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HOLIDAY HOME HAVENS

*Interior designer **Arianne Kamyab** looks around the world to create relaxing holiday homes full of warmth and wanderlust*

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Afro-Arabia: jewel tones and rustic glam play with striking colour combos for a modern multiethnic style

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NEW MOROCCO
 Turquoise is the summer's shade for a mod-gen Morocco vibe

THE WHISPER OF THE WAVES
 Create a contemporary second home on a faraway coast

It could be the one place on Earth I would call my sanctuary, my escape, my bolt-hole from the world, or simply my home-away-from-home. Wherever in the world a holiday home stands, whether it be a Provençal villa in the south of France, a contemporary beach house in the Hamptons, or a charming townhouse in central London, we're often too consumed by our new exterior surroundings to realise the significance of the actual living space inside our summer pad. To indulge in a beautiful climate or a killer view, it is imperative to consider the ethos of your interior. In my holiday home there has to be an apparent scheme, the nature of which doesn't just take me away physically but also displaces me in an emotional capacity. From creating sympathetic cultural references to picking colours out of an ocean backdrop, attention to detail is vital. Take an ocean-front home. A contemporary setting is always the

convivial choice, allowing cinematic views to play most effectively on your mind. An ocean backdrop should almost always be the focal point of any waterfront home. Having said that, it needs gentle complements in the form of clean architectural lines and a neutral palette, with an accent or two. In beautiful homes perched upon clifftops or verdant valley slopes, floor-to-ceiling windows will frame the panoramic view of nature perfectly. A soft grey palette infused with a simple colour-block rug carries shades from the exterior through to the interior, and just enough furnishings will resist the sterility that often comes with a minimalist scheme. Round tables and natural wood sides reflect the organic shapes and materials that lie beyond the windows. These are just a few ways of creating a contemporary holiday space that emanates warmth and highlights the natural beauty of your chosen destination.

Rustic elegance: bare stone floors, a neutral colour scheme and untreated woods evoke the serenity of southern France



FRENCH FLAIR

Savour the soulful personality of the Provence at your European retreat

A more traditional take for the holiday home would be to recreate the magic of Provence with colour schemes that evoke the relaxed and elegant spirit of southern France. Think subtle neutrals with enough character to create a soulful space in which you can forget the incessant din and chatter of everyday life. This Provençal dining room is rustic yet refined in a truly French country manner; an inspiring way to decorate your retreat, creating informality whilst remaining chic. And then there are the walls covered in darling Toile de Jouy against a statement checkerboard floor, which resurged in popularity during the French renaissance. For truly authentic design, marvel at the extraordinary chalk-and-slate checkerboard gallery at Chenonceau, completed in 1577, or the Queen's staircase at Versailles, commissioned in the 1680s by Louis XIV to evoke the imperial splendors of ancient Rome. Nowadays, this geometry is back on trend to add a touch of light-hearted drama.

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MOROCCAN MOODS

Redefine traditions with a mix of modern shades and jewel tones

If your philosophy is more of an enchanting one, an atmospheric and vibrant theme for your space away from home is essentially of Moroccan origin; a style that is particularly close to Arabian hearts, strangely harmonious in combining deep colour and rich texture so beautifully. The air is relentlessly sensual with soothing effects of aquamarine, amber, aubergine, sunset orange, sage green, jade and luscious turquoise. Thick pile velvets, jewel tones, handmade tiles and mosaics can layer up to create a radioactive juxtaposition of texture and emotional appeal. Don't forget the fundamental elements: light a lantern and keep the incense flowing. The ultimate objective for me is to morph a home into a destination with a gentle sense of occasion. After all, it is there to take you away from the monotony of everyday routine, to somewhat awaken your senses. These themes have some shared commonalities – of warmth, comfort and inspiration – the key elements you need to successfully recharge.



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