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# 6 PORTER EDITORS ON THEIR DREAM TRAVEL DESTINATIONS

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## Victoria Haswell, Content Manager

“I should have been getting married in France this month, but with all the uncertainty of travel and social-distancing restrictions, my fiancé and I decided to postpone to 2021. We’ve enjoyed many fun weekends in Paris and the Champagne region over the years and discovered our venue – the beautiful Château de Mairy near the city of Châlons-en-Champagne – during one of these trips; it was actually the last place we traveled to before lockdown. Situated in 25 acres of gardens and woodland, the chateau has been thoughtfully restored to its 17th-century splendor while retaining the relaxed atmosphere of a country house. I’ve lost count of the hours spent dreaming during lockdown of the day we finally return with our family and friends next year; the long wait will make it even sweeter.

“After the wedding, we’re planning on checking in to the nearby [Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa](#) for some R&R and to visit the local historic champagne houses, before heading south to Provence for a week exploring its prettiest hilltop villages, eating bouillabaisse and drinking rosé. Crillon-le-Brave, Gordes and Aix-en-Provence are all on our honeymoon hotlist.”

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The idyllic Château de Mairy is perfect for a country escape in Champagne's Marne Valley



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