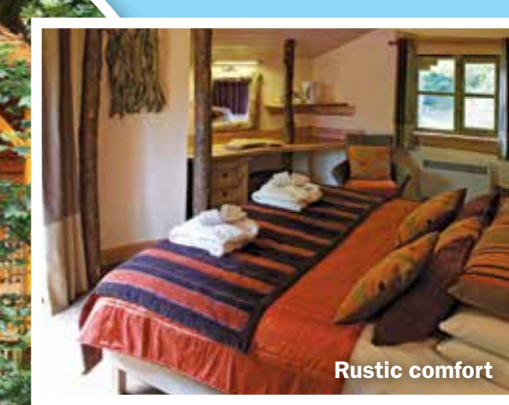


Treehouse Tranquility

Spending quality time with family and friends is what hygge is all about. Book a Golden Oak treehouse cabin with Forest Holidays and up to 10 of you can holiday together in a tranquil tree-covered setting. The treehouse cabins are at six woodland locations around the country and include simple, cosy luxuries like a log-burning stove, snugly bathrobes and an open-air terrace for whiling away lazy afternoons. The highlights are the treehouse bedroom and an outdoor hot tub where you can relax the Scandinavian way, leaning back in the warm water beneath a star-studded night sky. For prices, visit www.forestholidays.co.uk



Some treehouses can sleep 10 people!



Rustic comfort

Travel News

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