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T&C Editors Share Their Post-Pandemic Travel Plans

Where will we go when this is all over? Europe, unsurprisingly, ranks high on the list for most-coveted vaxications.

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For more than a year, the editors at *T&C*, like the rest of the world, have been forced to stay grounded, with just imagination and nostalgia (and Instagram) to cure the wanderlust. Now, more than ever, the possibility of traveling again feels like much less of an elusive dream. Vaccinations are on the rise. Restrictions are slowly lifting. The CDC has declared travel **to be relatively low risk** for inoculated Americans. In other words, real hope is on the horizon. That multigenerational family vacation that has been tabled since last March? It's time to freshen up the itinerary. Greece for summer 2021? Better **have booked those tickets** already.

When this is truly all over, where will *T&C*'s seasoned travelers take their first 'vaxications'? From Umbria to Tokyo, we've got ideas—lots of them.

Paris



LE MEURICE

"Paris. And straight to the wonderful, clubby **Bar 228** at Le Meurice for a club sandwich and a divine martini." —*Nelida Mortensen, Visual Editor*

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Dublin



THE MERRION HOTEL

"As soon as it's safe to travel and local restrictions are lifted, I will be on the first Aer Lingus flight back to my home town of Dublin, Ireland. I'll treat myself to a night or two at the beautiful Georgian **Merrion Hotel** to be right in the heart of city center and visit my favorite museum (**The National Gallery**) and nearby lunch spot (**Fallon & Byrne**). I'll spend the remaining visit with my father in Dalkey, home to Norman castles, the **Martello Tower**, Bono, and **Finnegans**, where President and Michelle Obama even took a pint!" —*Fiona Lennon, Deputy Visual Director*

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Hawaii



FOUR SEASONS RESORT LANAI

"I'm looking forward to my family's annual trip to Hawaii. After a few days on the Big Island, I'm planning to explore Lanai, an island I have not yet been to. You'll find me eating Nobu sushi and drinking tropical cocktails on the beach at **the Four Seasons.**" —*MaryKate Boylan, Senior Fashion Editor*

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Los Angeles & Athens



THE BEVERLY HILLS HOTEL

"My first domestic trip will be to LA! A city I feel is like a second home. And the minute I get there I'll sit at the **Polo Lounge** at the Beverly Hills Hotel and order a McCarthy salad and wonder if it was all a dream. And then of course it's a Greek summer at the **Four Seasons Athens** with a Barbayanni ouzo on ice and grilled octopus at their Taverna." —*Stellene Volandes, Editor in Chief*

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Copenhagen



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"I will be *running* to the airport and catching the first flight to Copenhagen. Danes always top the list of the world's happiest people, and that attitude is exactly what I need after all... whatever the past year has been." —*Meg Donohue, Editorial Fellow*

Anguilla



FOUR SEASONS RESORT ANGUILLA

“Because I am still a little spooked about Covid concerns, the most logical place for a real break is Anguilla. The island **has excelled at** handling contagion concerns, and with their elaborate program to establish a relatively risk-free bubble, I felt safe to book a trip for this month. We’ll be staying at **the Four Seasons**—and to say I am excited is an understatement.” —*Roxanne Adamiyatt, Senior Digital Editor*

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Ischia & Umbria, Italy



REGINA ISABELLA

"Italy is my first stop the second we can travel to Europe again. There are old favorites I want to revisit, but nowhere is higher on my list than the divinely Old World **Regina Isabella** in Ischia. Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton used to summer there, and the cast of *The Talented Mr. Ripley* stayed at the hotel when they were filming nearby on the Amalfi Coast. All the rooms are named after movie stars of yore. Paradise. I also want to experience new discoveries, although in Italy of course everything has the touch of history. The thousand-year-old *castello* in the ancient estate of **Reschio** has been lovingly restored by its owners, Count Benedikt Bolza and his wife Nencia, and this May it is expected to open as a 36-room hotel, restaurant and spa, featuring the count's own furniture design firm, B.B. for Reschio. If you're not the outdoorsy type—although the Umbrian countryside is hard to resist—the hotel also boasts a bathhouse that's home to a hammam, sauna, and plunge pool in the cellar. —Erik Maza, *Style Features Director*

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London & Versailles

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"My British husband has been unable to see his family for more than a year, so our non-negotiable first stop will be London. But why not jump on the Eurostar for a fantasy side-trip? Nothing could be more escapist, more opulent, or more dramatically different from our tiny Brooklyn apartment than a suite at the **Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle**. In my dreams, I'm exploring the palace, drifting through the gardens, and of course marinating in the Marie-Antoinette-inspired "Majestic Mirror" beauty treatment in the Valmont Spa." —*April Long, Beauty Director*

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Maine & Panama

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"The Vanamees have two vacations planned, one to Portland, Maine, this August, where we hope to achieve as many days as possible the briny trifecta of mornings spent body surfing at Scarborough Beach, lunch at the **Lobster Shack at Two Lights**, and dinner at the bar at **J's Oyster House**. For this fall, we're looking at map of Panama and trying to figure out how to fit in visits to the rainforest in Darién Province, an island in the Archipiélago de San Blás, plus spend time Panama City."
—*Norman Vanamee, Articles Director*

Dominican Republic, Greece, Connecticut

AMANZOE

"My kids are constantly begging me to return to [Casa de Campo](#) in the Dominican Republic—it was our last family vacation just weeks before the world shut down so it's become their touchstone. I am still lamenting my canceled birthday trip to Greece's [Amanzoe](#) and [Four Seasons Athens](#) so I need to get that back on the books. Already on the books: my annual (except for last year) spa trip with my college girlfriends to the [Mayflower Inn & Spa](#)." —*Danielle Stein Chizzik, Deputy Editor*

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Kiawah Island

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“All pandemic, I’ve been dreaming of a beach vacation, and once we’re all finally vaccinated, my family is planning a trip to **Kiawah Island**. I can’t decide if I’m more excited about a few much-needed days spent in the sun or a trip to the Sanctuary Spa for a massage to reverse a year of tension, and hunching over my laptop. (My niece and nephew on the other hand, can’t wait for nature walks and the possibility of watching dolphins play in the inlet.)” —*Caroline Hallemann, Digital News Director*

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Tortoreto Lido, Italy

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"My family and I have been plotting our return to our favorite Italian beach town, Tortoreto Lido, for over a year now—but Covid-19 has put a full stop to our plans. Once we can return, we'll be staying somewhere along the Lungomare, the palm tree-lined walking strip parallel to the beaches and beach chalets, and reserve a spot on the beach at **Chalet Santa Fe**." —*Lucia Tonelli, Assistant Editor*

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Patagonia

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“The bottom of the world has been at the top of our list forever, and if a year in confinement has taught us one thing, it’s: If not now, when? The stunning peaks of **Torres del Paine National Park**, a hike for a closeup of 11,000-foot Fitz Roy, and a night or seven of Malbec and tango in Buenos Aires on the way home should cure even the direst case of cabin fever.” —*Lisa Kearns, Copy Editor*

Mykonos

KALESMA MYKONOS

"My poor passport has been collecting dust in the back of my desk drawer for over a year so I am determined to get it stamped ASAP! That means I'll have to be realistic—and by realistic I mean Mykonos (since Greece and Turkey are the rare European countries that **will be open to Americans** this summer). Upon arrival, my dream home base will be the stunning new **Kalesma**, a 27-key hotel nestled on five acres of hilltop real estate and meticulously designed in a Cycladic style with a contemporary twist (think Rick Owens furniture, original works by Serbian artist Aleksandar Vac). Unobstructed views of those iconic Grecian sunsets will be taken in while soaking in the full-sized private pool on the sprawling 970-square-foot terrace that outfits each suite." —*Leena Kim, Associate Editor*

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Mallorca

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"I had a special visit a couple years ago with a dear friend and her family in Port de Soller, Majorca, where we'd all travelled as a point of destination. At the time we agreed it would be a great place to meet again before too long. Little did we know what was on the horizon. We've been fantasizing recently about when the repeat visit can happen, sharing pictures from the trip and hoping it can be sooner than later." —*David Murphy, Visual Director*

Mexico, France, Italy

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"I feel like someone who's been wandering in the desert for a year and suddenly has a buffet of options. I want everything. First, I'm thinking a restorative 4 days at **Rancho La Puerta**, the classic destination spa one hour by car from San Diego (and with lots of new things going on). Followed by a quick hit of Paris and the **Airelles Château de Versailles, Le Grand Contrôle**, the first hotel ever on the palace grounds (just the thought of having private access to the Orangerie and Trianon before and after hours...). Then there's Portofino, on the Italian Riviera, where Belmond has renovated **Splendido Mare**, right near the water in that divine little harbor. And of course it's never too early to start planning the big trips, for later: A two-week African trip, and Antarctica. I'm busy." —*Klara Glowczewska, Executive Travel Editor*

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The Catskills

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"I'm thrilled to get back into the world and out of my apartment this summer. The first stop? **The Eldred Preserve**, a compound on 600 acres in New York's Sullivan County opening in May. I'm looking forward to swimming in the lake, indulging in a spa appointment, and eating at the reimagined classic Old Homestead Restaurant and Lounge where, most excitingly, someone else will do the cooking *and* the dishes." —*Adam Rathe, Arts Editor*

Montauk & Kyoto

GURNEY'S RESORTS

"With the mad rush out east last year, I eschewed casual weekend trips. Now, I am ready for quick escapes to Montauk, where **Gurney's** has private Bungalows by the Sea to rent out with friends for cocktails and dinner around a beachside firepit. I have also been desperate to return to Japan after my honeymoon there two years ago. First on my itinerary is a stay at the gorgeously modern **Ace Hotel** in Kyoto, designed by architectural mastermind Kengo Kuma and my friends at Commune for a full-on infusion of creative energy." —*Olivia Hosken, Style & Interiors Writer*

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Atlanta & Jamaica

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"A spring vaxication to Atlanta to revel in democracy and have our daughter visit her college campus. Then a summer vaxication to Jamaica with family to reverse my vitamin D deficiency and enjoy outdoor life." —*Darrick Harris, Visual Director*

Aix-en-Provence

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"I dream of going to the Festival D'Aix this summer and seeing *Le Nozze di Figaro*, and wandering around town to take in all the gorgeous fountains...then I will go to

an outdoor market and buy more white peaches than I know what to do with." —
Karen Lubeck, Associate Research Editor

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