

# BAZAAR

ESCAPE

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## JEWELS OF THE SEA

The most beautiful islands in the world: Italian idylls, Greek hideaways,  
Bulgarian havens and a sparkling Caribbean treasure

*The coast of  
Famagusta in  
the Mediterranean*




# DROPS IN THE OCEAN

From an Aeolian retreat to an Aegean sanctuary, these European isles are the favoured playgrounds for today's international jet-set

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## - Formentera -



An hour from Ibiza by boat, Formentera is the rising star of the Balearics. Its relaxed, hippie vibe is the much-needed antidote to Ibiza's neon lights and nightclubs, while strict planning regulations mean you won't find any beachfront high-rises here. Instead, it is a haven of rustic tavernas, quaint cafés and lantern-lit bars. Platja de Migjorn, the island's longest beach, is a gorgeous, sparkling white strip beside the glittering water. Gastronomes should book a table at the ocean-facing restaurant Juan y Andrea, where the lobster paella has a list of famous fans, and is served to you al fresco as you sink your toes into the sand.

**WHO GOES:** Sienna Miller, Jade Jagger, Elle Macpherson, Leonardo DiCaprio.

**WHERE TO STAY:** Gecko Beach Club ([www.gekobeachclub.com](http://www.gekobeachclub.com)).



*Gecko Beach Club  
in Formentera*