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Your Guide to Outdoor Entertaining



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Move the Party to a European Villa

The only thing better than a house party is a destination house party. These villas in some of Europe's prettiest places can accommodate up to 18 people and offer privacy, pools and plenty of patio party space. Housekeeping services are included and meals can be prepared for a fee, but with markets nearby and kitchens as large as these, cooking is part of the fun.

Mykonos, Greece Thoroughly modern inside and out, Villa Isaura has sweeping views of the Aegean and sleeps 10. The island's best beaches are minutes away, but there's an infinity pool on hand for those disinclined to wander. A chapel and labyrinth provide quiet places for reflection—or to nurse hangovers. *From about \$12,100 a week, whitekeyvillas.com*

Provence, France Mas Colline is a newly renovated 6-bedroom Provençal farmhouse on a forested hillside with views of the mountains and ample room around the pool for a party. *From about \$10,750 a week, justfrance.com*

Tuscany, Italy Amid the rolling vineyards and olive groves of Chianti's Conco d'Oro, Ca di Pesa is an ancient nine-bedroom stone house with a pool and a cinema. Between al fresco gatherings, guests can shop at the Sunday market in nearby Panzano and take day trips to Florence—a 40-minute drive away. *From about \$16,200 a week, homebaseabroad.com*

Marbella, Spain

Just five minutes from Marbella, Summer House is a seven-bedroom villa (a guest cottage has two more bedrooms) with a sunken tennis court, a rooftop terrace, a fully equipped fitness center and a swimming pool with views of the mountains and the sea. An in-house concierge will share his address book of caterers and entertainers and arrange private pickups (with Champagne) for your guests. *From about \$10,000 a week, elsolvillas.com*

Above: CHEZ PAR-TAY | Mas Colline villa, in Provence

Photos: Picturesque European Villas

