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BROMPTON LAKES, YORKSHIRE DALES

A winner for those with dogs, kids or who want to reduce their carbon footprint still further by taking a break in Blighty, Brompton Lakes is a development of 18 modern eco lodges built around the edges of two large lakes in the Yorkshire Dales. The log cabin-style lodges are built from sustainable timber and have sloping living roofs. They've also got



state-of-the-art geo-thermal heating systems that extract energy from the surrounding lakes to provide hot water and underfloor heating. www.bromptonlakes.co.uk, from £398 for two nights

ATLAS KASBAH, MOROCCO

The Atlas Kasbah is the first eco-friendly accommodation located in Morocco's Argan Biosphere Reserve, a Unesco site in the High Atlas Mountains that is 20 minutes from Agadir's golden beaches. Both owners have degrees in sustainable tourism and have ensured their 11-bedroom eco lodge respects the environment and local



PIPPINS, BUDAPEST

This hideaway has been designed for the ultimate romantic break. Pippins is a modern country vision in whitewashed wooden cladding with bursts of bright colour that complement the unspoilt vineyard into which it blends. Every effort has been made to ensure that guests have a relaxing and luxurious stay but with minimum environmental impact. Solar panels provide 95 per cent of its energy, while a fireplace generates the heating and hot water in the winter and rainwater is collected in barrels in the cellar.

www.uniquehomestays.com, from £49 per night.

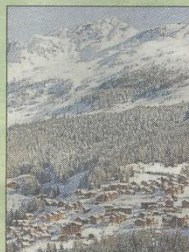
Berber culture. In addition to a vegetable and herb garden, 80 per cent of all electricity is generated by renewable energy technologies and the lodge employs members of the nearby Berber community. 'We have strived to be as sustainable as possible in terms of energy efficiency, water savings and waste recycling,' say owners Hassan and Helene Aboutayeb. www.atlaskasbah.com, from £70 per night

BASECAMP EAGLE VIEW, KENYA

This incredible tented safari is the latest offering from Basecamp Explorer, and is designed to be the most sustainable eco lodge in Kenya. The lodge sits in a secluded valley in the 50,000-acre Naboisho Conservancy and was built using recycled steel, sustainably sourced wood, certified bamboo and local materials. It supports the local community by paying an income to each of the families that own the Conservancy. www.basecampkenya.com, from £100 per night

PARADISKI, FRANCE

The French Alps' Paradiski area in Savoy offers 425km of uninterrupted skiing between three resorts and is open until April 27, making it any ski enthusiast's ideal final fling with the slopes before the end of the season. Thanks to a recent push in all things green, Paradiski has also turned the idea of an eco skiing holiday into a reality. Renewable energy powers its ski area, chair lifts and hotels, there are two train



stations at its disposal as an alternative to arrival by flight, and certified eco lodges in both Peisey and Les Arcs. www.paradiski.com

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