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ON THE  
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2021'S  
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PRODUCTS

*New* BEGINNINGS



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AND HER WIFE LEXY



# ELLE *Explore*

SEE THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

## *Checking in to...* A DESERT OASIS

Taking its name from the Swahili for 'window on heaven', eco-resort Mowani Mountain Camp is so well hidden among the giant granite boulders of Damaraland, Namibia, you won't realise it's there until you've rocked up at reception. The area has one of the lowest levels of light pollution on the continent, so get ready for some serious stargazing.

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# New YEAR, NEW view

WELCOME TO 2021. AFTER A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY, OUR DESIRE  
*to travel is stronger than ever*, SO WHETHER YOU'RE PLANNING,  
OR JUST DAYDREAMING, LET ELLE FUEL *your wanderlust*

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On the horizon  
BELOW: THE RUGGED  
PLAINS OF ARCHES  
NATIONAL PARK IN MOAB,  
UNITED STATES, PROVIDE AN  
OTHERWORLDLY ESCAPE



## 1. VAN LIFE

Take your next road trip up a notch by renting a campervan from the super-luxe likes of Glampervan. For a cool conversion, head to Camptoo, the Airbnb of motorhomes. Or, if you prefer a classic 1967 VW, visit O'Connors Campers. There are plenty of incredible adventures to be had in Europe, such as driving down the Estrada rebrand, where you'll pass through castle-crowned towns, the Douro Valley's terraced vineyards and the pretty 'garden city' of Viseu, named on account of its multiple parks. Proof that sometimes it's the journey, not the destination.

Nature's finest  
DISCOVER VIRTUALLY  
UNTOUCHED  
COUNTRYSIDE AND  
HISTORIC ARCHITECTURE  
IN ROMANIA

Long-haul travel may remain unpredictable for some time. Lucky then, that we have unique, up-and-coming destinations such as Transylvania, just a three-hour flight from the UK, where newcomer Bethlen Estates is set to open in spring. Since 2007, the Bethlen family has quietly acquired tumbledown buildings in their ancestral village of Cris, restoring them to their former glory with stylish interiors peppered with antique kilim rugs, warming tiled stoves and Tom Dixon lighting. Carefully curated experiences will allow guests to delve into Transylvania's historic citadels, untamed countryside and spectacular wildlife – it's often referred to as Europe's last true wilderness.

## 2. TAKE ME TO TRANSYLVANIA



## 3. LADIES FIRST

Women-only travel is booming. Check out companies such as AdventureWomen (offering canyoning through the Utah desert and whale watching in Baja) and Intrepid's Women's Expeditions. Or why not join one of the upcoming retreats run by the London Girls Surf Club in Sri Lanka, Fuerteventura or Morocco? Surfing makes its debut in the Tokyo Olympics, rescheduled for summer 2021, so now's the time to ride the wave. And, in Finland, there's SuperShe Island: a scenic 3.4 hectare women-only plot. To secure a spot, you have to apply and be selected – the odds rival getting a Glasto ticket, with 8,000 competing for just 100 places last summer.

## 4. A DIFFERENT TRACK



With experiential train travel on the increase, it's worth getting ahead of the crowds to seek out the best journeys – for example, traversing mountain ranges on the Bernina Express from Switzerland into northern Italy. In the UK, Belmond has upped its train game after a cash injection from new owners LVMH, with the Royal Scotsman featuring an onboard Bamford spa and menu by chef Tom Kitchin, while the British Pullman debuts a route along the cool east Kent coastline. Further afield is Anantara's The Vietage: a luxury carriage for the six-hour route through Vietnam countryside between the brand's hotels in Da Nang and Quy Nhon. >

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ELITE YOUR JOURNEY  
ACROSS SCOTLAND  
BY TRAVELLING IN  
BELMOND'S ORIENT  
TRAIN CABINS