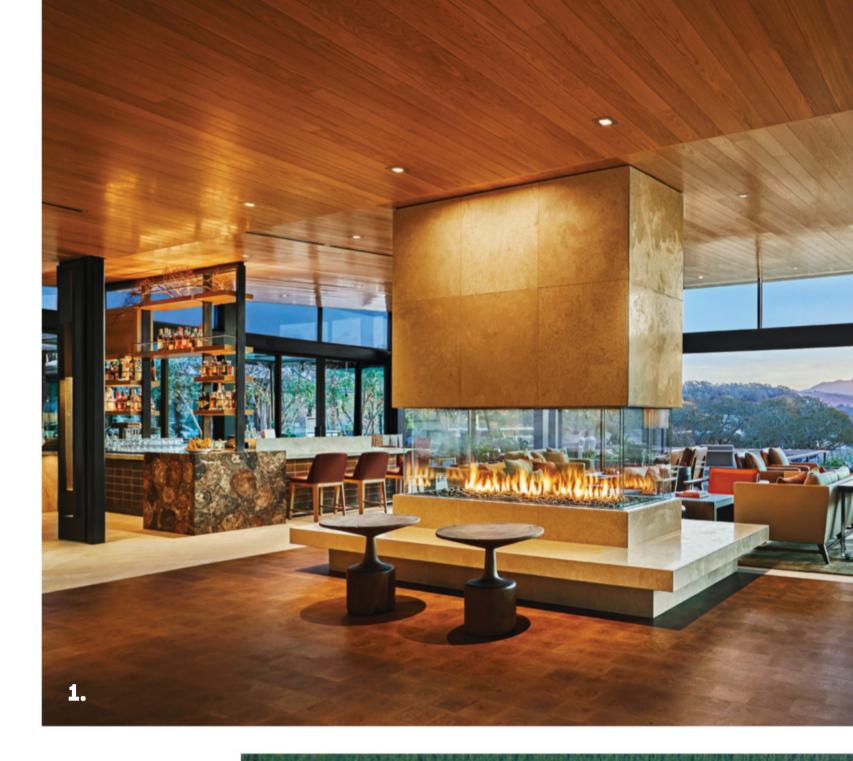
When You're Ready to Go Big

If there's one thing pandemic lockdowns have taught us, it's that we're social animals. Whether you're making up for a missed birthday, celebrating an anniversary, or just reconnecting with family, these above-andbeyond hotels are the perfect settings for a memorable (vaccinated) reunion. Here, five members of T+L's A-List of travel advisors give their picks for whatever the occasion. **BY ANDREW SESSA**

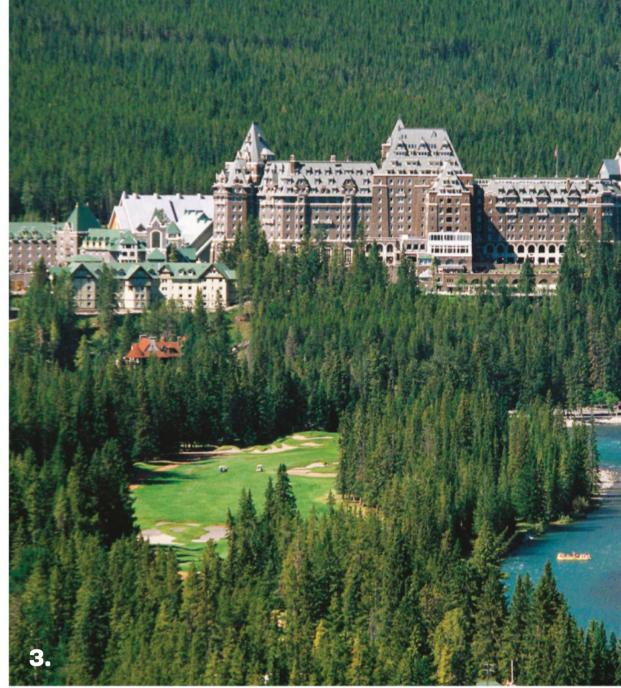


1. If You're Planning to Toast Again

Sonoma County, California "Set on 258 acres of vineyards and oak groves, the new **Montage Healdsburg** (montage.com; doubles from \$995) resort feels like a bucolic estate, though it's close to the town's central plaza," says Michelle Murré (michelle@ azurinetravel.com). It's well situated for a group of friends planning private tastings of top Pinot Noirs; plenty of Michelin-starred restaurants are close at hand, too.

2. If You're Nostalgic for Summers on the Lake

Saranac Lake, New York "The **Point** (thepointresort. com; doubles from \$900 per person, all-inclusive) was built in the 1930s





as a Rockefeller family retreat. Today, the resort has the vibe of a grown-up summer camp," says Barkley Hickox (barkley. hickox@localforeigner. com). "It's ideal for a group of couples who like to eat, drink, and revel in the great outdoors—as long as they're up for the twice-aweek black-tie dinners."

3. If You're Looking for Adventure

Banff, Alberta "The 133-year-old, castlelike **Fairmont Banff Springs** (fairmont.com; doubles from \$370) is the kind of place that makes you stop and take a deep breath. The views of the Rockies couldn't be more impressive," says Jennifer Lobb (jj.traveldesign@gmail. *com).* Guests can fish or hike in the surrounding forest with the hotel's handpicked guides or reconnect over a traditional high tea or a treasure hunt.

4. If You've Been Missing Family Time by the Sea *Watch Hill, Rhode Island* "You can't beat **Ocean**

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House (oceanhouseri. com; doubles from *\$860),* the quintessential New England mansion hotel, which opened on a sprawling stretch of sand here in 1868. It looks like something from The Great Gatsby," says Jack Ezon (jack@ embarkbeyond.com). Staff can arrange just about anything-boating, fishing, bike rides-though Ezon is a particular fan of gourmet picnics on the hotel's lawn.



FROM TOP: CHIP RIEGEL/COURTESY OF OCEAN HOUSE; STEPHEN KENT JOHNSON/ COURTESY OF MAISON DE LA LUZ

5. If You're Meeting Friends for a Wild Weekend *New Orleans*

"The tasteful, understated Maison de la Luz (maison delaluz.com; doubles from \$400) feels like a personal city retreat. You get the intimate vibe of staying over at a friend's housebut with a concierge team to lead you to the best meals, shopping, and live shows," says Amina Dearmon (amina@ perspectivestravel.com). The property's common areas are only for guestsunlike at a typical hotel—so there's plenty of room to catch up over coffee or cocktails from the honor bar before hitting the town.