

INSIDE SEA GLASS AT BRANCASTER STAITHE

*With lovely sea views mirrored by a serenely beautiful interior,
Sea Glass is a perfectly pitched antidote to modern life.*





Set within the village of Brancaster Staithe, Sea Glass is the inspiration of renowned coastal architect, Jason Law. From an elevated position, the house is orientated to offer expansive views across the marshes and staithe. Its traditional coursed chalk and brick and flint exterior is juxtaposed with an interior that defines relaxed glamour. Full of cool spaces, the house is packed with design ideas and lovely coastal touches.

Set back behind a gravel driveway and electric wooden gates, Sea Glass offers privacy in the heart of the village. Spread over 4,500 square feet, it includes four bedrooms on the first and second floors, two enjoying en-suite bathrooms. There is also potential for a fifth bedroom on the ground floor, with en-suite shower room. In the master bedroom, a generous glass and chrome balcony overlooks the marshes, while the second floor bedrooms have dramatic, 2.5m high Velux Cabrio balcony windows and panoramic views.

Full of space and light, the house has a range of reception rooms, including a living room, snug and an open plan kitchen/breakfast room. Central to it all, a magnificent west-facing courtyard casts light in all directions.

With an interior palette of warm, natural tones and bleached oak flooring, Sea Glass pays continual homage to its beach location.

It is a house filled with showstoppers. In the hallway, a custom-built oak and glass staircase and a double-sided fireplace set the tone, while an exposed brick and flint wall adds rustic texture. In the bespoke kitchen, a magnificent vaulted ceiling radiates light from the western courtyard and into the family room.

A funky mix of materials and styles, the family room encompasses floor-to-ceiling glazing, a retro, stone-clad fireplace and a wall of contemporary, wooden shelves. Overlooking the room, a mezzanine floor is reached via a spiral staircase and is lit from roof lights above.

Increasing the glamour factor, the master bedroom includes a stand-alone resin bath and double sink.

While Sea Glass consistently dazzles with bold ideas, clever design and pure luxury it never forgets to be a family home. Offering lovely, tranquil spaces and endless views, this is the most splendid of seaside retreats.

From the rear of the house, bi-fold doors lead onto a large limestone terrace and beds filled with scented planting. Catching the sun all day, the 100 feet, south-facing garden retains much of its original orchard feel; with fruit trees, long, meadow grass and drifts of spring bulbs. Elsewhere, specimen plants, herbaceous shrubs and pleached lime trees all feature.

In the courtyard, a mix of limestone tiles and wooden decking alongside raised beds and box hedges creates a very cool space indeed.



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Set close to the action, Sea Glass is literally opposite the pretty harbour at Brancaster Staithe and enjoys easy access to vast, sandy beaches and lovely coastal walkways. Famous for its mussels in winter, the village offers seafood and hospitality at The Jolly Sailors and The White Horse pubs or, more eccentrically, at The Crab Hut.

Centrally located on the north Norfolk coast, Brancaster Staithe is well placed for exploring the coastline's many attractions. Diversions encompass pretty quaysides in Blakeney, sweeping beaches at Holkham and seal watching at Morston. For foodies there are many excellent pubs and restaurants including The Hero at Burnham Overby Staithe and The Victoria at Holkham.



The kitchen through dining room.

The hallway.



The family room.



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