

Hole up in Devon, cruise the Med, take a California road trip or go on safari in South Africa. Richard Mellor

10. A Spanish takeover

Big multigenerational group? You might be able to score an exclusive hotel booking. Take Mas de la Serra in the sleepy Aragonese region of Matarraña, which has been likened to Tuscany because of its bucolic beauty, vineyards and hill towns. The converted eight-bedroom farmhouse — featuring a cinema room, a pool and, exotically, a Spanish-Peruvian restaurant — effectively becomes a private residence when you reserve it en masse. Just be sure to do so well in advance. There are vulture sanctuaries and safe river-swimming spots in the surrounding valleys, while a gothic castle atop Valderrobres scores cultural points. Top-notch pisco sours await each evening.

Details Seven nights' B&B from £940pp, including flights, car hire, cleaning and five dinners (<u>realholidays.co.uk</u>)