

TRAVEL

Live the dream

Luxury villas and holidays of a lifetime are a reality if you split the cost with friends and family



SUN SOAKED
Villa Rêve de Lumière in St Tropez



ROMANTIC HIDEAWAY
Can Tramuntana in Mallorca

We love getting away from it all on an annual sunshine break or two. But sometimes we want a holiday of a lifetime – perhaps to mark a special milestone or event.

Purple Summer was launched in 2021 with a mission to do exactly this – and splitting the cost with groups of friends or extended family makes their dream properties a reality.

From secluded multi-bedroom villas in the French Côte d'Azur, to palatial structures on Spanish islands of Mallorca and Ibiza, each gorgeous dwelling offers first-class facilities.

Outstanding food and wine prepared by private chefs is at the heart of the concept. Guests can delight in BBQ feasts featuring grilled king prawns with garlic, piri-iri chicken and grilled Mediterranean veg, sharing-style lunch dishes such as pear, prosciutto and goats' cheese pizza and spiced couscous salad, and indulgent desserts like gin-and-tonic cheesecake.

And those staying at a Purple Summer villa have plenty of options when it comes to activities, which the concierge will gladly arrange.

Groups can enjoy water sports including scuba diving, jet ski hire, kayaking and paddle tours, as well as golf trips, VIP spa days, wine tasting, hot-air-balloon rides, supercar tours and helicopter flights.

If you fancy some indulgence, here are five of the stunning villas...

Honeymoon hideaway: Can Tramuntana, Mallorca

Enjoying unrivalled seclusion and exclusivity, stunning Can Tramuntana in northern Mallorca sits atop a mountain with its own private valley.



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Once couples have climbed the short, winding road to the villa, they will be greeted with a true oasis of luxury and spectacular views that are interrupted only by birds circling overhead or the occasional mountain goat. Although it sleeps up to 10 people in five en-suite bedrooms and a separate cottage, the most sumptuous way to enjoy this estate is à deux. The villa was built in a traditional style from local, natural materials and featuring white-washed walls, large windows, elegant décor and wooden touches. But its real jewel is the heavenly private swimming pool set against the mountainous backdrop of the Serra de Tramuntana, a Unesco World Heritage site.

■ A seven-night stay starts from €24,320 based on 10 people sharing. **Fun for all the family: Villa Rêve de Lumière, St Tropez**

Commanding an enviable position on the sun-soaked hillside above one of the most exclusive destinations on the Riviera, guests at Villa Rêve de Lumière will love the magnificent views of the glistening bay and town. Sleeping 12 in six spacious en-suite bedrooms, there's something for everyone. Teens will love the indoor-outdoor sound system and movie room upstairs, while little ones can splash in the infinity pool. Parents can enjoy the on-property hammam and hot tub, before the whole family reconvenes for a gourmet culinary experience on the palm-tree-lined terrace. The fun doesn't stop there – there's a wine cellar, a boules court and a fire pit to toast marshmallows.

■ A seven-night stay starts from €40,480 based on 12 sharing. **Multi-generational magic: Bastide des Virettes, South of France**

Perched high in hills overlooking the

historic walled village of Tourrettes-sur-Loup, Bastide des Virettes boasts a showstopping pool built into the hillside, antique furniture, turquoise shutters and views of the Med. This gorgeous Gallic getaway is sure to delight grandparents, grandkids, and everyone in between. The property sleeps eight in four bedrooms with marble en-suite bathrooms, including a large main bedroom for older parents and plenty of space for families. Two main living spaces, including a play area fully stocked with toys, provide ample opportunity for relaxation and a safe, contained garden provides little ones with the freedom to roam while adults enjoy the hot tub, boules court and outdoor terrace with BBQ. Just 30 minutes from Nice, the property is a 10-minute drive from artsy St-Paul-de-Vence and 15km from the beach.

■ A seven-night stay starts from €14,555 based on eight sharing. **In the thick of the action: Villa Can Alma, Santa Gertrudis, Ibiza**

Nestled in the centre of the island – a kilometre from the village of Santa Gertrudis – Villa Can Alma is encircled by pine forest, olive groves and has views stretching to the sea and the town. Ideal for those seeking the tranquillity of a secluded location, while having easy access to Ibiza's galleries, eclectic restaurants and artisan boutiques. Impeccably designed in stylish neutral colours – with beautiful

sculptures and artwork – Alma has six bedrooms, multiple dining areas and elegant terraces featuring Balinese beds, an outdoor kitchen, barbecue area, infinity swimming pool, outdoor hot tub and sauna.

■ A seven-night stay starts from €36,035 based on 12 sharing.

Tee time before teatime: Villa Llenaire, Pollença, Mallorca

Located in the heart of the beautiful Mallorcan countryside – between the rustic town of Pollença and beaches of Port de Pollença, Villa Llenaire is perfect for families. Built in the traditional Mallorcan style, but with stylish modern touches, Llenaire offers four en-suite bedrooms and a living area opening out onto the terraces and garden. This exceptional villa also offers an outdoor barbecue and dining area, swimming pool, gym, and a playroom stocked with plenty of toys and games for children to enjoy. There is also a choice of two nearby golf courses – Pollença Golf Club and Club de Golf Alcanada.

■ A seven-night stay starts from €18,610 based on eight people sharing.



FANTASY ISLAND
Can Alma in Ibiza