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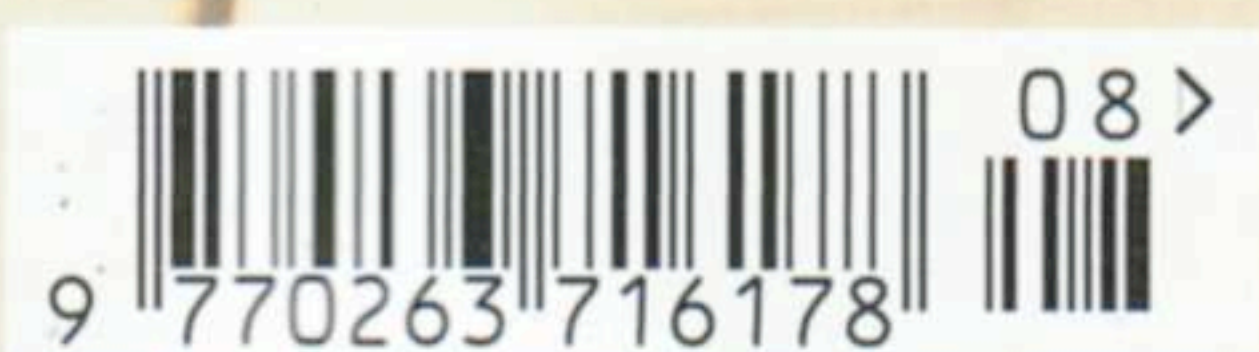
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## THE HOT TICKET: CORSICA

There's something about Corsica, that francophile isle with its misty mountains, Caribbeanesque coastline and echoes of Napoleon. Le Petit Caporal's birthplace is wild and rugged, less glitzy than Sardinia, more dramatic than Provence and definitely quieter than St Tropez. All the action is set around the southernmost tip of the island. Spot Monica Bellucci tucking into zucchini fritti on the deck at Tamaricciu or Andrea Casiraghi and pals diving off his mother's launch, the *Pacha III*.

While the glitterati bob around on megayachts in the picture-postcard harbour of Porto Vecchio, there's a new surge of sunseekers heading a little further round the bay to the old classic Grand Hotel de Cala Rossa. H el ene Canarelli, whose parents have run the hotel since the Sixties, has taken up the reins and whooshed and spruced – just look at those Missoni-striped fabrics on the sunbeds and the chunky red-coral room keys. Slowly but surely, she's tweaking and refining and the result is now less grande dame, more barefoot beauty. Think sun-blasted driftwood and palm-fronded

thatched umbrellas on the private beach, farmhouse-style bedrooms with thick old floorboards, whitewashed chests, terracotta tiles and bowls of pink hydrangeas. Not forgetting the spa and its treehouse treatment rooms with views of the pine-fringed beach below, or the rugged wooden fishing boat in which you can sail out and pluck sea urchins from the rocks.

Here is a holiday hideaway with multiple personalities – it's part Napa Valley, all leafy and green with vine-filled gardens, part Anguilla with baby-soft sand, pale-blue shallow seas and a very chilled-out vibe. And the food? Michelin-starred chef Georges Billon has been at the kitchen's helm for 30 years, serving up Corsican ewe's cheese and smoked hams, serious local wines and the juiciest fruit – eat outside under a hibiscus-laden pergola. The British beau monde hasn't cottoned on yet, but you might spot Nicolas Sarkozy by the pool. *Double, from £550. Ring 00 33 4 95 71 61 51 or visit [hotel-cala-rossa.com](http://hotel-cala-rossa.com).*

The jetty at Grand Hotel de Cala Rossa