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20 big houses in Britain to book for Christmas and New Year

Get the whole gang together at these fabulous country homes

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The Find, Gloucestershire

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Gorran Haven, Cornwall

Windswept walks along Gorran Haven's beautiful beach can be a daily treat when staying at this stunning, clifftop house, which has wraparound views of the ocean. The six bedrooms have a chic, seaside feel with rattan chests and striped fabrics, and the open-plan kitchen diner has plenty of space to rustle up Christmas lunch for 12. If the wind is howling, the whole family can cosy up on the beanbags in the cinema room, or settle into the sofas in the lounge and watch the waves roar towards the village below.

Details A week for 12 from December 21 costs £5,750 (01637 881183, uniquehomestays.com)

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Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

Winner of a Riba National Award for its extraordinary design, the Find seamlessly merges a traditional Cotswold cottage with a glass-walled, one-storey building that houses four of the six bedrooms. There is a spectacular open-plan lounge and dining room, created from natural stone, fair-faced concrete and glass, making it a great place for an adult house party (too many white walls for little sticky hands). Enjoy Christmas Eve cocktails in front of the elegantly minimalist fireplace, or a festive banquet, framed by the wall-to-ceiling windows that bring the countryside right into the house.

Details A week for 12 from December 21 costs £11,995 (01637 881183, uniquehomestays.com)