A converted semaphore station perches on the rocky Breton coast

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A converted semaphore station on France's windswept Breton Atlantic coast has found new life as a holiday home with panoramic sea views.

The clifftop home was built in the Napoleonic era as part of a long line of semaphore towers to communicate with ships along the rocky Breton coast and has an edge-of-the-world location on the tip of a peninsula in south Finistére, 1.5 miles from Audierne. It has been a lighthouse since the 1960s and became privately owned in 1968.

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The 19th-century former 'sign bearer' has a characteristic T-shape with its tip having seven windows and features a watchtower overlooking Audierne Bay.

Inside, the hallway and kitchen share the living room's panoramic sea view thanks to industrial-style glass-and-black-steel windows that partition the spaces. A sweeping timber staircase arcs up to the simply furnished mezzanine living room with its glass roof and coastal view.

The Semaphore has four bedrooms and is rent for between €1,875 and €3,750 per week via Patrice Besse

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