



# Brilliant hotels

From Finland to Australia, a dazzling selection of lighthouse retreats guaranteed to leave you positively beaming



## USA EAST BROTHER LIGHT STATION

Just 30 minutes from downtown San Francisco, this fully-restored Victorian lighthouse (still operational), sits atop an island offering 360-degree vistas taking in San Francisco's skyline, Mount Tamalpais and the Marin coastline. Four rooms are available from Thursday to Sunday in the former keepers' quarters, but for some extra privacy check in to the rustic Walter's Quarters, located in the fog signal building 30 metres from the lighthouse. The island can be reached by a ten-minute boat ride from the mainland. From €220-€358 per night. East Brother Island, Richmond, California, USA  
+1 510 2332385  
[www.ebls.org](http://www.ebls.org)

## CANADA MCKAY ISLAND LIGHTHOUSE

Built in 1901, this wooden lighthouse accommodates up to six people, and is located on McKay Island by Lake Huron, an eight-hour drive from Toronto. With its spectacular scenery and walks, it's an absolute must for nature lovers or those who simply want to contemplate life and soak up views across the lake from its deck. It's also particularly popular in the winter months with cross-country skiers and snowmobilers who have 14 hectares of private land at their disposal. Between €63-€70 per night. 83 Bruce Bay Road, Bruce Mines, Ontario, Canada  
+1 705 7853473 (May-Sept)  
+1 705 9420416 (Oct-April)  
[www.brucebaycottages.com](http://www.brucebaycottages.com)



## AUSTRALIA GREEN CAPE LIGHT STATION

Built in 1883, Green Cape Lightstation looks out over Disaster Bay, so called because it's the site of many shipwrecks. Hauntings aside, it's an ideal spot for watching seals and seabirds or the whales which migrate between late May to December. Accommodation for up to 12 people is within two cottages that formerly housed the assistant keeper, impeccably restored by the Department of Environment and Conservation. From €103-€154 per night. Green Cape Road, Ben Boyd National Park, New South Wales, Australia  
+61 2 64955000  
[www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au)

## THE NETHERLANDS HARLINGEN LIGHTHOUSE

This restored 1920s designer lighthouse, on the Frisian coast, is an ideal romantic getaway for couples. Features include a panoramic view of the harbour – from the comfort of your own bed – an unusual circular shower, and a table for two at the top of the lighthouse where the lamp used to be housed. Guests can still listen to skippers conversing with the harbour master over the VHF radio-telephone in the lantern room. More adventurous couples can also stay on a lifeboat – or even the harbour crane! €279 per night. Havenweg 1, Harlingen, the Netherlands  
+31 515540550  
[www.vuurtoren-harlingen.nl](http://www.vuurtoren-harlingen.nl)