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In a typical year, no sooner does “Robb Report” put one Best of the Best issue to bed than we begin to drive, sip, fly, observe and taste our way to the next. These past 12 months, of course, were anything but typical. Even so, our editorial team managed to scour the luxury universe for the truly exceptional in 2021. Here, the superlatives we have identified in 15 essential categories.



TRAVEL

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Greece

For summer 2021 in Greece, party like it's 1976. The country is celebrating its own independence bicentennial, a mood-improver only boosted by the infusion of excited international tourists from nations that include the USA, welcomed in April with Covid protocols in place. Greece has been prepping for this moment for the last year: Hotels like the storied Grande Bretagne in Athens have reopened with significant overhauls; the new alfresco lounge in the inner garden there will be a buzzy spot. New hotels have popped up all over the islands, too, with three notable standouts.

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Mykonos

It might look like an old Mykonian village, on the top of a hill on the southwest of the island above Ornos Bay, but the whitewashed stone buildings here are an ultra-luxury retreat owned and operated by a group that runs several of the hottest restaurants in Athens. The brick oven is a throwback touch (expect the daylong smell of fresh-baked "horiatiko psomi," or village-style bread), while there's a canny, only-in-Mykonos concierge, dedicated to directing guests to the best beaches depending on how the island's notorious winds are blowing on any given day. Doubles from about \$1,450