



Rifat Ozbek

"My favourite beach is Patara in Turkey on the Aegean coast. You can only reach it by boat. It's very secluded, very isolated and unspoilt. I spent a lot of time there in my childhood."

Paloma Picasso

"My favourite beach is on St George's Cay in Belize. The sea is very warm because it is protected by a coral reef. It's very unspoilt and secluded. I hope nobody finds it so that I can go back and enjoy it."



Honor Fraser

"I love cold and windy beaches. I hate beaches in the sun. My best time on a beach was on Long Island a week before Christmas when I was staying in a beach house and there was a massive storm—it was really exhilarating and invigorating."

Selina Blow

"My favourite beach is on my uncle's island, Taprobene, 100 yards off the coast of Sri Lanka—you just walk across in shallow water to get to it. I'm a very shy swimmer and there's a little cove where the waves are modest and barely come above one's kneescap. It's surrounded by lots of smooth black boulders so you can avoid the crabs."

Bruce Oldfield

"I love the windswept, craggy beaches of the Atlantic coast of Barbados such as Bathsheba, a far cry, a blessing relief and a good hangover cure from the silky smooth St James on the Caribbean side of the island."

Amanda Wakeley

"The beaches in the Bahamas are the beautiful I've ever seen. My favourite is Palomares near St-Jean-Cap-Ferrat because it has so many memories for me. We had our pre-wedding dinner there. It's got the most beautiful outlook—up the hills of Eze behind one direction, all the way to the Grande Corniche in Monaco as you look the other way you've got beautiful Cap Ferrat. Especially when you get out of a plane or boat and you're careful not to step on a snail shell. They are completely untouched. I went last Easter, and the year before last, it's complete."

Town & Country



At ever-popular La Fontelina, the daily ritual entails swimming and lounging almost nonstop, except for a leisurely (and essential) lunch break. Opposite, from top: The steep walk down to the Faraglioni and beach-restaurant La Fontelina; Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis enjoys an aperitif in the Piazzetta with her husband, Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis, in 1969.



Calvin Klein

"My favourite beach is on St Barts"

Ben de Lisi

"I can't decide which is my favourite beach—I have four: Grande Saline in St Barts—it's beautiful, the ocean is so clear, and there's lots of foliage, which I love. Ela in Mykonos—you can have a good time there, the food is great, and yet it's tranquil and comfortable because the beach is so wide. There is lots of bougainvillea and I always run into friends there. Princess Margaret beach on Bequia is for lovers—it's beautiful, and the water is calm because it's an inlet. And I love the beach at Fontelina in Capri—rock rather than beach—there are mattresses to lie on and the restaurant which brings you peaches in wine. It has a great view of the Faraglioni rocks and its blasé chic is just so glamorous..."

Anouska Hempel

"My favourite beach is Macaroni on Mustique. Wild, red parties in the rain and rain, huge log fires, burning embers glowing at dawn, the whistling wind, extraordinary waves, and the beautiful sea in the world. Walking on the beach alone with friends, or just being there. Huge fun, fantastic company and very island—perfect."



islands, beach and ocean; incredibly clear blue water and very shallow so you get that lovely aquamarine colour for miles on end."

Kirsty Hume

"My favourite is Ayr beach in Scotland because it's where I grew up and always brings back a million memories. It's unspoilt and rocky but has lots of sand dunes. It's windy—Scotland is always very windy—and it never gets crowded. Not many people go sunbathing or sailing there, it's not like England."

Amanda Harlech

"Harlech beach is 360 degrees and 20 miles of perfection. I go there every year. It's isolation with a limitless horizon, and it does all the good that that kind of purity does to you. It's almost uncomfortable because it's vast but, by the time you get back to London or wherever you're completely recharged. I think beaches are about so much as well, big waves: if a storm runs in you can have some fun. I take my horses down, ride the beach and do all that cantering-in-the-sea thing."



Manolo Blahnik

"My favourite beaches are the ones on the Atlantic coast of Morocco. They're vast, very wild, unspoilt and empty."

Patrick Co

"My favourite beach is the one at Amanpulo in the Philippines which has a beautiful coral reef."



"Capri is one big rock. Jump off the boat and you're swimming in the water. There is no danger of sharks. I have been coming here for thirty-eight years. When I was eight years old, I didn't realize how beautiful Capri was. I didn't appreciate any of the ancient aspects of the island. When I turned sixteen, I finally began to see the light—the Capri light." —AMERIGO LIGUORI

"There were so many people, especially foreigners, visiting Capri on their yachts: Onassis with the *Christina*, Charles Revson with the *Ultima*. These were huge boats at the time, full of great people. Callas and Churchill, Jackie and Lee, you name it." —VALENTINO

"La Fontelina was and still is my favorite beach, but you lose it early there. My other favorite was Il Faro, in Anacapri, because I knew if we stayed up late the night before, the sun would still be in the late afternoon. We had it all figured out." —MARISA

"Having a drink on the terrace of the Quisisana is like being in the front row at a fashion show." —MICHAEL KOF

"Capri is so authentic. It attracts a very international and diverse crowd of people in search of the fabulous. I find it that way every time I am there, whether I am shopping for Capri's handmade sandals, enjoying the *linguine alle vongole* at D or dancing on the tables at Anema e Core." —COLIN CO