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# Holidays with friends

Fancy a big get-together with your closest mates, but with no plan no taxis, just a big log fire and a comfy bed you can fall into at the end of the night? Here's our pick of the best weekends for friends

**BEST FOR CHIC RETREATING**  
SLEEPS 14-16

**1** Tuscany just got an uncharacteristically urban-chic hideout, thanks to former music exec John Voigtman (former manager of Christina Aguilera and The Strokes). Voigtman has given a cool contemporary makeover to a traditional Tuscan farmhouse in the hills – think Sunday lunch with friends looking over amazing views of vineyards and olive trees. *La Bandita*, from 2,000 (£1,393) per night, 11,000 (£7,665) per week through [www.i-escape.com](http://www.i-escape.com).



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**BEST FOR FRAZZLED PARENTS**  
SLEEPS 6+

**2** When you've got kids, going on holiday with other families is great but you don't necessarily want to be c of each other all the time. Which is w Center Parcs come in handy. At one o Parcs such as Woodland Lodges (above) you get free reign of their famously fa friendly facilities, but at the end of th you have the privacy of your own villi retreat to. Best of all, being with othe parents means you have ready-made c minders on hand when you want to r the most of the Parcs' star attraction: Aqua Sana Spa. As good as anything y likely to find in a five-star hotel, the comes with all the pampering essentia steam rooms and saunas, reflexology