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New year temptations with Bonhams' Scottsdale auction

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On January 21st Bonhams are offering an eclectic mix of cars that has something for everyone. These are our top lots from the Scottsdale auction.



The ‘No Man’s Land’ style Porsche 911 Targa has us all talking in the office. Originally a red car, the current owner subjected the car to a full renovation in 2019. Steel turbo fenders, 3-piece BBS wheels and a fettled engine, modifications that were all carried out in Germany. The tasteful modifications really capture the mood of 1980s excess and yet it also looks so tasteful. The real give away that this car is not just about looks though is the Pirelli P7 Corsa tyres, these are tarmac rally stage tyres that will grip the road well beyond what your thought was capable. With an estimate starting from \$85,000 this slice of the ‘80s is well worth a closer inspection.



The ‘Monospecchio’ Testarossa with over 82,000 miles is a really useable proposition, remember when these seemed wide? Park it next to any modern supercar and be amazed how much they have shrunk! Group 44 made their name with Bob Tullius and that iconic livery draped over Jaguars. But the 1969 Triumph GT6+ offered is an early example of the white and green colours on a race car with period success and benefitting from a restoration. Also grabbing our attention is the single owner Mercedes-Benz 300 SEL 6.3, having spent its entire life relaxing in southern California it is time for some to recommission this classic cruiser.



The Lamborghini 400GT Islero is understated cool that only Italians could deliver. Just 125 Isleros were produced, Argento silver with tobacco leather and that iconic V12, perfect! With a low estimate of \$200,000 this stylish bull seems like great value for money. Talking of style, the BMW 507 oozes charm and this 1959 Series II knows it. Expected to sell for around the \$2m mark it is indeed rarer than the 300SL Mercedes Benz. We think the next custodian should return it to its original colour of silver blue metallic.

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Our ten stand out lots in the Bonhams Scottsdale auction

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