



VANITY CASE



THE HOTEL

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From Kate Moss' favourite flea market to Ramatuelle's legendary beach clubs – welcome to the Riviera



Bastide Blanche

Swerve the busy beaches of Pampelonne and lay your towel down at this often-deserted spot near Escalet. With no shortage of scenery – from wild creeks to bone-white sand and crystalline water – it's the perfect place for some proper escapism.

THE HANGOUT La Réserve à la Plage

Come summer, Parisians descend on La Réserve in droves (for the spa, but also for the rooftop restaurant). And recently revealed is La Réserve à la Plage (right), a private beach club complete with boutique, oversized loungers ideal for people watching, and a rustic-chic restaurant where the barbecue is fired up and the champagne is always flowing... lareserve-plage.com



THE RETAIL THERAPY Place des Lices Market

Kate Moss is a regular at this quaint local flea market renowned for its artisanal produce (Provençal lavender, cheeses, smoked garlic). Tuesdays are quieter; Saturday mornings bring a Hermès-sandalled stampede.



THE RESTAURANT Le Club 55

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THE SPA Lily of the Valley

This newcomer on the French Riviera (below) was designed with health-seeking hedonists in mind. Don't be distracted by the dazzling Philippe Starck interiors: at its heart is an exemplary wellness village, where nutritionists and naturopaths, traditional Chinese medicine practitioners and Ayurvedic specialists, yoga teachers and personal trainers can be found. There's also waistline-friendly fare (chef Vincent Maillard draws on local produce – think spelt risotto with girolles); sun-speckled terraces for meditation; and the near-hypnotic backdrop of a sparkling sea. lilyofthevalley.com



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