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WHAT TO WEAR: Emulate the Delevingnes in vintage Pucci.

GETTING THERE: easyJet (*easyjet.com*) flies from London Gatwick to Marrakech from £160 return.

WHERE? SAYULITA, NAYARIT RIVIERA, MEXICO

WHO GOES? Kim K, Jennifer Aniston and Alessandra Ambrosio have all stayed along this luxe stretch of Pacific coast. The jewel in the crown is the small town of Sayulita, which is populated by the hippy surf crowd, plus their hip urban counterparts.

WHY? Dubbed 'the new Tulum', Sayulita, on the west coast near Puerto Vallarta, combines an off-the-radar vibe with urban necessities (think iced Americanos and yoga studios). No-frills beach bars stand alongside organic taco spots and rustic guesthouses.

WHERE TO STAY: The Petit Hotel Hafa is an adorable, six-room hotel in the centre of town, where Mexican, Moroccan and Mediterranean influences meet in one colourful surf retreat. For something even more relaxing, Playa Escondida offers private villas and beach huts dotted around a blissfully quiet beach. *Petit Hotel Hafa, José Mariscal*, 63732; +52 329 291 3806; *hotelhafasayulita.com*. Doubles from £31, room only. *Playa Escondida, Ave Playa Escondida No 1*, 63734; +52 329 291 3641; *playa-escondida.com*. Doubles from £145, B&B.

WHAT TO WEAR: Hit the waves in a sexy bikini by Lisa Marie Fernandez; change into a Missoni maxi by night.

GETTING THERE: Fly with KLM (*klm.com*) from London Heathrow to Puerto Vallarta from £691. Then take a bus to Sayulita, which takes 20 minutes and costs £1.50.

WHERE? BÚZIOS, BRAZIL

WHO GOES? Mick Jagger and family, Madonna, stylish *cariocas* from nearby Rio de Janeiro, and an abundance of bronzed Argentinians (so many, in fact, that the area is now nicknamed 'Búzios Aires').



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Chilled vibes in Sayulita, Mexico



WHY? Ever since a holidaying Brigitte Bardot put this fishing town on the map in the 1960s, Búzios has held a reputation as one of Brazil's most alluring coastal towns – and when World Cup fever took over earlier this year, the beautiful people began descending once again. In this tropical paradise, private coves are offset by cool bars and restaurants. Hit the stunning beaches, then feast on fresh seafood and caipirinhas.

WHERE TO STAY: Right on the beach at Villa Balthazar, a tropical *pousada* (B&B) where the Swedish owners have created an airy Scandi retreat with colourful vintage touches. Sleep off cocktails in one of five tranquil rooms, then head on to the back deck for a breakfast of tropical fruit.

Villa Balthazar, Rua Maria Joaquina, 375, *Armação dos Búzios*, RJ; +55 22 2623 6680; *villabalthazar.com.br*. Doubles from £82, B&B.

WHAT TO WEAR: A bikini from Brazilian swimwear favourite Vix. On NYE, follow local tradition and take to the beach in all white.

GETTING THERE: British Airways (*ba.com*) offers return flights from London Heathrow to Rio de Janeiro from £661. Take a bus from Novo Rio bus station to Búzios. A one-way ticket costs £12; journey time is around one and a half hours. For more information on bus times, see autoviacao1001.com.br.



- ONES TO WATCH**
1. The opening of the American Trade Hotel in Panama City – part of the Ace Hotel group – signals the hipster awakening of this tropical city.
 2. The Palawan archipelago in the Philippines is a blissful place to experience the joys of backpacker-friendly southeast Asia.
 3. The global surf community is flocking to the new Hotel Escondido on Mexico's Oaxaca coast. Join them.

Far left: The streets of Búzios. Below: Geejam, Port Antonio

