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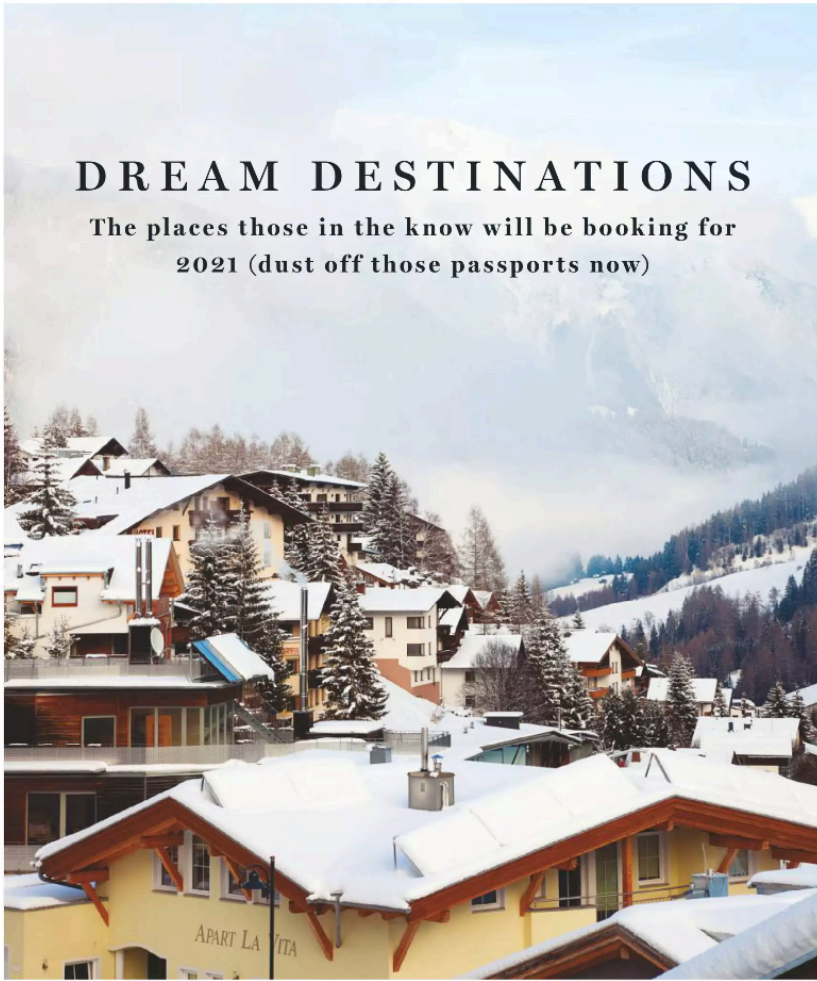
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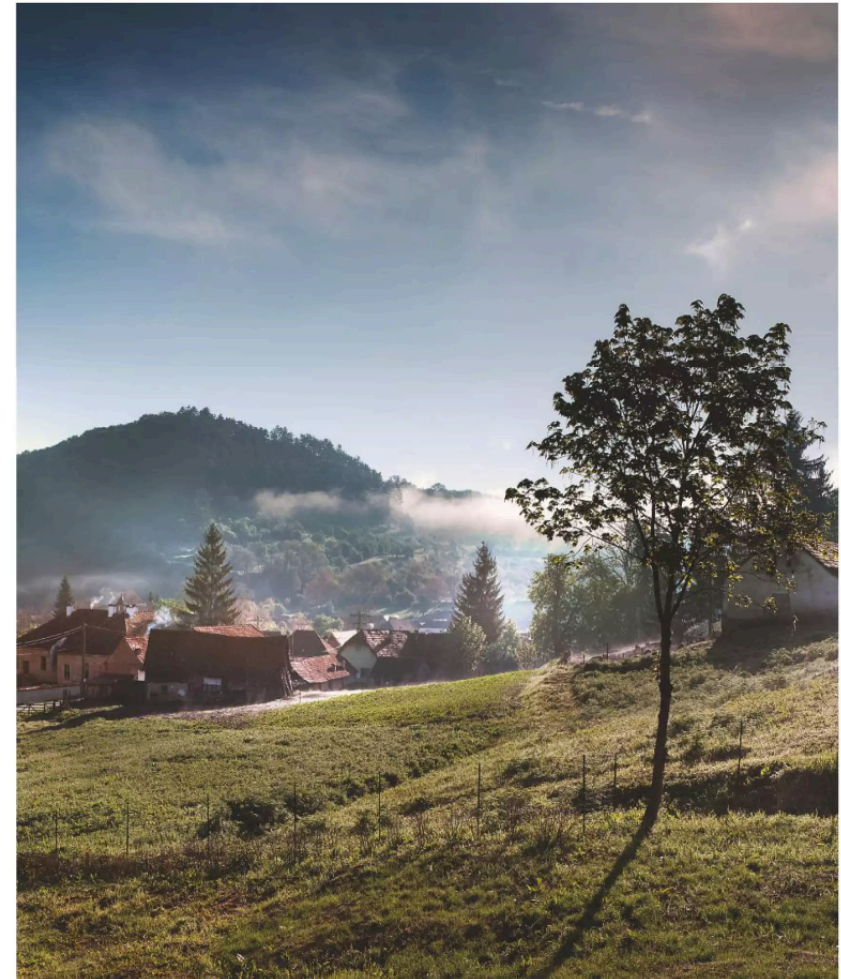
The places those in the know will be booking for
2021 (dust off those passports now)



THE SKI RESORT: ST ANTON AM ARLBERG, AUSTRIA

How will we do socially distanced skiing? How long will queues be at the resorts? There are lots of question marks over this winter's ski season. Perhaps 2021 is the year to appreciate the mountains rather than haring down them on crowded slopes. Enter the village of St Anton am Arlberg in Austria, where speedy chairlifts provide access to over 200 miles of runs and plenty of off-piste routes. It's a resort rich in Alpine beauty, full of local life and off-piste options, such as horse sleigh riding and curling. In the resort itself, Ullrhaus is a new family-run hotel opened by St Anton locals Franziska Alber and Michael Gfall (theaficionados.com/hotels/austria/tirol/st-anton/ullrhaus). It has all the usual Alpine trappings – glowing fires, a spa with three wood-scented saunas, a hearty menu and fine gluhwein – set in muted contemporary interiors injected with Tyrolean tradition. →

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THE RURAL ESCAPE: TRANSYLVANIA

Head to the heart of Transylvania, away from tourist spots of Dracula's trail, to discover the quiet side of central Romania. Led by mother and son Gladys and Nikolaus Bethlen, but originally envisioned by the late Count Miklós Bethlen some 800 years after his family first founded the village of Cris, Bethlen Estates has been buying Saxon cottages, abandoned school buildings, castles and manor houses to preserve them by offering guest accommodation. The Caretaker's House opened as a four-bedroom private rental last year and this spring, three more properties will welcome 20 guests. The two-bedroom Depner House can be hired exclusively, while the four-bedroom Corner Barn can be rented by the room. Cris is an excellent base from which to explore the area's national parks and sites, including the 180-acre Breite Ancient Oak Tree Reserve and the medieval citadel of Sighisoara (bethlenestates.com). >

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