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THROW A bachelorette blowout

Worry about the honeymoon later; what's more pressing is your last girls' holiday before marriage. PRACHI JOSHI suggests you do it like a celebrity

From low-key to totally over-the-top, these celebrities know how (and where) to party with their tribe. Take your cues from these epic bachelorette bashes and plan your own top-notch do.

Serena Williams

WHERE: **NEW YORK**

STAY: If you and your crew are the sporty sort, get your #fitspo from Grand Slam champ Serena Williams' bachelorette weekend in New York with sister Venus and a bunch of friends. While they chose to relax at the uber-luxe

Baccarat Hotel (baccarathotels.com), we recommend going the Kate Upton way and splurging at The Plaza (theplazany.com).

DO: Get inspired by Williams and hit a trapeze class—try Trapeze School New York (newyork.trapezeschool.com). Then, get pampered at Guerlain Spa (guerlainspas.com). Visit the Museum of Modern Art and savour art on a plate at the in-house restaurant, The Modern (moma.org). Later, pop in at the recently-opened Alley Cat Amateur Theatre at The Beekman Hotel (thebeekman.com), where you can catch live shows while sipping on a gin fizz or a yuzu-spiked margarita at the coolest speakeasy in town (thompsonhotels.com).



Gwyneth Paltrow

WHERE: **LOS CABOS**

STAY: If you're a high-flying alpha goddess like Goop gal Gwyneth Paltrow, bid adieu to the single life in style. Take a private jet with your besties to touch down at the Four Seasons Resort Costa Palmas (costapalmas.com) in Los Cabos, Mexico.

DO: Get your fix of sun and sand and then head to Luxury Avenue (luxuryavenue.com) for some retail therapy at Longchamp, Salvatore Ferragamo, Swarovski and more. Don't miss Edith's (edithscabo.com) for some authentic Mexican fare or the cliff-side El Farallon (theresortatpedregal.com) for fine dining with a view of the Sea of Cortes. >





Meghan Markle

WHERE: **OXFORDSHIRE**

STAY: Before you get hitched to your Prince Charming, take notes from Meghan Markle's glamorous spa day at the dreamy Soho Farmhouse (sohofarmhouse.com) in Oxfordshire. Go horse riding or cycling in the 100-acre resort or simply relax at the spa or the indoor and outdoor pools. For a change of scenery, head to The Cotswolds, the prettiest corner of England. The newly-opened Slad Valley Manor (bargeladycruises.com/barge-cruises/cotswolds) is perfect for poolside champagne evenings.

DO: Pop in for a quintessentially British afternoon tea at The King's Head Hotel (kingshead-hotel.co.uk) and then join the locals for a polo match at the Cirencester Park Polo Club (cirencesterpolo.co.uk). Who knows—you might just bump into some royalty.



Samira Wiley

WHERE: **MIAMI**

STAY: The plush and theatrical Faena Hotel (faena.com) is "the" address for your Miami Beach bachelorette. DO: Round up your party people and get with the South Beach action at LIV (livnightclub.com) and Basement (basementmiami.com). Or try E11EVEN (11miami.com), which set the scene for *OITNB* star Samira Wiley's booze-filled bash ahead of her wedding to her long-time partner Lauren Morelli. Take a breather at Estefan Kitchen (estefankitchen.com) with some Cuban fare or try Spanish tapas at The Bazaar by José Andrés (sbe.com). Continue the party on-board a StarLux Yacht (starluxyachts.com) with a joyride around Biscayne Bay. Before flying back home, get some R&R at Âme Spa (amewellness.com), which has no less than 70 treatments to thoroughly spoil you and your friends.



Alicia Vikander

WHERE: **PARIS**

STAY: Indulge the romantic in you with a day out in Paris with your girlfriends, à la Alicia Vikander whose friends "kidnapped" her while she was there for the Louis Vuitton show. Stay at the palace hotel Le Meurice (dorchestercollection.com) for a true Parisian experience. DO: When in Paris, begin with aperitifs aboard River Limousine's private motorboat (river-limousine.com) as you cruise down the Seine. Enlist a personal shopper at Galeries Lafayette (galerieslafayette.com) for a styling and shopping session, and then try your hand at jewellery-making at Van Cleef & Arpels (vancleefarpels.com). Brunch at Spoon (spoon-restaurant.com) where the venerable Alain Ducasse plays with Asian flavours or reserve a table at Bistro Brute (bistrobrute.com) for inventive French fare. For new-age Argentinian tapas and cocktails, head to Bar de Biondi (biondiparis.fr), or sip on natural wines in the Belle Époque interiors of Clown Bar (clown-bar-paris.com).



Pippa Middleton

WHERE: **FRENCH ALPS**

STAY: Pippa Middleton celebrated her hen do with a weekend of skiing in the French Alps with her sister Kate and a few girlfriends. Les 3 Vallées ski resort (les3vallees.com) at Méribel is top-notch. DO: There's more to do than just skiing! Try snowshoeing and snowmobiling or go swimming at the Olympic Centre pool (meribel.net). Treat yourself at the Michelin-starred restaurant L'Ekrin (lekaila.com) and then go high-altitude clubbing at La Folie Douce (lafoliedouce.com), which offers a unique party experience. ■

