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.
California, France, Italy

"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 Airelles’ Chateau de Versailles Le Grand Control, 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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