



2 Glamp at Feather Down Farms

1. Row Farm Cottage, from £400

ENJOY the Lake District while staying on a 175-acre working livestock farm. Your accommodation will be at Row Farm Cottage, which sleeps four. The farm, near the beautiful Eskdale Valley, rears suckler cows and sheep, and the farmer is happy to show guests around when sheep are lambing and cows are calving. Dating back to the 1700s, the property is in the hamlet of Waberthwaite, a mile from an Irish Sea beach in the Western Lakes. The village has a pub serving good food and a farm shop known for its Cumberland sausage and bacon.

THE DEAL: Cumbrian Cottages have a week from March 31 for £415 and from April 7 for £445 (or from March 24 £345 and April 14 for £400). Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10

2. Feather Down Farms, from £405

TRY "glamping" in a farm setting. Large bell tents come equipped with pillows, kitchens, oil lamps, and candles, and there's organic produce on the site. The lambing season means visitors can get a close-up look at the new arrivals as well as helping out with bottle-feeding. There are Feather Down Farms offering lambing in Oxfordshire, Northern Ireland, North Wales, Exmoor, Cumbria (the farm that hosted the BBC's Lambing Live), Snowdonia, Somerset and Sussex.

THE DEAL: A long weekend from Friday March 30 until Monday April 2 costs £405 per tent (sleeps six). Good Friday until Tuesday April 10, £535. Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10

3. Fair Oak Farm, from £313

NESTLED in a 12-acre estate in the Wealden Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Fair Oak Farm in East Sussex has alpacas and rare-breed peacocks that guests can feed. Free-range chickens provide organic eggs, and the farm has a wildlife protection plan including owl-entice-ment nests.

You won't get bored here: cooking courses, yoga classes, cycle hire, archery and falconry are all available on site by prior arrangement, as is fishing at neighbouring Lakedown Fisheries, owned by Roger Daltrey, singer with rock legends The Who.

THE DEAL: Converted Grade II-listed buildings, Barn and Cow Shed, sleeping six, are available on the following dates: March 5-9, March 12-16, March 19-23, March 26-30 and April 2-6) for £680; Grain Store and Stable Cottage, sleeping two-four, from £313. Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10

4. Bardown Farm, from £494

THERE'S a traditional mix of sheep,

eggs and help bottle-feed the lambs. Lambing starts in earnest from mid-March. The farm has four cottages, each sleeping four, with one adapted for limited-mobility and wheelchair users. There is also a heated outdoor pool (open from April) and an outdoor play area. National Trust properties nearby include Bodiam Castle and Sissinghurst with canoeing, sailing, windsurfing, golf, and Go Ape at Bedgebury, all within easy reach.

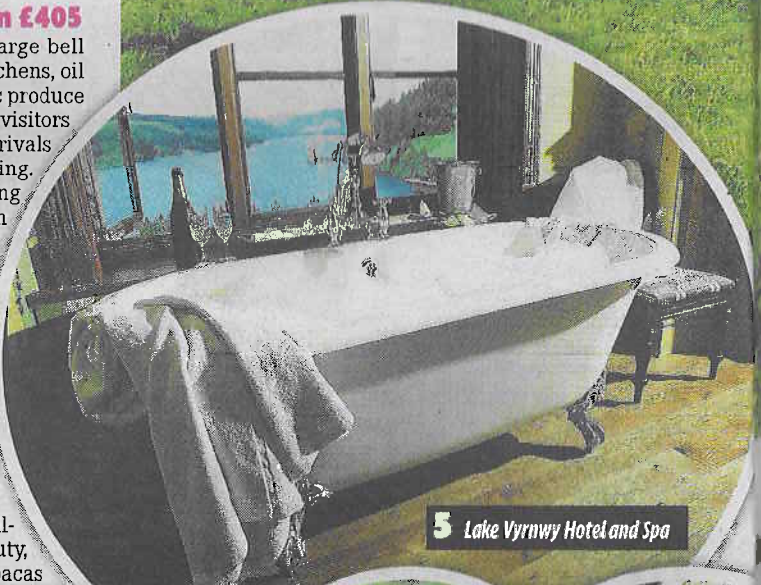
THE DEAL: Four nights in Ewe Cottage, arriving March 29 costs £494; seven



3 Fair Oak Farm for rare breeds



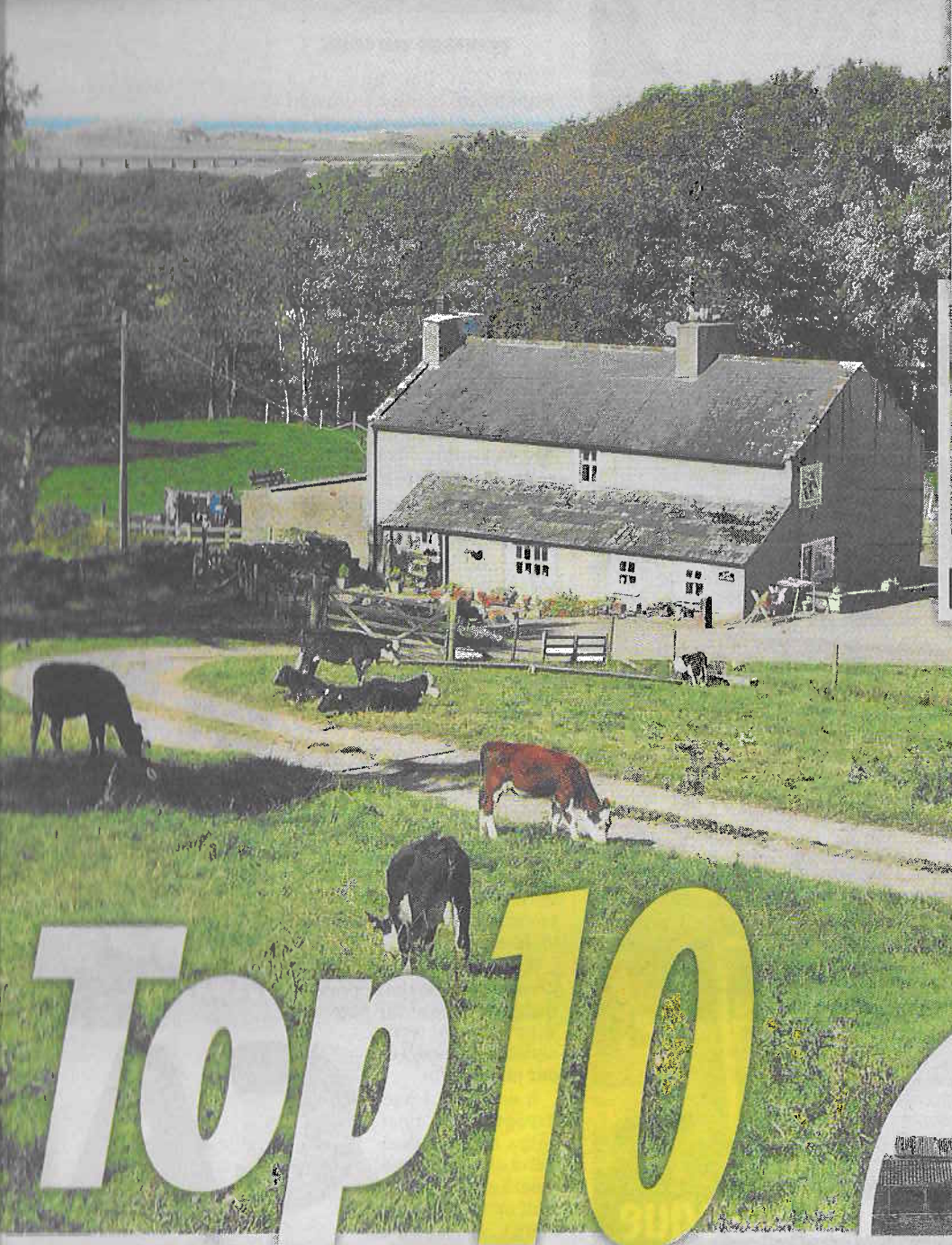
1 Row Farm Cottage, Lake District



5 Lake Vyrnwy Hotel and Spa



4 Kids will love Bardown Farm



Top 10

...spring farm breaks

Take a trip to the countryside this spring and stay where the kids can enjoy lambing, calving and those extra special Easter chicks

dinner on both nights. Available March 24-April 29, Friday-Sunday and Saturday-Monday, excluding Easter weekend. Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10

6. Barn Cottage, from £469

GET back to nature with a Cornish farm stay. Barn Cottage, sleeping six, is a stunning barn conversion on an organic farm in Ruan Major on the Lizard peninsula, with rare-breed, free-range chickens. The farm is a conservation area for rare birds and other wildlife. Visit the owners' workshops where you can take half-day courses in organic vegetable growing and yoga classes.

THE DEAL: Cornish Cottages have seven nights from March 21-April 7 and 14

7. Cundall Lodge Farm, from £80

A GRADE II-listed Georgian house, Cundall Lodge farm, in Cundall, York, has sweeping views across the Vale of York to the Hambleton Hills. A traditional family farm, it grows cereal, grass and fodder beet. Most lambs will have been born before Easter so April guests will be able to see them playing in the fields. The farm won the Enjoy England Breakfast Award 2011.

THE DEAL: Double rooms from £80 per night B&B. Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10



6 Back to nature at Barn Cottage

8. Lovesome Hill, from £100

9. Hatts Farm, from £450

Hills in Northallerton, North Yorkshire. Bring your wellies and working clothes to help farmer John with the lambing.

THE DEAL: Two nights' full-board in an ensuite room in the farmhouse or granary conversion costs £100 per adult, £50 per child sharing (single occupancy £20). Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10



10 Room free at Silverton Park



9 Hatts Farm for outstanding beauty



8 Lush Lovesome Hill Farm



7 Award-winning Cundall Lodge

farmstead Hatts Farm on the Dorset/Wiltshire border. The farm is a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty near Shaftesbury. Stay Dairyman's Cottage, a converted traditional barn, sleeping four.

THE DEAL: Classic Cottages have a wee stay, arriving April 6, for £450. Go to www.sundaymirror.co.uk/travel/top10

10. Silverton Park Farm, from £336

FAMILY-run Silverton Park Farm eastern Devon, is set in six acres farmland, with orchards, organically managed meadow and wildlife pond. Guests are free to roam and meet the animals, including newborn lambs, as well as ducks and frogs in the natural pond.

THE DEAL: Classic Cottages have a wee stay, arriving March 30 in The Dairy (sleeps two) for £336; The Parlour (sleeps three)