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# 15 Travel Destinations We Are Dreaming of Visiting in 2021

**Our editors share the top locales they are wanderlusting for as 2021 holds hope of exotic vacations and big city getaways.**

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## Tokyo

Tokyo is anticipated to be one of the top travel destinations in 2021, and not just because it's the site of the Summer Olympics. Japan's biggest city is full of delightful contradictions at every turn—buildings so modern they look futuristic blended with ancient temples—not to mention the city is

home to the most Michelin-starred restaurants in the world. Plus, Disneyland Tokyo just underwent a massive renovation, making it a must on your itinerary.

Be sure to round out your stay with accommodations at the luxurious [Hoshinoya Tokyo](#), which features award-winning dining, classic contemporary architecture, a unique portfolio of immersive experiences and spa rituals, and a prime location next to the Imperial Palace.

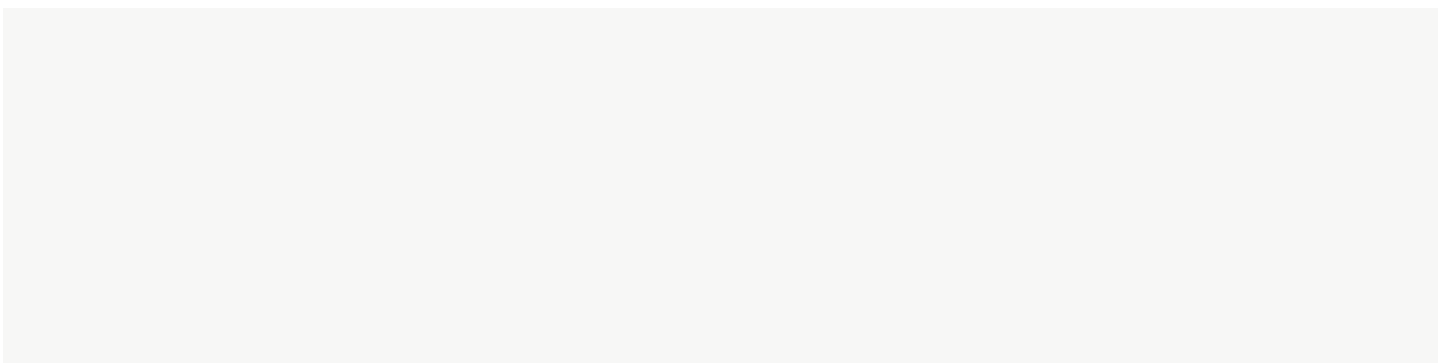
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## Greece

We're jonesing for an escape to the Mediterranean in 2021, and a trip to the Greek Isles is at the top of our list. From Athens' ancient ruins and Elafonsi's pink sands to the luxury wellness resorts seated among the Santorini skyline, there's so much for the senses to experience in Greece. Get the full sensory immersion at [Katikies Kirini Santorini](#) where fine dining, spa treatments, and romantic rooms are always accompanied by a breathtaking view.

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## Ireland

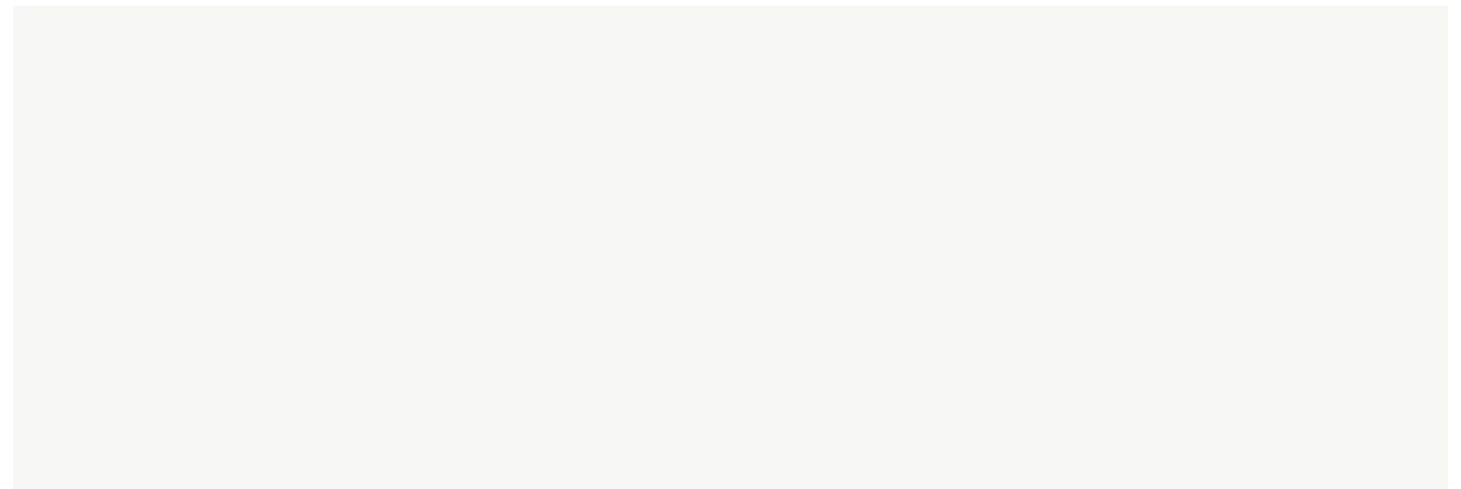
There's something truly magical about Ireland, from the folklore and untouched countryside to the charm of Dublin, that makes it a must-visit for us in 2021. And if you love castles, Irish pubs, and afternoon tea as much as we do, you're going to want to book your trip with us. Join us for a [VERANDA Field Trip](#) in May 2021, where we'll discover Irish splendor at its finest through castle tours, private whiskey tastings, catamaran cruises to breathtaking fjords, and tours of the country's best contemporary art. Did we mention our accommodations are in [Ashford Castle](#), an 800-year-old estate that once served as the home of the Guinness family?



## Paris

When are we ever not dreaming of a week in Paris? As [VERANDA's favorite city](#), we can't wait to get back to our regular haunts like Jardin de Luxembourg, the Paris Flea Market, [La Tuile a Loup](#), and [Bar Hemingway](#).

Luckily, our Parisian dreams are coming true this spring with a [VERANDA Field Trip](#) in March. This eight-day getaway offers exclusive experiences unlike any other, with tours of Pierre Frey's archives, ventures to quarters of Versailles that are closed to the public, backstage access to the Palais Garnier opera house, and much more. We're staying at the fabulous [Hôtel du Louvre](#), which is within walking distance to some of the city's best sights and sips in the 1st arrondissement.





## South Africa

Be it South Africa's burgeoning wine region, the allure of safari adventures, or dreams of penguin encounters on its sandy shores, this beautiful country is full of one-of-a-kind experiences that allow for a lifetime of memories to be created in just one stay. Art aficionados will love [the Silo's](#) unique digs right above Zeitz Museum of Contemporary Art Africa overlooking Cape Town's iconic Victoria & Alfred Waterfront.

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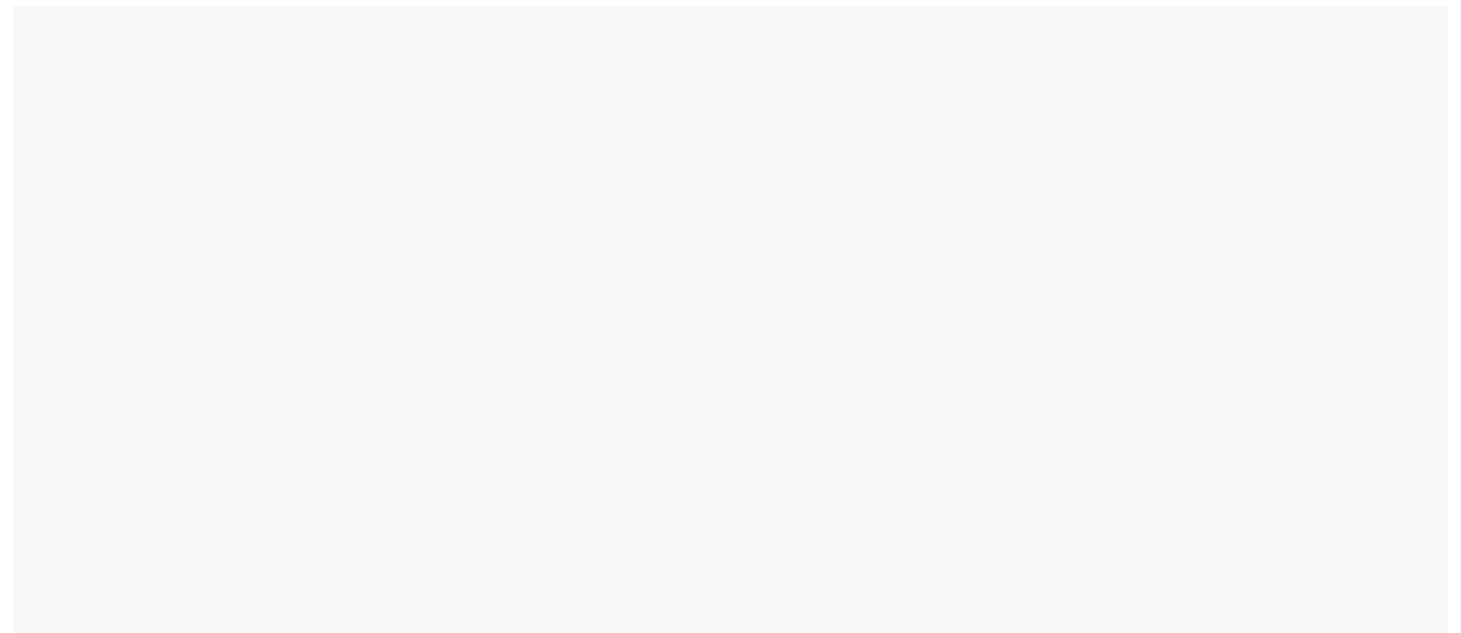


## Lisbon

Even though it's been a travel destination for centuries, Lisbon still feels like the Mediterranean's hidden gem. Home to some of the world's greatest artisans, Portugal's capital city always offers creative inspiration and beauty at every turn.

Join us for a [VERANDA Field Trip](#) April 2021 or October 2021 to enjoy the resplendence of the finer things of Portugal, with the second half of our stay spent in Lisbon. From exclusive wine tastings to architecture tours, followed by a final dinner hosted by the princess d'Orléans, this is sure to be a trip like any other, especially with the chic [Bairro Alto Hotel Lisbon](#) as our home base.

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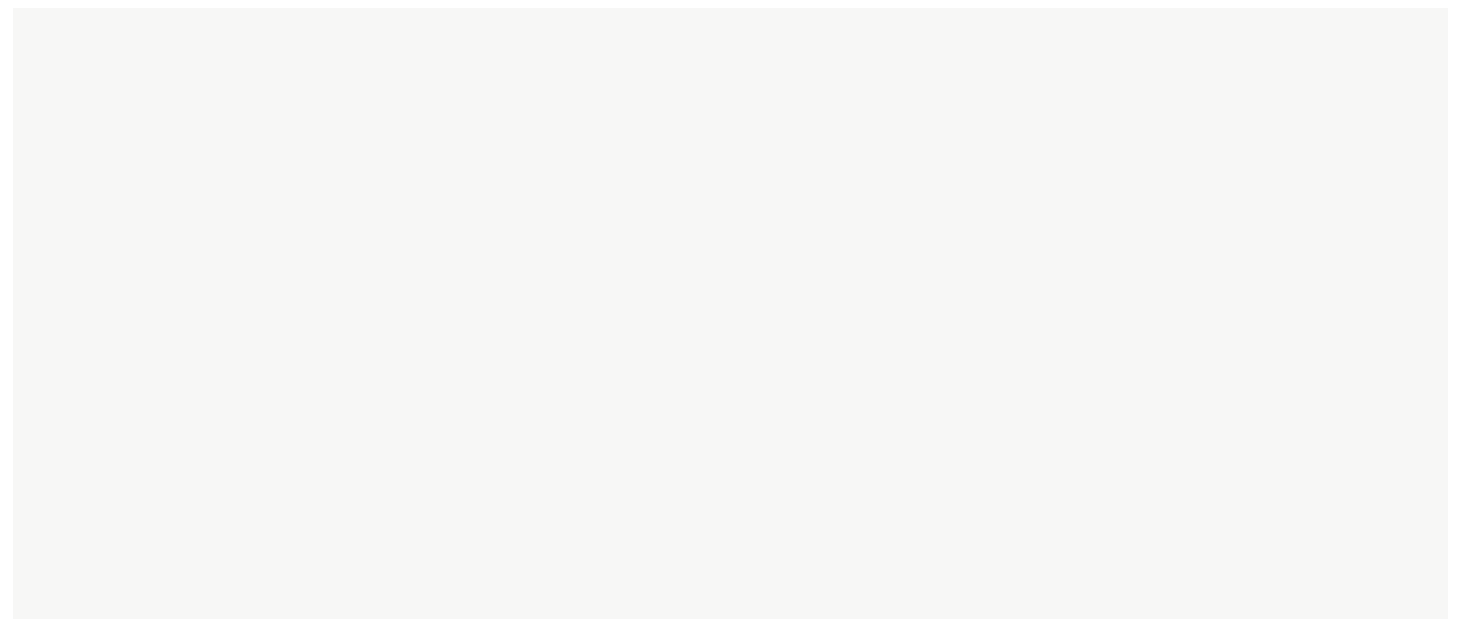


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## New Zealand

New Zealand's mystical, majestic beauty makes it the perfect filming location for fantasy blockbuster franchises, but there's something for everyone here besides movie buffs. Outdoor adventures, fabulous wellness retreats, some of the world's best farm-to-table dining, and jaw-dropping natural wonders are just a few reasons we can't wait to visit this wild and wonderful country. Revel in luxurious solitude at [Wharekauhau Country Estate](#), just a 90-minute drive from Wellington, with exclusive spa, nature, wine, adventure, and dining experiences at your fingertips.

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## English Countryside

While London will always have a place in our heart, the English countryside actually holds it. We're dreaming of postcard-perfect towns full of history and charm, like Oxford, the Cotswolds, and Sussex this year. If perusing the world's best gardens and enjoying exclusive tours of manor homes straight out of your favorite period piece sounds like the ultimate getaway, join us in June for a [VERANDA Field Trip](#) across southeast England. Highlights include accommodations at [Minster Mill](#) in the Cotswolds and [Ashdown Park](#) in East Sussex—the latter serving as inspiration for A.A. Milne's *Winnie-the-Pooh*—along with tours of [Kingston Bagpuize House & Gardens](#) (shown in *Downtown Abbey* and *Emma*) and [Sissinghurst Castle's](#) iconic gardens.

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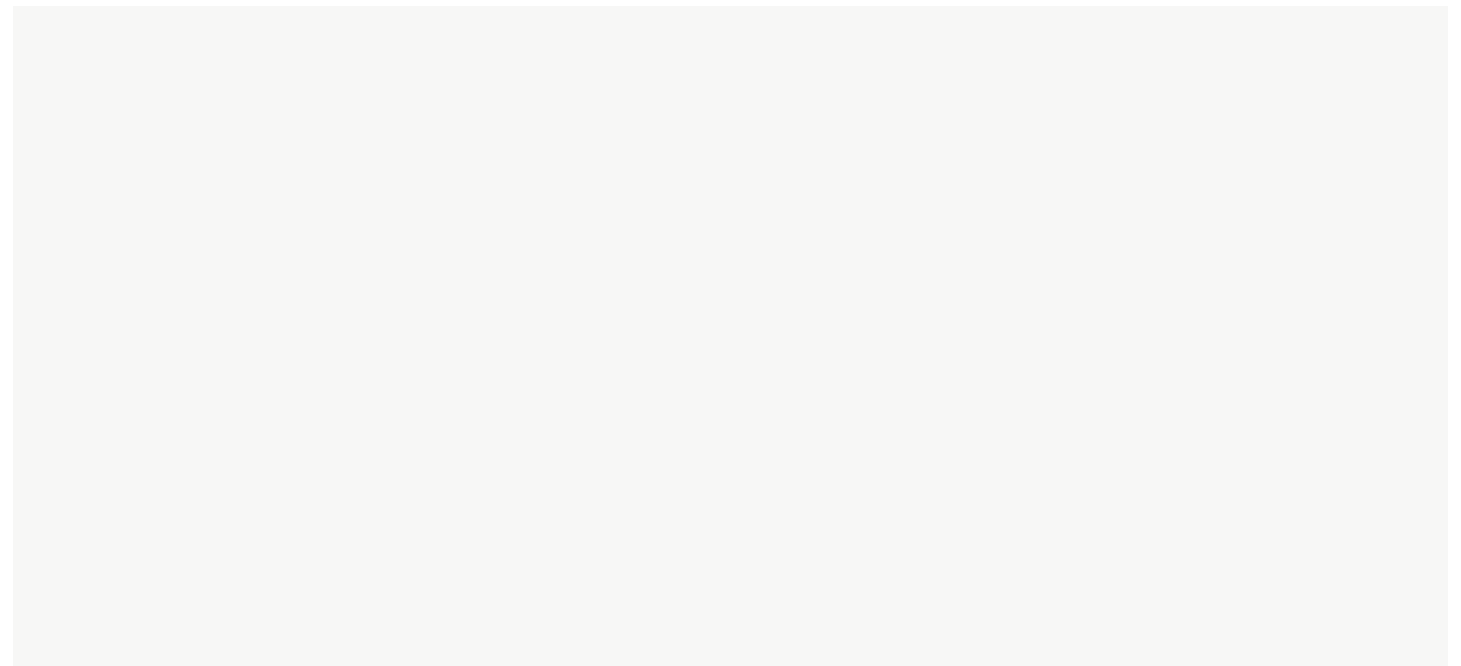
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## New York City

Ah, there's just nothing like New York, and we can't wait to enjoy it to its fullest one day soon. While we eagerly await a grand re-opening of Broadway theaters, [The Plaza Hotel](#), The Frick Collection, and other beloved locales, we are certainly dreaming of a Manhattan Christmas come 2021. We can't wait to stay at [Aman Resorts' first New York property](#) and enjoy our favorite traditions, like burgers and bubbly at [The Polo Bar](#).

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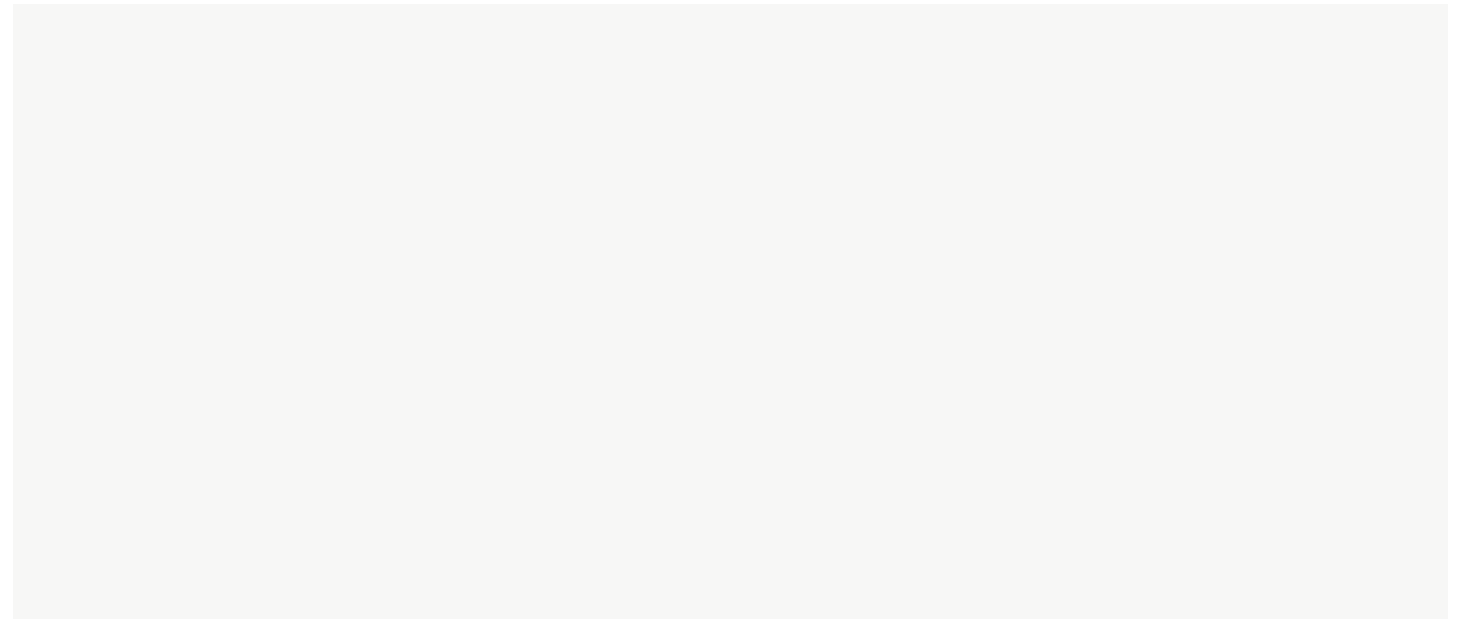


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## San Miguel de Allende

San Miguel de Allende has become a hotspot for artists, musicians, and globe-trekkers in search of incredible sights and experiences that have yet to be overrun by tourists. Known for its baroque Spanish architecture, this gorgeous city (with even more gorgeous weather) is bursting with charm, creativity, and flavor. The city, which is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers a feast for the senses, and [Rosewood San Miguel de Allende](#) will make sure you're at the center of it all for the duration of your stay.

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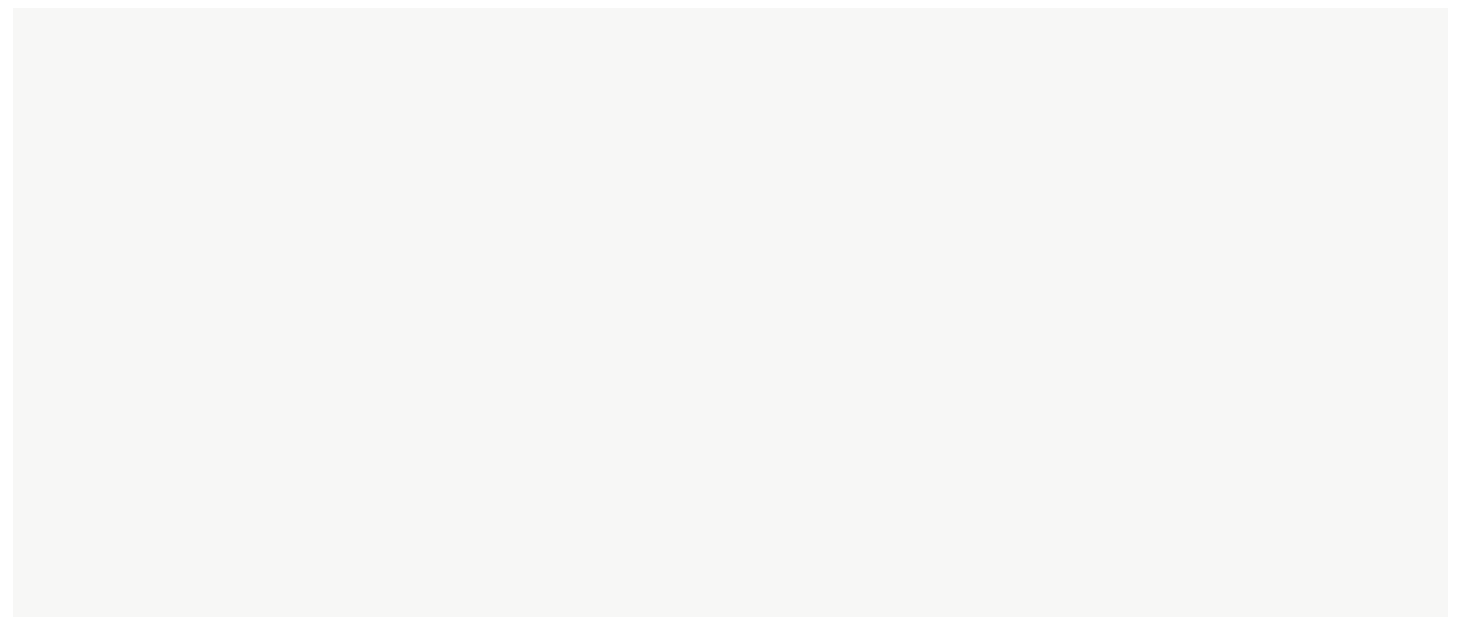




## Thailand

Whether you're entranced by the hustle-and-bustle of Bangkok, the Old City of Chaing Mai, or the tranquility of Phuket, Thailand has something for everyone, and we want to see it all. This beautiful country is home to opulent architecture, glorious natural wonders, and arguably the world's best beaches. If restoration is what you're looking for, book your stay at [Chiva-Som](#), considered one of the [best resorts spas in the world](#). We can't wait to experience this country's exotic beauty and vibrant metropolises one day soon.

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## Marrakesh

Marrakesh has been a designer-loved destination for decades now, but visiting this magical city gets more exciting each time. New Michelin-starred restaurants, luxury hotels, and wellness retreats are opening throughout the city in 2021, which are sure to become new favorites to enjoy alongside current mainstays, like [Jnane Tamsna](#) and [Pâtisserie Amandine](#). We can't wait to discover [Royal Mansour's](#) new wellness experiences, extended gardens, and restaurant overseen by Michelin-starred Chef Massimiliano Alajmo. Just don't forget to bring an empty suitcase to fill up with all your newfound treasures!

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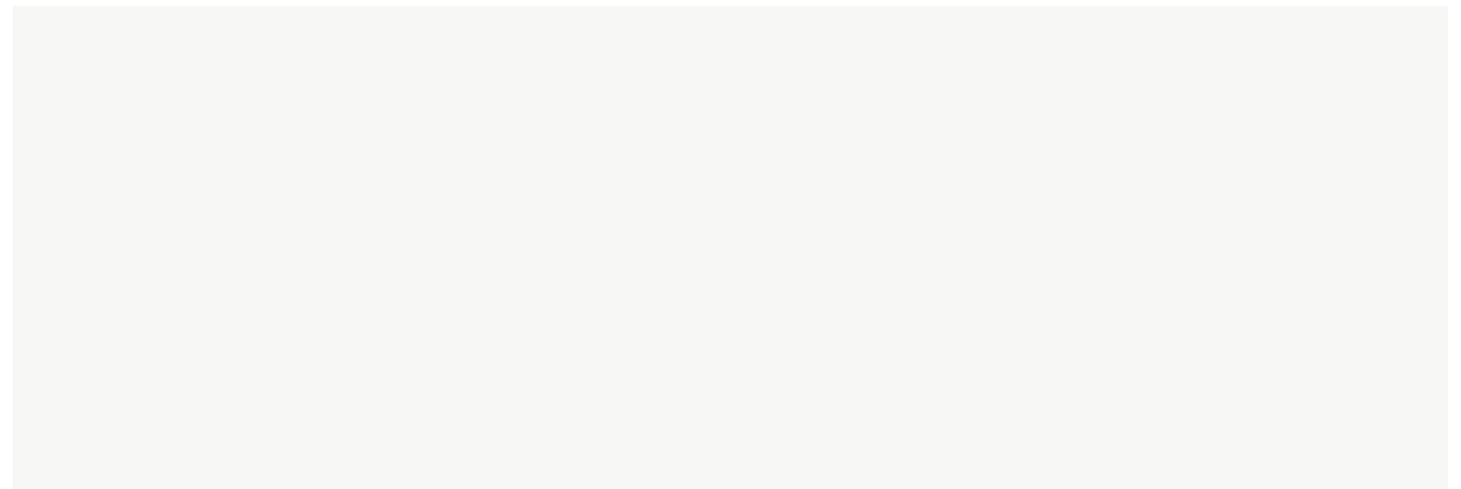
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## Salzburg

Salzburg offers old-world alpine charm at its finest, and we can't wait to return to this waterfront city one day soon. This city is a hobbyist's paradise, and history, art, music, and culinary aficionados are sure to fall in love with all Salzburg has to offer, from its rich cultural festivals to world-renowned Christmas markets. No wonder its nickname is the "Stage of the World."

Join us on a [VERANDA Field Trip](#) to the Austrian city during the 2021 holiday season for the ultimate Christmas present. Our tour includes a holiday concert at Mirabell Palace, tours of the best Christmas markets in Austria, honing our chocolate and pastry skills, along with a stay at the magical [Hotel Goldener Hirsch](#).



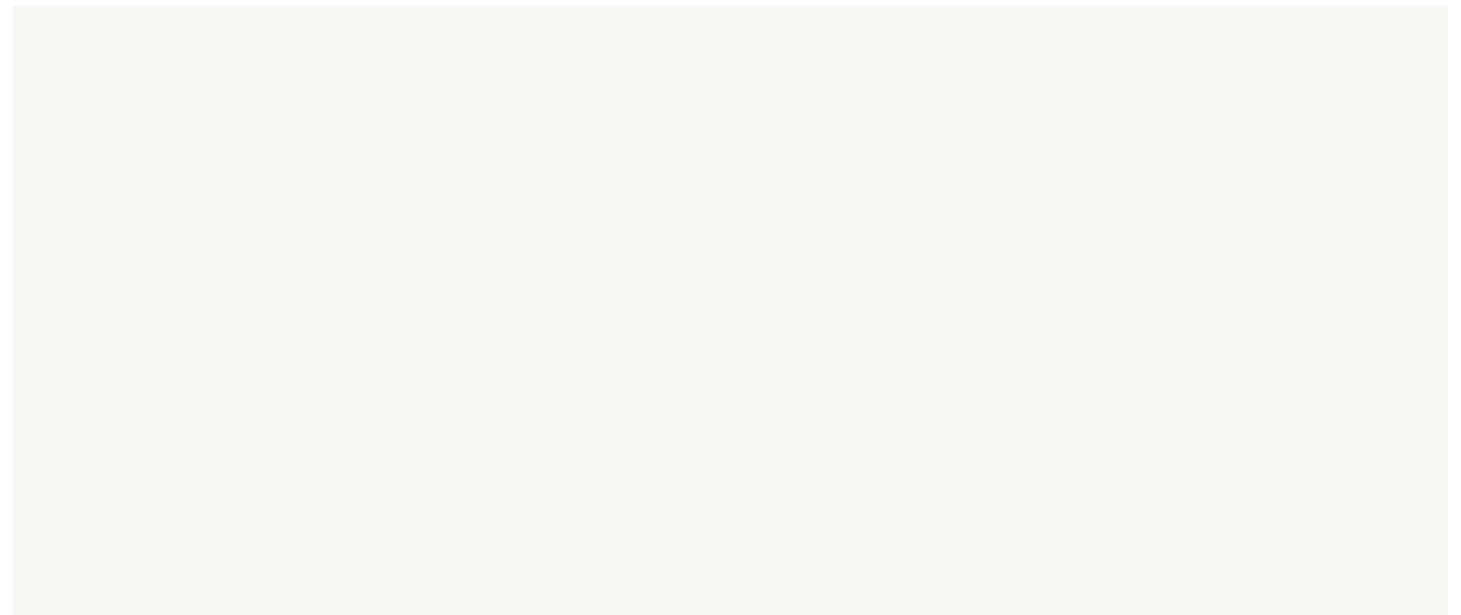


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## Napa Valley

California wine country is always a favorite domestic trip for the oenophiles and gastronomy geeks on our team, and we can't wait to come back and support this beautiful region that's suffered greatly through this year's pandemic and wildfires. We're running, not walking, to visit [Aperture Cellars's](#) newly opened winery and the stunning property from [Four Seasons](#) in Calistoga that opens later this year, while visiting some of our favorite haunts, like [Cardinale Estate](#) and basically anything Thomas Keller is behind.

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## Italy

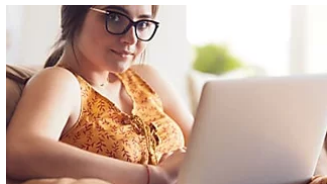
Few places have given us more wanderlust than Italy this year, be it through our forays in homemade pasta at the beginning of quarantine life to reminiscing about summers past at the Amalfi Coast. We can't wait to return to the Eternal City and take our favorite crash course on world history with design award-winning [Hotel de la Ville](#) as our digs atop the Roman Steps. And we'd be remiss if we skipped out on a stay at the brand-new [Paragon 700 Ostuni](#) when we're looking for a seaside escape.

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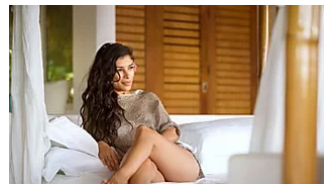
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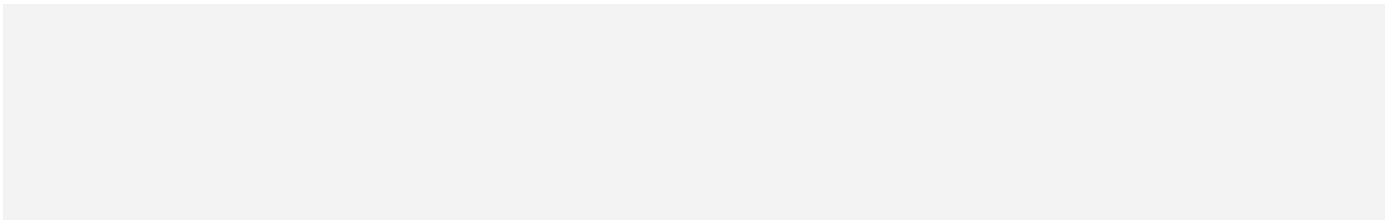
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