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The Peddars Way and Norfolk Coast Path runs through Old Hunstanton



ARTS, CRAFTS AND AMBLING

In the hub of the village, arts and crafts centre **Le Strange Old Barns** is chock-full of antiques, collectables and craft workshops, specialising in jewellery-making, flower-arranging and pottery. Some 200 paintings adorn the walls of the art gallery, many featuring the beach huts and sleepy fishing lanes that, year on year, bring so many visitors back again. The Barns borrows its name from the Le Strange family, who have been squires of the village for hundreds of years (lestrangeoldbarns.com). Further up Sea Lane, **The Strandline** is an Aladdin's Cave of trinkets and

handmade gifts, many fashioned from local shells and driftwood by passionate craftswoman and owner Alison Jones (finestofnorfolk.co.uk).

SUNDAY PM



WORKING UP AN APPETITE

The **Peddars Way** and **Norfolk Coast Path**, part of which was built during Roman times to enable troops to move through to East Anglia, runs through Old Hunstanton and winds up at Cromer from its starting point at Knettishall Heath in Suffolk. A three-mile leg stretch takes me to **Holme-next-the-Sea** but with lunch in mind, I climb aboard the Norfolk's hourly Coasthopper bus service and head to Old Hunstanton's **The Lodge**. From a list of mouth-watering daily specials I choose mackerel paté with toast thins and horseradish cream followed by king prawns in a creamy spinach and mushroom sauce, served with fresh strips of papperdelle. After the recent opening of new golf/beach townhouses and the refurbishment of 16 bedrooms within the property, The Lodge is looking ship-shape – just one excuse for a return visit to this tranquil and timeless pocket on Norfolk coast (thelodgehunstanton.co.uk).



NEED to KNOW



STAY AT... 29 SEA LANE

Glimpse the sea from this charming cottage, positioned just yards from the beach. Two cosy bedrooms are furnished with antique drawers and mirrors, with extras like hot water bottles for bedtime. Norfolk Country Cottages have around 450 properties to let across the county, ranging from characterful cottages to large, luxurious new-builds (norfolkcottages.co.uk).

THE BOAT HOUSE

Set in the grounds of the Best Western Le Strange Arms Hotel and The Ancient Mariner Inn, the Boat House self-catering apartment offers breathtaking views out to the sea beyond (bw-lestrangearmshotel.co.uk).

THE OLD LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1666, the lighthouse was converted to a four-bedroom holiday home in 1997, offering sensational clifftop views. Bird-watchers will be in their element and dogs can stay here, too (theoldlighthouse.net).



HOW TO GET THERE

From King's Lynn, follow the A149 for 15 miles. If you're travelling by train, pick up the Coasthopper bus service from King's Lynn bus station. After a 40-minute journey to Hunstanton, change for the Old Hunstanton service and you'll arrive in less than five minutes (coasthopper.co.uk).

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