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# TOWN & COUNTRY

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## HOW TO CELEBRATE

(DESPITE IT ALL)

America's  
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**FAMILY SCANDAL**  
A HOLIDAY SURVIVAL GUIDE

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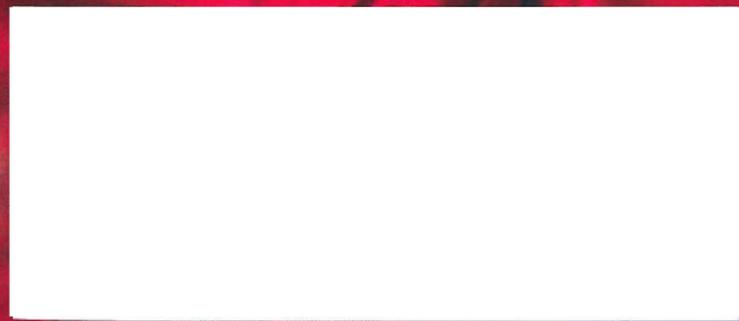
\$15,000 Trees!  
\$12,000 Turtledoves!  
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Secrets





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## WHERE TO PARTY IN 2020

A GLOBAL PLANNING GUIDE

BY SARA CLEMENCE

Celebrate! Take your pick of castles and camps, ranches and resorts, islands, superyachts, museums, and more. (Here, at the Whitney Museum in New York.)

# THE GLOBAL PARTY

## Celebrate under big skies and even bigger tents

### BOND OVER BUTCH & SUNDANCE IN THE SOUTHWEST

Set among the mesas and slot canyons of southern Utah, the otherworldly Amangiri will mark its 10th anniversary with the opening of Camp Sarika. Comprised of 10 tented pavilions (each with its own living and dining area, terrace, firepit, and plunge pool), Sarika is small and secluded—it's in a separate valley, but just a five-minute drive from Amangiri—making for a bonding experience that doesn't scrimp on luxury. Guests have access to all of the features of the 600-acre main resort (Idris Elba's wife Sabrina Dhowre held her bachelorette party here in March), where 34 stunning suites can hold a larger party.

### TAKE THE KIDS TO COSTA RICA

Thanks to its abundant wildlife, Costa Rica has long been a family-friendly eco-destination. This month get even more intimate with nature with **Nayara Tented Camp** (an addition to the popular Nayara Springs resort); the 29 tents at the base of Arenal Volcano are especially good for gatherings with kids. Fourteen of the tents can be linked into two-bedroom units, and soft adventure experiences are close at hand: a sloth sanctuary on the property, plus plunge pools fed by natural hot springs. The 5,358-foot volcano offers more than a monumental view; guided hikes on the lava fields can be arranged, as well as a visit to Arenal Hanging Bridges Park, where you can wind through the canopy to get up close to monkeys and exotic birds.

### IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS IN CANADA

The ultimate wilderness crash pad in North America, the 600-acre **Clayoquot** has 25 roomy white tents furnished with antiques; it can be reached only by seaplane, helicopter, or boat (and horse-drawn wagon from the dock); and it's sure to impress your friends. Nature is the star. A normal day might include picnicking on a riverbank, watching black bears catch salmon, helicoptering to fly-fishing spots, or horseback riding through old-growth forest. (Any extras might feel like gilding the lily.) Procured mostly from local forests and waters, the food is almost as memorable.

DJ Tiësto enlisted Colin Cowie to plan his Amangiri wedding to model Annika Backes this fall.

*The tents at Clayoquot Wilderness Resort in British Columbia.*

**DO** Combine several celebrations (anniversary, graduation, birthday) into one big vacation. You'll stress the details less.

**DON'T** Forget a few extra nannies, for friends with kids.

**WHO  
TO CALL**

The event planners who shared their party-giving know-how are listed on page 108 and work globally. Also, contact Pierre Gedeon for travel advice on all things Costa Rica, (PIERRE@COSTA-ADVENTURES.COM); the Canadian travel guru is Marc Telio (MARC@ENTREEDESTINATIONS.COM).