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Home from home

Holly Kirkwood tours the world to find the best second homes for sale at £500,000 or less



↑ **Barbados, Holder's Hill** \$725,000

Multi-unit property

This modern complex in Holder's Hill has two studio apartments, two two- and three-bedroom apartments, and a penthouse with great sea views. All units share a communal swimming pool. It would make a good rental opportunity, according to selling agent Chesterton Humberts (020-3040 8210; www.chestertonhumberts.com)



↑ **USA, Miami** from

£201,400

Oceanfront apartments

Situated on more than 700ft of pristine beachfront 14 miles from Miami International Airport, this complex has one-, two- and three-bedroom residences that feature floor-to-ceiling windows and breathtaking ocean views. It is part of the Canyon Ranch group and residents can enjoy four swimming pools, four restaurants and all the services of the established spa resort. For sale through Savills (020-7016 3740; www.savills.co.uk/abroad)

→ **France, Charente** €499,950

Refurbished period house

Less than 20 minutes from Aubeterre sur Dronne, this restored farmhouse was originally built in the late 19th century. It has four/five bedrooms and two reception rooms, plus a pool and seven acres. Knight Frank (020-7629 8171; www.knightfrank.co.uk)



↑ **New Zealand, Ohawini Bay** £478,000

Beachfront villa and bungalow

This property on Ohawini Bay consists of a four-bedroom villa with a large terrace, plus a two-bedroom bungalow. Both houses have outstanding views of the sea and the hills beyond, and are within an hour's drive of Whangarei airport. Available through Savills (020-7016 3740; www.savills.co.uk/abroad)



↑ **Croatia, Dubrovnik** €170,000 to €555,000

Selection of apartments

Serviced by the five-star Radisson Blu Hotel & Resort, these high-spec apartments benefit from access to the hotel's facilities. One-bedroom apartments have courtyard views and larger two-bedroom residences come with panoramic sea views—all 15 minutes from Dubrovnik. Available through Dubrovnik Sun Gardens (00 385 20 361 650; www.dubrovniksungardens.com)



← Italy, Tuscany €480,000

Restored village house

Situated in one of the most characteristic villages of the Svizzera Pesciatina, 40 minutes east of Lucca, this perfectly restored three-storey village house has a terrace affording spectacular views over the valley. It also comes with a plot of sloping land peppered with olive trees. For more information, contact Alfa Immobiliare on 00 39 334 6319702 or www.alfaimmobiliare.com



↑ Portugal, Algarve

€575,000

Three-bedroom villa

Rebuilt by the current owners in 1995, this three-bedroom villa is set among pine trees on the Ria Formosa Nature Reserve, near Tavira. It affords views over its own grounds, the surrounding farmland and the distant hills beyond. Winkworth (020-7691 4269; www.winkworth.co.uk)



↑ Morocco, Aglou Plage €475,000

Beachfront villa

Occupying a beachfront position, this property is part of a small development of 12 villas. It's in a gated community on Aglou Plage, five minutes' drive from Aglou, on the Moroccan coast, and just 25 minutes from Mirleft. For sale through Savills (020-7016 3740; www.savills.co.uk/abroad)



↓ Spain, Mallorca £475,000

Three-bedroom apartment

This spacious apartment in Deía has three bedrooms, high ceilings and many original features, plus a friendly eat-in kitchen with built-in seating area. The feeling of space is further enhanced by the two large terraces; one in particular enjoys far-reaching views of the entire village and out over the mountains. Available through Knight Frank (020-7629 8171; www.knightfrank.co.uk)



← France, Indre-et-Loire €549,500

Period farmhouse

Located in a hamlet just five minutes from the historic town of Richelieu, this six-bedroom period farmhouse has been sympathetically restored to a very high standard. It has interesting features, including a reclaimed oak staircase and a stone fireplace in the sitting room, and outstanding gardens with an orchard, a pretty terrace and a swimming pool. Available through Winkworth (020-7691 4269; www.winkworth.co.uk)