

# Ampleforth Community Travel Guide

*A collection of holiday homes and retreats shared by members of the Ampleforth community.*

Whether you're dreaming of sun-drenched Mediterranean villas, peaceful French countryside escapes, or cosy coastal breaks closer to home, this guide brings together a unique selection of destinations offered by Old Amplefordians and their families. Each property reflects personal stories, family histories, and memorable experiences now ready to be shared with you.

## Portugal – A Casa do Tempo (The House of Time)

Discover an inviting place set within a beautiful natural region of Portugal, known for tranquil river beaches and scenic mountain trails [Walking Trails - Rotas de Mação](#). After a day of exploring, unwind with a refreshing swim or enjoy a wood-fired sauna during cooler months.

### Highlights:

- Access to river beaches
- Mountain walking routes
- Swimming pool
- Wood-fired sauna (ideal for colder seasons)

Contact: *Maria Ana* [A Casa do Tempo Portugal Holidays, Retreats, Events – A Casa do Tempo](#)



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## Yorkshire Riviera – Whitby

Looking for something closer to home? Enjoy a coastal escape in the ever-popular town of Whitby on the Yorkshire Riviera! This welcoming cottage sleeps up to seven guests

and belongs to **Harry & Zillah Illingworth (C07)**. They are kindly offering a discount using the code **AMPLEFORTH10**.

Link: [www.whitbyholidaycottage.co](http://www.whitbyholidaycottage.co)



### Tre Mondì, Puglia – Italy

A stunning villa offering Italian charm with a private pool and exceptional outdoor dining space. Guests booking directly can enjoy a discount using the code **AMPLEFORTH10**.

Link: [www.tremondipuglia.com](http://www.tremondipuglia.com)



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### France – Rustic Gîtes in La France Profonde

**Francis Kelly (T64)** welcomes guests to his peaceful French home comprising of two charming gîtes. Set in the deep countryside and surrounded by gardens filled with old-fashioned roses, this is an ideal retreat for families or individuals.

#### Features:

- Two self-contained gîtes
- Peaceful rural setting
- Traditional décor with antique furnishings
- Excellent Wi-Fi
- No TV or pool—embrace the tranquillity
- Available via Airbnb listings:
  - The Bakehouse: <https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/22659341>
  - The Maison du Bout: <https://www.airbnb.fr/rooms/21857746>



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## French Alps – 12-Person Chalet

A beautiful, spacious chalet available year-round with a minimum seven-day stay. Perfect for ski trips, summer mountain escapes, or large family gatherings.

Contact: [vfoulser@hotmail.com](mailto:vfoulser@hotmail.com)

## South-West France – Farmhouse in the Lauragais

**Sam Cash (B89)** offers a lovingly restored family farmhouse in the Lauragais region, in France that he transformed from a ruin in 2001. The property has hosted countless family gatherings—including Sam’s wedding in 2006—and has welcomed numerous OAs over the years. It is available to rent during the summer months.



**Website:**

<https://www.labombafrance.com>

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## **St Tropez Region – Family Villa Near the Coast**

Owned by Lucy Darbshire and enjoyed by her OA sons over many years, this much-loved villa near St Tropez is available to share with other Ampleforth families. With over 24 years of family history, it offers an inviting base close to the glamour and charm of the French Riviera and the many vineyards in close proximity.

**Website** [www.villafrida.co.uk](http://www.villafrida.co.uk)

