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‘Group getaways have gone up a gear’ – 20 great stays for extended families, friends and catch-ups

From beachside retreats and cottages to stylish country piles and luxe villas, group getaways have gone up a gear....

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[20 group getaways for extended families and large groups in Ireland and overseas | Irish Independent](#)

Forget the stereotypical 2.4 holiday; parents, kids and beach. A lot of standards have changed since the pandemic, with people rethinking how they want to spend their precious days off and a renewed enthusiasm for multi-generational and bonding breaks with friends.

Group getaways are one of travel’s biggest post-pandemic trends. Hotels, guesthouses and anyone with a home worthy of renting have developed a savvy sense for delivering accommodation that keeps granny happy just as much as your moody teen, and gives adults a chance to reconnect amid the whirl of career and parenting responsibilities, with plenty of space to come together and escape alone should you need to.

Airbnb is awash with generous homes catering for extended clans; luxury hotels like Dromoland, [which has just opened its first lodge](#) accommodation catering for groups of 10, are responding with packages and offers designed to help larger groups get together; and even some airlines like easyJet are recognising the desire to holiday en masse with its ‘grans go free’ offer.

We’ve rounded up 20 great places at home and abroad that’ll allow for bonding time and space for when you’re driving each other nuts. From remote Irish islands and stylish riads to Georgian townhouses and French farmhouses, there’s something for the entire clan or your favourite friends — all 50 of them.



Lichen Suite kitchen, Within the Village

12. Within The Village, Co Galway

Everything about these five townhouses, converted from a former pub and guesthouse, feels authentically Irish, with interiors that brilliantly balance rustic and chic. All are interconnected and each has different bedrooms to suit grandparents, parents and kids or various friend groups, from ground-floor rooms to luxury bunks. “Family gatherings are great but it’s not always easy sharing the same space for a few days,” says manager Maria Murphy. Sustainability is a core consideration with original features, local crafts and Burren Perfumery toiletries. One of the aces in their hand is the location in the middle of Roundstone village with the beautiful communal outdoor area designed by award-winning landscape gardener Mark Grehan and personal touches like welcome refreshments, Tweed Project textiles and a 30-bottle wine fridge (should you be planning a party). It featured on our [Fab 50](#) this year.

Details: €4,000 for a two-night stay; withinthevillage.ie

Sleeps: 29