

THE BESTS

# 14 Reasons We Can't Wait to Travel in 2021

*This year has changed so much about travel: the where, the how, and perhaps most importantly, the why. We've sketched out the myriad reasons for getting out there again next year—and the best and most meaningful ways to do it.*

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## 11. It's not too late to celebrate

Thirtieth birthday. Honeymoon. First wedding anniversary. Babymoon. My husband, John, and I were lucky enough to mark all of those milestones with visits to Paris, our “place” for more than a decade. When we had our son, Max, in the summer of 2019, we immediately started plotting a 10th-wedding-anniversary return for the three of us. We figured nothing could be cuter than a baby taking in the Louvre from a stroller, joyfully waving at the *Mona Lisa*. Along with all of our other best-laid plans, our April 2020 trip to Paris was canceled. We certainly weren't alone; over the past eight months, many of us have had to postpone trips we'd planned to celebrate major life moments. But while a flight to Paris last spring before Max could walk would have certainly been easier, I'm excited that when we do finally go next fall (fingers crossed), he'll be more able to participate in all that makes Paris wonderful. On the 2021 version of the trip, he'll be able to run through the manicured trees of the Tuileries. He'll understand the joy of eating a still-warm croissant at Poilâne. He'll be dazzled by the twinkling lights on the Eiffel Tower at night. Chasing after a two-year-old might be tiring, but the experience will be richer, deeper, and I think more satisfying for all of us. And just maybe he'll remember his first landmark vacation—I know I will. —*Melissa Lieblich-Goldberg*



In the heart of Paris's Latin Quarter. © Chelsey Budd

### Milestone trips, take two

**The blowout 50th (or 51st):** Kokomo Private Island, Fiji's premier spot for getting away from it all, is now taking seclusion a step further with buyouts for groups of up to 30. Insane scuba diving (the Great Astrolabe Reef encloses the island), deep-sea fishing for marlin and wahoo, and 140 sandy acres to spread out across provide the makings of a legendary bash with a few dozen of your best friends. —*Rebecca Misner*

**The long-delayed honeymoon:** This month, *Zannier Hotels Bãi San Hò*, the latest from the Belgian hospitality brand, opens on Vietnam's lush south-central coast, giving newlyweds a fresh stretch of white sand to retreat to. The views from the freestanding private villas of the South China Sea and the endless green of surrounding rice paddies (along with the resort's grandma-level traditional cooking) make it equally good for anniversaries. —*R.M.*

**The rescheduled family reunion:** With help from the *Blackberry Farm* hospitality team, High Hampton, a nearly century-old lakefront retreat in the heart of North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains, gets a makeover. New restaurants and an updated look amp up its throwback, summer camp appeal, while golf, canoeing, pickleball, poplar-lined hiking trails, and spacious cottages make it ideal for all ages. —*R.M.*

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