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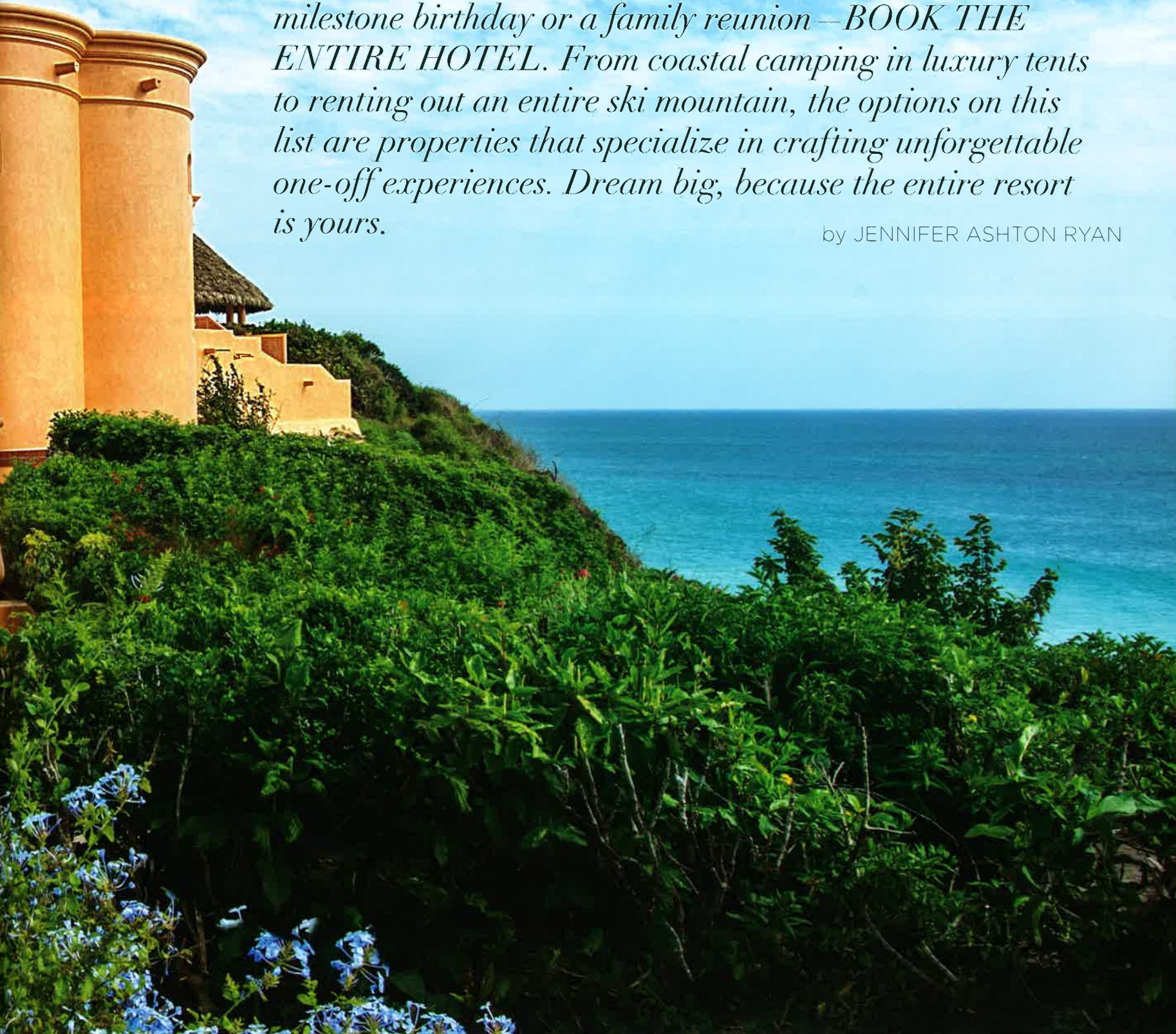


Costa Alegre, Mexico: Cuixmala

HAVE IT ALL

Ballrooms are boring. Villa rentals can leave you wanting more. For your next special occasion—whether it's a milestone birthday or a family reunion—BOOK THE ENTIRE HOTEL. From coastal camping in luxury tents to renting out an entire ski mountain, the options on this list are properties that specialize in crafting unforgettable one-off experiences. Dream big, because the entire resort is yours.

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County Laois, Ireland *BALLYFIN*

Destination: The walled, 614-acre Ballyfin estate seemingly transports guests back to the mid-18th century, when its grounds were laid out. Taking in the gardens, lake, and parkland via a long stroll or bicycle ride occupies an entire afternoon. For more activity try falconry, archery, target shooting, and horseback riding.

Hotel: Twenty ornate rooms renovated in 2011 were inspired by the original interiors of the 1820s manor house.

Bespoke Experiences: For large families or groups of families traveling with children, the staff can arrange tug-of-war and egg-tossing games. Private dance lessons, shooting and archery competitions, or a tennis tournament also work well with big groups. Weather permitting, hot air balloon rides taking off from Ballyfin can be arranged.

From about \$400 per room, including breakfast; buyout from about \$27,665 per night for up to 39 people, all-inclusive except alcohol; ballyfin.com.

