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## travel notes



## How to be *the* girl in every port

Alice Bamford gives you urgent Med attention

### MARBELLA The swankiest all-systems-goo city on the Med

Lunch at the sophisticated Marbella Club (tel: 00 34 952 822 211). Yacht-spot at the Sinatra Bar in Puerto Banus (tel: 00 34 952 281 4825). Drink unusual cocktails at the Havana (tel: 00 34 952 788 900) and on the terrace at La Nocte (tel: 00 34 952 866 996). Dance at Olivia Valere (tel: 00 34 952 828 861); the music is cheesy but the dancefloor and bars are the hottest around. At Oh Marbella in the Hotel Don Carlos, celebrity DJs such as David Morales hit the decks for an electric sound. Get away from it all the morning after at Café del Mar at the Hotel Puente Romano (tel: 00 34 952 820 900).

**IBIZA A smorgasbord of club culture**  
Dance all day and all night at Amnesia, Privilege and El Divino, and drink at KM5, a pre-clubbing hotspot with Moroccan tents lit by pyramid lights. See go-go dancers at Pacha, where the vast dancefloor vibrates

with funky house music. Eat Italian at Maccow and buy bags, sarongs and stetsons trimmed with marabou, Rhinestones and ribbons by Muriel Laherrere at Silver Mirage, Carrer d'Enmig 10 (tel: 00 34 971 310 017).



**ST TROPEZ Sexy, tacky and fun**  
Glamour, pleasure and celebrity come together at Les Caves du Roy in the Hotel Byblos. Young hipsters go to Papagayo. The most happening beach bar is Quay Largo and lunch is exemplary at Club 55.

**PORTOFINO Classic elegance**  
Drink Bellinis at the Splendido Mare's Chulay Bar on the port, then buy cashmere from Fiorella at Tender on the Via Roma. Eat pasta at Pany (tel: 00 39 018 526 9037) and the freshest prawns at Batti (tel: 00 39 018 526 9379). Magazin provides picnics for adventures in local fishing boats around the bay.



**CAPRI The Jackie O of islands**  
Lunch at La Fontelina (tel: 00 39 081 837 0845) and have pre-dinner drinks at Quisana (tel: 00 39 081 837 0788) – the crowd ranges from hip 'n' cute to nip 'n' tucked. Eat antipasti in a lemon grove at Da Paolina (tel: 00 39 081 837 6102), dance on the tables to Neapolitan singing at Amore e Cuore and, for the best frames and overnight prescriptions for cool specs, head for Capri People Sunglasses.

**AMALFI COAST The ultimate in understated chic**  
Eat fabulous fish at La Spondo in the hotel Le Sirenuse in Positano (tel: 00 39 087 875 066). Buy great Tod's-style shoes in Tre Denari (tel: 00 39 089 875 062) in the village. At Nerano, the new find is La Scoglio (tel: 00 39 081 808 1026); it's family-run, accessible only by boat and complete with a mongrel wearing a bandana. No pretension, but you may end up sitting next to Luca di Montezelomo, Jean Alessi or Valentino.



**AEOLIAN ISLANDS The hippest place to be this summer**  
On Stromboli, stay at the Barbablu (tel: 00 39, 090 986 118); the volcano is the backdrop for fantastic pizza in the observatory. On Pantera, stay at La Raya, where all the suites have a breathtaking view and there is a rocking nightclub full of gorgeous Italians.

**SARDINIA Best beaches, clearest water and most beautiful people**  
Lunch at the Cala di Volpe (tel: 00 39 078 997 611). Dine on fresh fish and English puddings at Rosemary (tel: 00 39 078 991 185), then chill out on huge cushions with a cappuccino. Eat roast sucking pig and salt-baked sea-bass at Gianni's (tel: 00 39 078 992 436), and dance at Billionaire's (tel: 00 39 078 994 192), the hottest club on the Med. You may find Denzel Washington, Tommy Hilfiger, and Naomi Campbell there. Buy jewellery at Zannein, Porto Rotondo, where owner Claudio collects Forties and Fifties pieces, and buy bikinis and disco dresses at Kiss Me More.

**DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT**  
Vintage Cutler and Gross sunglasses, Etro sandals for boys, Diesel palm tree-print jeans and a Sony Cybershot digital camera.