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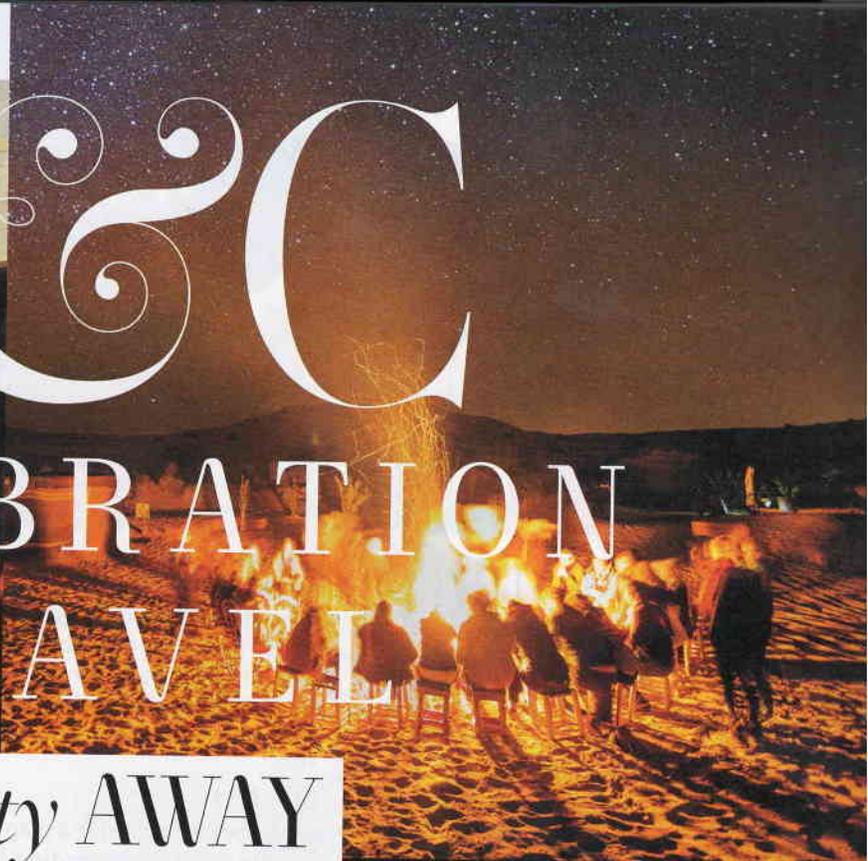
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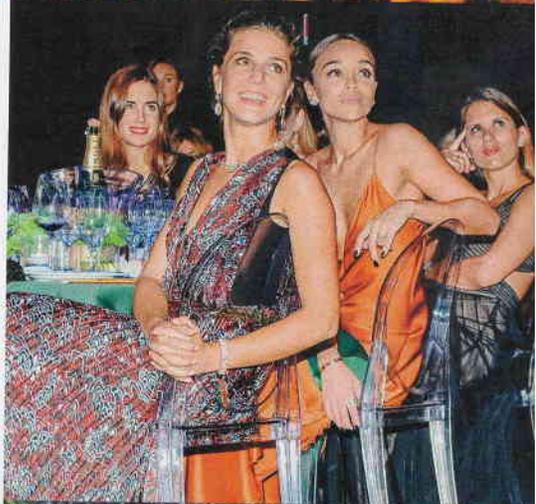
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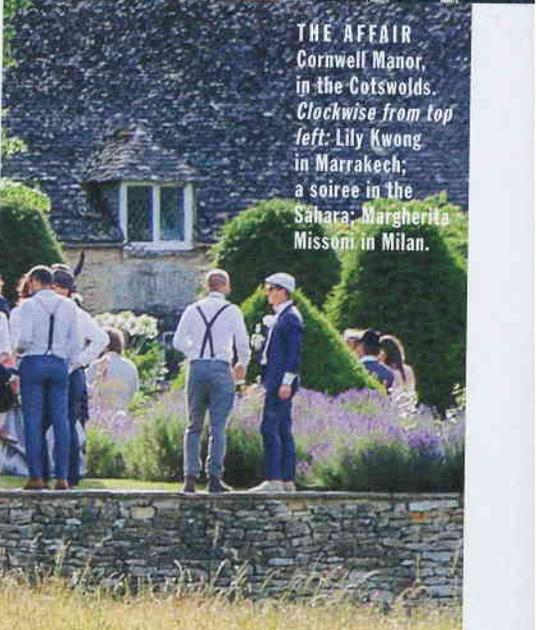
Party AWAY

Traveling the world in packs—and having a grand time doing it—is nothing new. But never has it been as de rigueur as now. Princess Marie-Chantal of Greece celebrated the new year in the Bahamas with pals Amanda Brooks and India Hicks—this on the heels of a girls weekend in Yorkshire. In January, Tory Burch and eight friends beat the cold by heading to her 27-acre spread in Antigua, a property once owned by Bunny Mellon. Gwyneth Paltrow flew to Punta Mita with her kids for film producer Crystal Lourd's 50th birthday back in 2015 and had such a good time that she did it all over again last year. Tequila entrepreneurs George Clooney and Rande Gerber don't even look for an excuse to take off, with or without wives Amal Clooney and Cindy Crawford. On the following pages are 10 properties around the world we love—custom-made for peripatetic parties of all types.

By Priscilla Eakeley

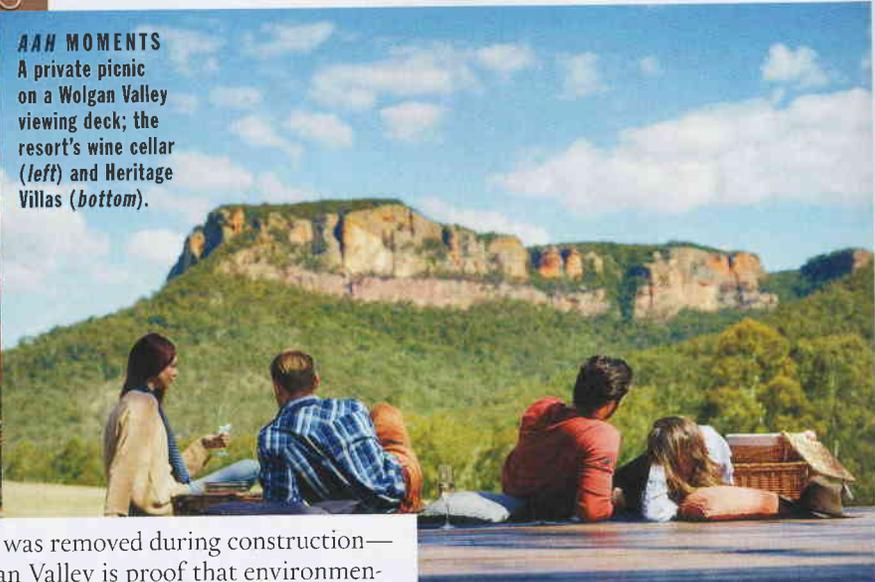
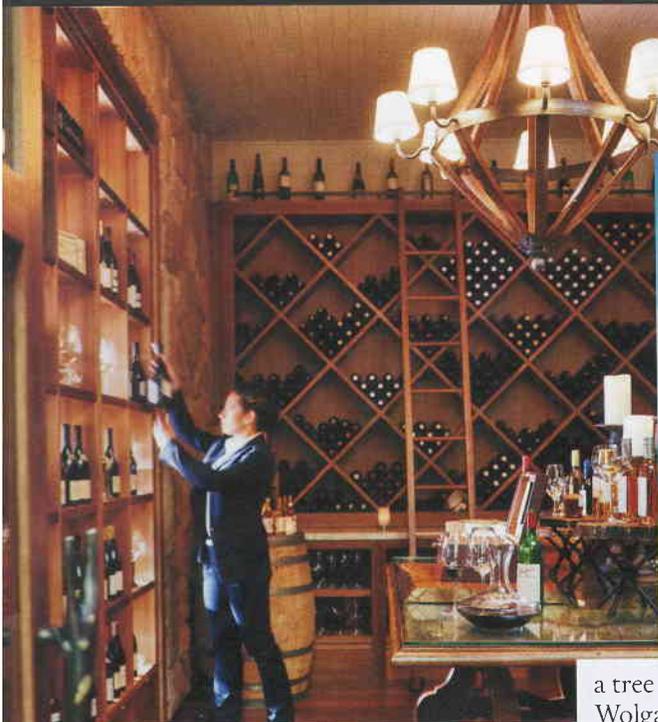


THE AFFAIR
Cornwell Manor, in the Cotswolds. Clockwise from top left: Lily Kwong in Marrakech; a soiree in the Sahara; Margherita Missoni in Milan.



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AAH MOMENTS
A private picnic on a Wolgan Valley viewing deck; the resort's wine cellar (left) and Heritage Villas (bottom).



Down Under: SHOWING THE KIDS WHY EARTH IS FIRST IN AUSTRALIA

One of the advantages of staying at a villa within a resort is that you have both privacy and the use of all the resort's facilities. For the 4,400-square-foot **Wolgan Villa**, that means access to Emirates One&Only Wolgan Valley's restaurants, stable of horses, spa, and gym (should you decide that the kangaroos hopping by your lap pool aren't company enough). Not that you'll be spending much time in the gym: The resort's setting, on a 7,000-acre Jurassic Park-like preserve backed by the rugged Blue Mountains three hours west of Sydney, is spectacular. In the morning the steep sandstone escarpments surrounding the valley are shrouded in a Brigadoon mist so otherworldly even longtime employees catch their breath. At night the sky blazes with the Milky Way and the Pleiades (summer), and the eucalyptus-scented air rings with the exotic chatter of nocturnal birds and animals. Best of all: As the first carbon-neutral resort in the world—not

a tree was removed during construction—Wolgan Valley is proof that environmental awareness and five-star luxury can go hand in hand. **SLEEPS:** 6. **TO BOOK:** CONTACT INFO@ONEANDONLYWOLGANVALLEY.COM, FROM \$4,670 PER DAY, ALL-INCLUSIVE

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- ▶ Horseback riding, bush walking, mountain biking, and off-roading are among the resort's first-rate ways of **exploring the terrain**.
- ▶ Thailand's full moon parties pale in comparison with what goes on here when the kookaburras, wombats, and other creatures cut loose after sunset. Sign up for the **night tour**.
- ▶ **Wollemi pines**, which have been around for 30 million years and had been thought to be long extinct, were discovered growing in a nearby canyon in the 1990s. The site is off-limits, but you can see a grove of cultivated trees at the resort.
- ▶ **Charles Darwin's** encounter with the valley's platypuses was a pivotal event in the development of his theory of evolution. The on-site homestead he visited in 1836 is now a museum.



MODEL DAYS
Miranda Kerr in Sydney.

...OR A WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN NEW ZEALAND

The seven-suite **Otahuna Lodge**, a Queen Anne gem just outside Christchurch, was built as an elaborate wedding present in 1895 and has since morphed into a grand country house hotel and foodie mecca, with 30 acres of formal gardens and sheep-dotted pastureland, and views of the Southern Alps. More than a million daffodils bloom in spring, 120 different fruits and vegetables are grown on-site, and the wines are exceptional. **SLEEPS:** 14. **TO BOOK:** CONTACT SOPHIA.PARSONS@ENQUIRIES@OTAHUNA.CO.NZ, FROM \$5,837 PER NIGHT (FOR 10 GUESTS, ALL-INCLUSIVE) OR \$949 PER ROOM PER NIGHT FOR NON-EXCLUSIVE USE

