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Regroup with your chosen family at one of these sensational spots



VILLAS & RESIDENCES AT SUGAR BEACH, A VICEROY RESORT ST LUCIA

If your paradise checklist includes white sand beaches, lush gardens, incredible views and a dash of protected natural beauty on your doorstep – in this case the Unesco-protected volcanic Pitons – then Sugar Beach, A Viceroy Resort is for you. Set on 100 acres of a former sugar plantation, the cottages and villas suit couples, families and multi-gen groups, as you can choose from one to four bedrooms, which all have private patios and pools. ba.com/viceroy-sugar-beach



DUBROVNIK RESIDENCE DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Just a short walk from Dubrovnik Old Town city walls (or a short drive – private parking is reserved in town for villa residents), with a private pool and sea views, this is a four-bedroom (eight-person) slice of the good life and ideal for a group of friends. Built in the 1920s by sailor Captain Caric and his wife Donna Paola, old-meets-new is the vibe, with original features, such as handwritten recipes by Donna Paola, mixing with contemporary Croatian artwork inside. ba.com/dubrovnik-residence



ARISTI MOUNTAIN RESORT AND VILLAS GREECE

If you know your red-rumped swallow from your short-toed eagle, this rugged mountain retreat in northern Greece – home to 140 different species of birds – is a twitchers' dream. The location is particularly suited to outdoors loving groups – the resort offers rock climbing, rafting, hang-gliding and canyoning, to name just a few activities, while the two-storey wood and stone villas offer a cosy refuge after a day in the wild. aristi.eu



CHÂTEAU CAPITOUL LANGUEDOC, FRANCE

Did someone say 'wine-tasting weekend'? This dreamy estate overlooks a lagoon in South of France wine country and offers eight rooms in the 19th-century chateau as well as 44 private self-catering villas. Having only opened last summer, facilities include complimentary bikes to zip around the estate, a well-appointed spa and indoor pool and tennis courts. If that's all too much effort, simply gaze out at their 245 acres as you sip a glass of the (very) local good stuff. chateaucapitoul.com

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