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A TASTE OF PARADISE ON YOUR DOORSTEP

HOT

ABU DHABI is 41°C – four nights room only at the 4★ Sheraton Khalidiya hotel are from £595pp in October, including return Heathrow flights. See ba.com/lates or call 0844 4930758.

SPOT

... **ROASTING TURKEY:** Ten nights' b&b in Hisaronu is from £399pp, leaving Glasgow on September 25. Call 0844 871 6636 or visit www.airtours.co.uk

... **DORADA DESIRE:** Seven nights' half-board in La Pineda is from £395pp, leaving Glasgow on September 27. Call 0844 412 5970 or visit www.thomascook.com

... **ZOOM TO ZANTE:** Seven nights' b&b in Kalamaki is from £320pp, leaving Glasgow on September 27. Call 0844 871 6636 or visit www.airtours.co.uk

... **MEX AND MATCH:** Fourteen nights' all-inclusive in Puerto Aventura is from £880pp, leaving Glasgow on October 5. Call 0844 412 5970 or visit www.thomascook.com

... **SPANISH SIGH:** Seven nights' self-catering in Benidorm is from £325pp, leaving Edinburgh on October 13. Call 0844 871 6636 or visit www.airtours.co.uk

... **RHODES ABODE:** Seven nights' b&b in Lardos is from £390pp, leaving Glasgow on September 30. Call 0844 879 8200 or visit www.manos.co.uk

... **TERRIFIC**

TENERIFE: Seven nights' half-board in Puerto De La Cruz is from £355pp, leaving Glasgow on October 30. Call 0871 664 7764 or visit www.directholidays.co.uk

... **SMILEY CYPRUS:** Seven nights' self-catering in Paphos is from £489pp, leaving Glasgow on October 11. Call 0871 664 7764 or visit www.directholidays.co.uk

... **JUST OZ-SOME:** Flight only to Perth, from Glasgow on Cathay Pacific via London and Hong Kong, is from £681pp. Must be booked by September 16, valid for travel between May 1 and June 10. Visit www.thomascook.com

... **OOH LA LOVELY:** Two nights' b&b in Paris is from £166pp, leaving Glasgow on December 11. Call 0844 879 8271 and quote reference 8899496 or visit www.flexibletrips.com

... **AMAZING ADRIATIC:** Seven-night cruise with Ocean Village to Croatia, Italy and the Greek Islands, visiting Crete, Dubrovnik, Venice, Korcula, Corfu and Zakynthos is from £729pp, flying from Glasgow on April 29. Call 0800 916 6070 or visit www.cruisethomascook.com

... **TINSEL TREAT:** Two nights' half-board Christmas party featuring The Searchers at historic Nidd Hall in Yorkshire is from £194pp. Call 0844 412 5970

HOT

IT'S 26°C on the **ALGARVE** – seven nights' B&B at the Pestana Delfim Hotel in Alvor are from £324pp, including flights from Manchester on October 20 and transfers. See thomson.co.uk or call 0871 231 5595.

SPOT



GO AUCHENDENNAN FARM COTTAGE

RATES vary depending upon the time of year but it's typically from £720 per week in low season to £2,100 per week high season.

Short breaks are also available by request and pets are allowed by prior arrangement.

See www.loch-lomondscotland.co.uk email david@james-cargill.com or phone 01389 850 606 for further details.

Love Lomond

I HAVE just found paradise a stone's throw from the busy A82 at Loch Lomond.

Nestling in the rolling countryside, in the grounds of Auchendennan Farm, is a cracker of a country cottage only 200 yards from the loch shore.

And it's here that I spent a blissful weekend with friends, simply getting away from it all.

Elegant

It's five-star luxury for a fraction of the cost.

Recently renovated, this deceptively spacious cottage has all the olde worlde charm from the outside – yet the interior is modern, elegant and chic.

The massive 600 square-foot living room and open plan kitchen lead out through double French doors onto a large decking entertainment area that was complete with

sunken hot-tub and gas barbecue.

In early August, I was in that hot-tub, staring dreamily into the distant haze of a rare summer's morning. I could've been on the moon. There wasn't a soul around.

And there's no traffic

because the access drive is only for the farmhouse and cottage.

Rain was never very far away, but I was prepared for anything that the Scottish summer could throw at me.

By tea-time a storm was raging, with rain crashing off the cottage windows.

I turned on the 50-inch plasma Sky TV, lit a log in the wood-burning fireplace, and settled on the sofa for a bit of telly and a glass of chilled white wine.

That evening, I was

hosting a birthday dinner for six.

Easy peasy.

The state-of-the-art kitchen accommodated everything within reach and in no time the table was laid and my guests were arriving for an overnight stay.

The three bedrooms are all ensuite with their own mains pressured power showers.

And the cottage is all on one level – which makes it perfect for disabled visitors.

In fact, the sizeable shower rooms and living

space is particularly good for those in wheelchairs.

I stayed from Friday until Sunday and was sorry to leave such a restful and beautiful location. It was perfect.

But next time I'll be using it as a base to check out the surrounding area.

Cameron House Hotel, the popular Cruin Restaurant and the Duck Bay Marina are all within walking distance.

It's also great for exploring Loch Lomond and the Trossachs National Park.

Luxury

Auchendennan Farm Cottage is ideally suited to larger groups – like families and reunions – and for luxury that's priced lower than most three-star hotels if we're all splitting the costs. I know where I'd rather be.

And if you're willing to splash out, it's the perfect retreat for a romantic weekend for two.

This is a newcomer to the holiday market – so get in early before everyone wants to live opposite the loch.

YVONNE BOLOURI



SHORE THING . . . (l-r) the stunning loch, swanky Cameron House and chic cottage