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TWO-STOREY HOMES ON WHEELS

A new, emerging home-from-home concept – and they're towable!

Thanks to a lot of imagination and ingenuity, holiday home choice has, over the last few years, become far broader than the familiar lodges and static caravan format. With the rise of the Glamping concept, tradition-inspired shepherds' huts have emerged, together with, of course, camping pods. Now, though, there is a new type of unconventional holiday unit to consider: Tiny Eco Homes.

These are made in Hexham, Northumberland. It's the first venture of its type in Britain although Chris March, head of Tiny Eco Homes, tells us the idea has been in the States for around 10 years and is gaining a following in Europe.

As yet, they've not arrived on holiday parks, though Chris anticipates that's

the next step for these innovative super-luxury little units.

So far, the demand has been for these micro homes for use on private land; on farms, for example. Buyers come from all backgrounds and span the full age range from young

couples onwards, Chris tells us.

Chris has been building Tiny Eco Homes homes for almost four years. They're all on wheels so, in theory, towable, though these are a million miles away from the touring caravan concept.



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Tiny Eco Homes have two storeys, with a bed 'upstairs' in a balcony-style arrangement'. The front of the bedroom is open to view from 'downstairs', which means that Tiny Eco Homes have a lofty feel.

Downstairs, there's a shower, mini kitchen and somewhere to sit to eat and relax; all you need for cosy holidays and home-from-home comfort.

And the price? Around £40,000 buys you a two-storey home on

wheels. Most are custom-built, starting in size from 16ft x 8ft.

With timber-clad exteriors, these units are smart and super-eyecatching. The interiors are wood-panelled, creating a country-cottage theme. Some have under-floor heating, a Jacuzzi bath; all have a steam spa shower cubicle, sink and vanity unit, wall unit, towel rail, cassette toilet, a fold-out oak table with two stools and a two-seater sofa bed.

