

Here's a tale of two lighthouses sitting high on cliffs in England (author on travel status). The first, Dartmouth Castle

Lighthose shown above, was built in 1856 and looks very grand as its designer wanted it to blend in with the surrounding Tudor fort. Majestic in appearance, it proved useless as its light could not be seen out at sea by mariners. Much more effective but plainer looking, Berry Head Lighthouse shown below, is a short white cast-iron tower erected in 1906. It once had a Fresnel 3rd order lens and today shines a bright LED light seen at 35 km (21.8 mi). This lighthouse is also nearby to fortifications built in the late 1700s. However guiding mariners home to the UK's largest fishing port of Brixham means what's inside the lighthouse matters more than its exterior.

