



# BALEARICS? HELL YEAH RICS!



THEY'RE THE HOTTEST ISLANDS TO  
HEAD TO THIS SUMMER, BUT WHAT  
SHOULD YOU CHECK OUT ON YOUR  
BREAK TO MAJORCA, IBIZA, MENORCA  
OR FORMENTERA? HERE ARE OUR 10  
SUGGESTIONS - ALL OF THEM  
GUARANTEED 10/10

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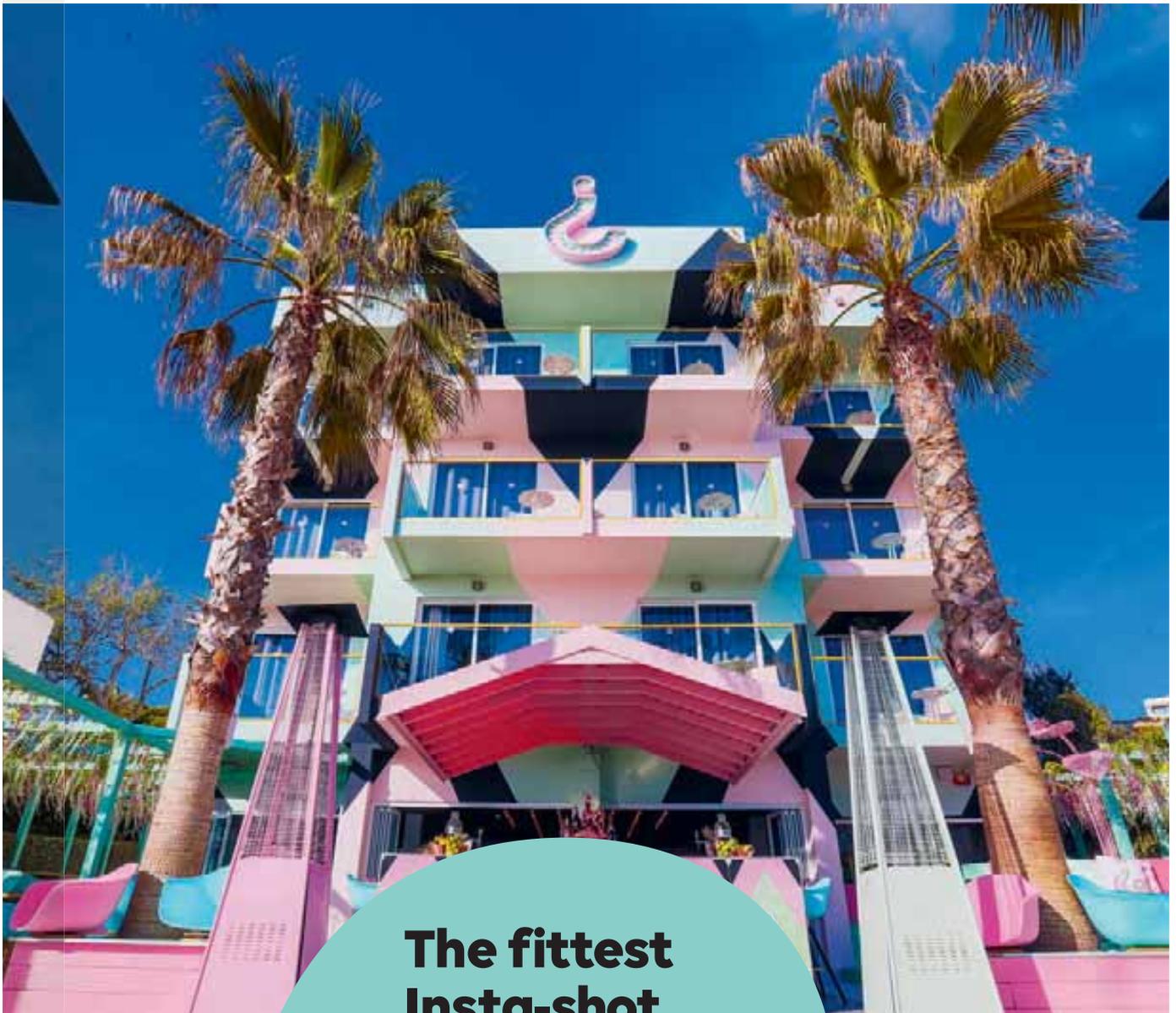


**The science bit**  
This lovely colour comes from the microorganisms in the surrounding salt pans – also the preferred snack of local flamingos, giving them their bright pink shade.

## The pinkest beach

WHAT IF THE PUREST popping millennial-pink Insta backdrop also happened to be one of the world's dreamiest sunbathing spots? At Formentera's Playa de ses Illetes, not only will you find a paddle-friendly, Caribbean-style expanse of shallow turquoise sea, but the beach itself is worth a second look. This magical stretch of bone-white sand fades into an extraordinarily easy-on-the-eye blush-hued area that's perfect for parking your towel. Better hurry, though, as that cool pinky effect is only visible for some of the year. >

[visitformentera.com](http://visitformentera.com)



## The fittest Insta-shot

THERE'S GOOD-LOOKING, sexy designer hotels, then there's this off-the-chain hottie. Opened this year, Wi-Ki-Woo has been fashioned from the ground up to be uncannily photogenic. The sea-facing rooms and suites are done out in eye-popping colour, with seasoned Gen Y jet-setters in mind on every level – right down to the Cowshed bath products and glitzy gold pineapple ornaments. The grub is just as head-turning, with a tempting Asian-leaning menu, and that's before we've even got to the signature heart-shaped pool floaties. A steamy summer fling you decidedly won't regret. >

[wikiwoohotelibiza.com](http://wikiwoohotelibiza.com)





## The plushest private island

IF YOU WANT TO party like a Bond villain (or some kind of baller Robinson Crusoe), the only way forward is your own private island. Enter Tagomago, a luxe islet just off the coast of Ibiza which boasts a modernist five-bedroom villa (complete with professional kitchen and giant saltwater pool, obv) and discreet nearby digs for your lackeys. Three complimentary boats and a helicopter mean you can whizz to the clubs without rubbing shoulders with the riff-raff – but, unless you're former resident Cristiano Ronaldo or a bitcoin billionaire, we see sweaty public transport in your future. >

[tagomago-island.com](http://tagomago-island.com)



### ISLAND IQ

Diego Calvo, founder of Ibiza's raucous Rock Nights, tells us how to blag the coolest party invites

#### This party is so lame. Where should I go instead?

Clubs aren't cool any more. The parties that are really happening are run by local people.

#### Who do I have to butter up for an invite?

It's all about getting to know people through your contacts – that's how the island works.

#### Oh god, I have no contacts.

Don't worry. The best people are always out and about – just start

chatting and they'll be able to tip you off about private villa parties.

#### Will my questionable dance moves get me thrown out?

Just don't pop outside for a *botellón* (a cheeky drink in the car park) and you'll be fine. Oh, and don't arrive in flip-flops either.

#### How can I tell if the party's worth doffing my flip-flops for?

If you find out about the party from different sources only two days before, then it's going to be brilliant.

## The dishiest meal

FORGET FOAM PARTIES and flaming sambucas – Ibiza’s food scene is popping off. While Norwegian duo Christian and Merete Marstrand’s Cotton Beach Club was at the vanguard back in 2014, with its all-white aesthetic and celebrated sushi, this year the couple’s new venture promises to up the exclusivity factor. Cotton Supper Club is private-dining only, serving fusion fare set to 180° sea views. For €250 a head (minimum eight people), you and your chums can chow down with a DJ (€450), open bar (from €60pp) and more. It’s high time you cottoned on. > [cottonbeachclub.com](http://cottonbeachclub.com)



### Real talk

OK, the jig is up. These lobster lickers are models, not punters, but you don’t need to be a half-nude beach goddess to dine here – you just need a normal, healthy appetite.



**Super fly?**  
If you master the art of the 'pack', you could take your skills to the Flyboard World Cup – an annual competition of futuristic flips and tricks.

## The wettest entertainment

EVER WONDERED WHAT the future of fun looks like? Virtual-reality nightclubs? Zero-gravity volleyball on Neptune? Nah, mate – it's all about jetpacks – and the future is now. At Port Calanova, Majorca, you and a posse of chums can rent a boat and try Flyboarding, a nifty invention by a French jet-skier with the appropriately sci-fi name Franky Zapata. Basically, you strap his clever contraption on your feet, pull on a helmet and safety life vest, then soar into the blue sky like Iron Man or zoom under the waves like a greased-up swordfish. The boat even has wifi, so you can upload snaps of you and the squad partying like it's 2099. >

[flyboard-mallorca.com](http://flyboard-mallorca.com)



### ISLAND IQ

Benjamin Whale, nutritional head chef at The Body Camp in Majorca, tells us how to bust a bad hangover

**I overdid it last night. Can I sweat off my hangover?**

Anything that gets the blood pumping – like a treadmill, bike or cross training – will help you recover. A post-workout steam, aided by plenty of water, is a great idea, too.

**That sounds intense. Can I kick the existential dread without working too hard?**

Even a walk will help you feel better quicker. Whatever you do, don't fester on the couch – you're only prolonging the pain.

**All that shvitzing made me hungry. What should I eat?**

Avocado with roasted tomatoes on toast is a great hangover breakfast. It will help beat that post-binge fatigue by replenishing your potassium levels and stabilising your blood pressure.

**I need to feel better, like, yesterday. What's the magic potion?**

You need a green shake full of spinach, avocado, banana, pea protein, chia seeds and oat milk. It's a total game changer.

# The waviest rave

NIGHTCLUBS ARE SO last decade. Savvy ravers all over the world, from Bodrum to La Palma, are fast discovering you can have even more fun sinking cocktails poolside, in the sunshine, listening to beats in your cossie – not to mention eyeballing passing talent through strategic sunnies. Ibiza is the undisputed daddy of the 'daylife' scene and nowhere more so than O Beach. Situated on the knockout S'Arenal waterfront, this glossy and glamorous poolside jolly hosts proper no-nonsense residencies from Balearic titans Hedkandi and Kisstory. Friday's wanderlust-themed shindig is their flagship night, featuring world beats and bedazzled carnival dancers. Well worth dipping into.

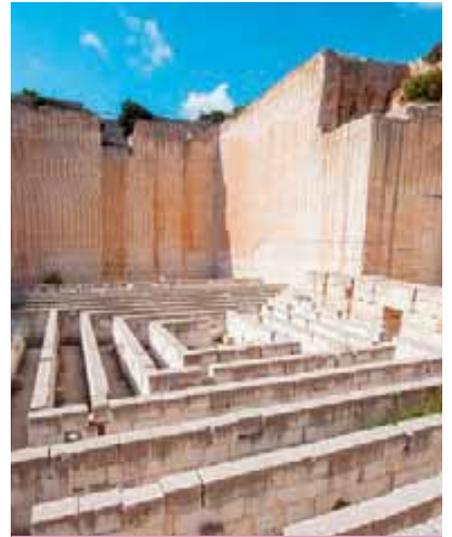
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## Party PSA

We don't know how this lady got up there and we don't condone climbing giant floating gorillas. Leave the ape acrobatics to the professionals.





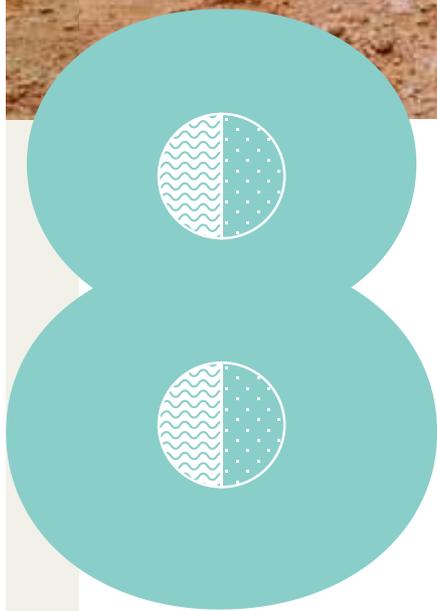
## The coolest yoga spot

WHEN YOU'RE QUITE done body-popping and taking photos of your legs at the seaside, how about making time for a bit of history? Trust us, it's lit. Lithica is the centuries-old quarry on Menorca that produced the calcarenite stone which comprises much of the island's traditional architecture. Since its closure in 1994, the cavernous space has been repurposed into a heady fusion of public gardens, orchards, a maze and a groovy cultural venue which hosts concerts in the summer months – and yoga enthusiasts year-round. Like the miners who first carved out this spectacular spot, we think you'll really dig it. >

[lithica.es](http://lithica.es)



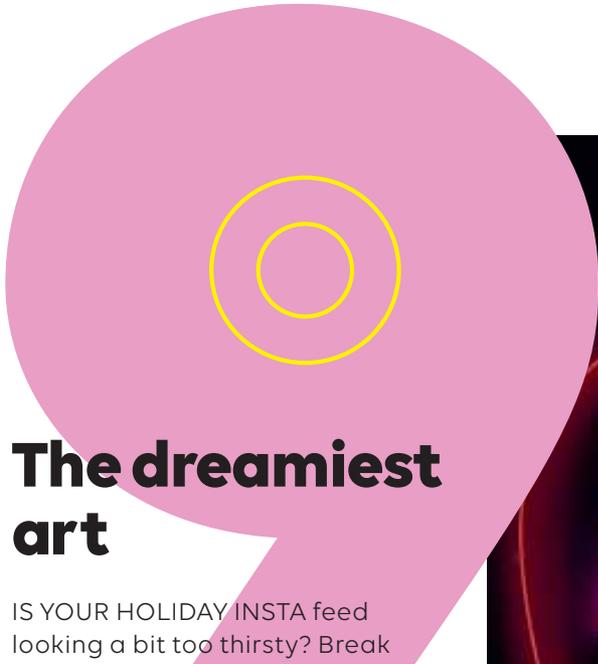
● **Behind the lens**  
This guy's name is Lewis and he doesn't know how to drive. The team at Mustang Adventures will kindly chauffeur you to the best snapping spots, no permit needed.



## The flashiest ride

AS ANY MILLENNIAL on holiday can attest, your accessories game has to be on point. But once you've sourced the slickest sunnies, procured the pengest phone case and bagged the most boxfresh creps, what comes next? A vintage muscle car, that's what. Those visionary petrolheads at Mustang Adventures, in Ibiza, are peddling an opportunity to nip around the White Isle in a stylish American whip, like you're starring in some golden-age road movie. Convertibles, automatic and manual models are all available. Admittedly, this isn't the most eco-conscious type of flex, but assuming you're on holiday to socialise (meet hotties), these'll drive your target audience wild. >

[mustangadventures.com](http://mustangadventures.com)



## The dreamiest art

IS YOUR HOLIDAY INSTA feed looking a bit too thirsty? Break up the beach selfies with some capital C culture – because being a well-rounded person is hot. Neon queen Tracey Emin is looking to lure sun bakers away from their deckchairs with her solo show at Art Projects Ibiza. Titled *An Insane Desire for You*, the island's coolest white cube will exhibit Emin's characteristically confessional mixed-media works – including her tender-hearted word sculptures, alongside some beautifully expressive large-scale paintings. And it's just steps from the beach, meaning you can zip back before your Margarita melts. >

[artprojectsibiza.com](http://artprojectsibiza.com)



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### ISLAND IQ

Valentina Desousa runs the much-loved Instagram account @mallorcamacgic. She tells us how to take the perfect island shot.

#### Damn, it's pretty here. How do I capture it for the 'gram?

Make sure you're snapping from as far back as possible and contrasting the background with something that's striking in the foreground.

#### My photos still look rubbish. Can I slap a filter on them?

'Mayfair' gives a lot of life to the photo and makes the colours brighter by playing with contrasts and vibrant tones. It makes the sea blues look deeper too.

#### I want to subtly show off my beach bod. Thoughts?

My go-to pose is the candid shot – just make it look like you're unaware that the camera is there by turning slightly away from it and admiring the beautiful landscape.

#### My follower count is, er, modest. How do I up my game?

Creating content continuously is crucial. Answering messages and interacting with your audience is also key – my followers always inspire me.



● **Spot the difference**  
Think this just looks like a regular rave? Think again. We spied some industrious partiers green-juicing just off camera.



## The purest party

PIKES HOTEL, IBIZA, has seen some outlandish antics in its time. The venue hosted both Wham!'s *Club Tropicana* video and Freddie Mercury's famously debauched 41st birthday party. This summer, it's changing things up a bit with a series of events from Cosmic Pineapple, a 'cosmic, conscious and creative' party, which promises enlightened folk the chance to find their inner selves through meditation, mindfulness, massage, yoga, energy healing and talks covering everything from climate change to 'womb wisdom'. By day, punters can explore a 'cosmic bazaar' and by night do the hippy-hippy shake to DJs, including resident 'space rave' spinner Cici. Truly stellar stuff. 🍷

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