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Where Our Editors Dream of Traveling in 2021

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Our travel editors and writers share the first place they're headed when the world opens up.



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Remember [planes](#)? Remember booking a last-minute ticket from JFK and [waking up in Paris](#)? We do. And to say our eagerness to travel is mounting as 2021 gets underway is, frankly, an understatement. While we aren't sure what the year will bring in terms of [borders reopening](#), we've already started [daydreaming about future travel](#). Right now, these travel plans are purely aspirational, but because we've stayed tapped into the [latest hotel openings](#), destinations on the rise, and burgeoning culinary scenes around the world, we've already got the itineraries ready to go. Here, 18 Departures' editors and contributing writers share where they're dreaming of traveling in 2021.



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New Zealand and Fiji

"Known as a haven for outdoor thrill-seekers, New Zealand would be the first place I'd visit to celebrate a missed milestone birthday. My ideal to-do list for this three-week adventure would include wine tasting in Hawke's Bay, hiking through glowworm-lit Abbey Caves, touring the popular Hobbiton movie set, visiting Rotorua for a Maori history lesson, and soaring to new heights on a helicopter above Milford Sound. A stay at the cozy [Matakauri Lodge](#) is the best way to take in the natural beauty of Lake Wakatipu and enjoy Chef Jonathan Rodgers' modern twist on farm-to-table cuisine. Next, it's off to Fiji! Well, [Kokomo Island Fiji](#), an [American Express Fine Hotels & Resorts](#) property, to be specific. This private paradise is located near the Great Astrolabe Reef, a popular diving spot to explore colorful coral and marine life, such as manta rays and sharks. But let's keep it real. Relaxing is at the top of my agenda for the second leg of this dream trip, starting with a soothing Kokomo Seashell Massage. Add an immersive excursion to a local Fijian village to complete the perfect South Pacific vacation." — *Kwin Mosby, Contributing Writer*

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