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### LES PRATIQUES

## Three of a kind

A survey has revealed the top features Brits would like in their dream holiday home (see page 68). **Emma Rawle** picks her three favourite properties that meet the criteria



€399,000

### Sarthe, PAYS DE LA LOIRE

**1** A cinema room was voted a key feature by 93% of those surveyed as the perfect place to entertain friends and family during evenings spent at home. This property offers a cinema room in a spacious garden pavilion, separate from the main house. In a hamlet, only five minutes from the town of Château-du-Loir, this modern property has three bedrooms, a spacious lounge, an American-style kitchen, two bathrooms and a conservatory. As well as a cinema room, it boasts a heated swimming pool, 7,000m<sup>2</sup> of land and superb views over the surrounding countryside.  
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### Deux-Sèvres, POITOU-CHARENTES

**2** Unsurprisingly, a swimming pool was high on most people's list of features for their ideal holiday home. This 18th-century Charentaise farmhouse boasts a saltwater swimming pool with a pool house and an outdoor dining area, set in 2.5 acres of land, to make the most of the French sun. Accessed through wrought-iron gates, this six-bedroom house is packed with character features including original oak beams, exposed limestone walls and terracotta tiles as well as oak flooring. Set back from the road in a small hamlet five minutes from Brioux-sur-Boutonne, the house also offers two reception rooms, a kitchen and four bathrooms.  
[www.francepropertyshop.com](http://www.francepropertyshop.com) Property ID: 219733



€350,000



€599,550

### Finistère, BRITTANY

**3** A beachside location in France was chosen by the majority of participants in the survey and, located on the northern Brittany coast with views of the sea and only five minutes from the beach, this villa certainly satisfies that criteria. In an idyllic setting in the popular village of Locquirec, this elegant villa would be a perfect luxury holiday home with a variety of restaurants and shops on the doorstep. Offering six bedrooms and lovely features such as a beamed ceiling and granite fireplace, plus a private garden and terrace, the elevated location of this house also provides beautiful sweeping views of the ocean.  
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