

Staying on Celeb Street

When **Kate Winslet** and **Cameron Diaz** swapped homes in *The Holiday*, they ended up finding romance. But even if you're spoken for, you can save a fortune and enjoy a fabulous break by exchanging your home for a house in celebland



Not so much a holiday home, more a small town in Malibu



This spacious loft conversion in SoHo is in the heart of shopping and restaurant land

SoHo, Manhattan, New York

This spacious loft conversion is located in the trendy SoHo area of New York's Manhattan district. It's surrounded by fabulous shops and boutiques which attract stars such as Julia Roberts and Scarlett Johansson.



Scarlett Johansson shops in stylish SoHo

Jon Bon Jovi is rumoured to be buying a penthouse in the area and Golden Globe nominee Jennifer Jason Leigh and Oscar-winning actress Holly Hunter both have residences in the vicinity. Even Michelin-starred chef Gordon Ramsay has crossed the pond to open a new restaurant at the stylish London hotel in the heart of Manhattan.

Accommodation Split-level, open plan and über-stylish, the loft contains two bedrooms and two bathrooms.



You could bump into Courteney Cox Arquette walking her dog along the Malibu beach front

Malibu, LA

This beach home is in the area where William Shatner and Bruce Willis own homes. Other celeb residents include Mel Gibson, Richard Gere, Robert Redford, Sting (in a residence once owned by Dallas star Larry Hagman) and Bill Murray. Courteney Cox Arquette and husband David have bought a second house in the Paradise Cove area. **Accommodation** The ultra-modern house has three bedrooms and five bathrooms plus a swimming pool, Jacuzzi, sauna, gym and surf boards. There are three maids, a handyman and several cars including a Mercedes S500, a Jeep and a Porsche 928S. No smokers or pets.



In *The Holiday*, Cameron Diaz traded her LA pad for a Surrey cottage

swapping homes around the world. Home exchange companies are run a bit like clubs. Prospective exchangers pay a small joining fee, then post the details of their home online. Once a match is made, the homeowners get to know each other via email or phone so that by the time the holidays take place, they're no longer strangers. If you don't live in a stately home surrounded by rolling acres, don't worry. A potential exchanger

The word's getting around among travellers: hotels are out, staying in villas, private houses and apartments is in. And if two families agree to swap homes, they can holiday for no more than the cost of the air fare. Home exchange began in the USA 40 years ago to provide teachers with an inexpensive way of enjoying the long holidays. Now it's grown into a thriving movement with tens of thousands of people

Cranleigh, Surrey

This beautiful converted country barn is situated in a village where Phil Collins, Ringo Starr and Jodie Kidd's family have homes. Residents of the nearby villages include Eric Clapton, Diana Ross and Cliff Richard. Brad Pitt and Robert Redford have also been known to stay in the area while filming in the UK. **Accommodation** The building is full of character and boasts four bedrooms and two bathrooms. There's also a hot tub and Jacuzzi and two cars are at your disposal.



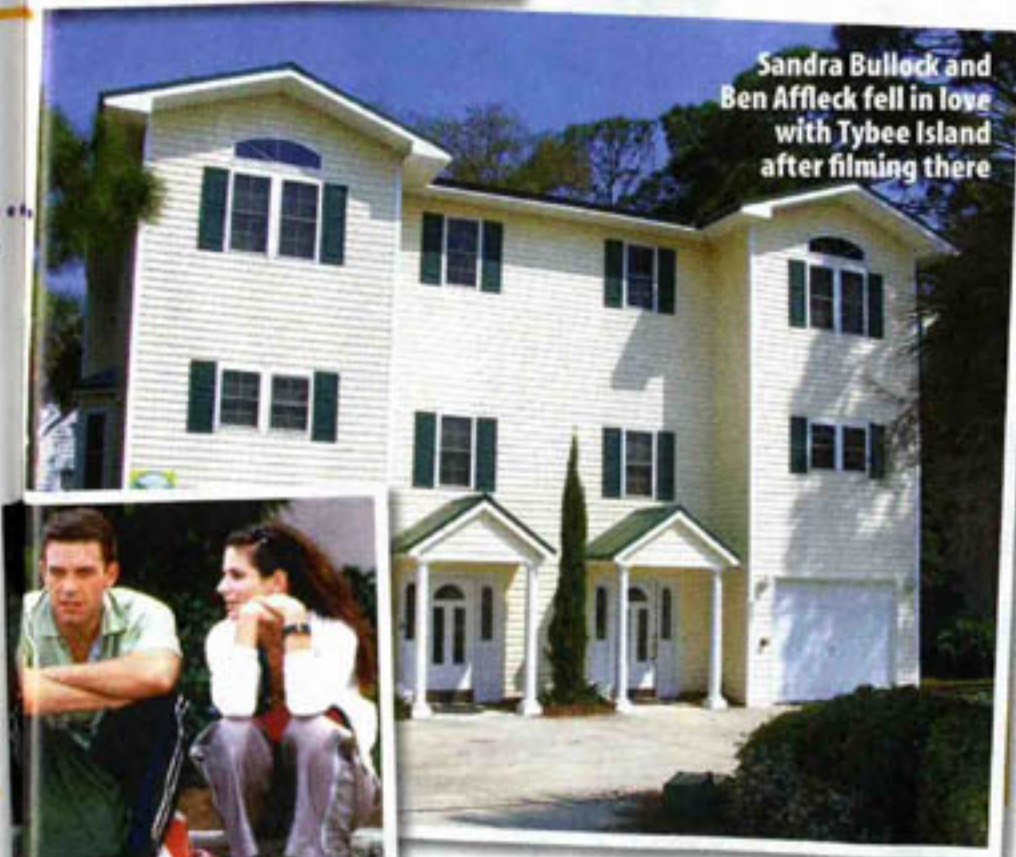
Cliff Richard is one of the famous residents in the Cranleigh vicinity



For further details, visit www.homeexchange.com. *The Holiday* is out now on DVD

Tybee Island, Georgia

Sandra Bullock put Tybee Island on the map after falling in love with the picturesque location while filming *Forces Of Nature* there with Hollywood heartthrob Ben Affleck. Approximately 18 miles east of Savannah, the small barrier island of Tybee has a beautiful three-mile beach and is ideal for fishing. It also offers a full range of restaurants. Sandra was so entranced by the place that she now owns a property there. Rumour has it that Ben's also searching for a property on Tybee. **Accommodation** This stunning three-bedroom, three-bathroom property overlooks the beach and includes a bar, pool table and Jacuzzi.



Sandra Bullock and Ben Affleck fell in love with Tybee Island after filming there



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