

The Outsider Abroad: Ibiza

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Ses Salines beach at the most southern tip of Ibiza is known by the rich, the beautiful and the famous. Walking along the shoreline it all appears pretentiously picturesque: yachts on the horizon, the inviting aqua clear waters, a sharp and jagged coastline of yellow cliffs, carved stones by the water's edge. But when I look a little closer I find champagne corks in the sand, see a naked woman tanning next to her gold pumps and hear techno from the beach bars drowning out the waves. Ibiza (pronounced ee-bee-tha) is the largest Balearic Island off the Mediterranean coast of Spain or, as my friend Jelisa more accurately describes the island, "it's the Las Vegas of Europe."

The four of us traveling only pretend to fit in glamorously, booking our budget airfare and "couch surfing" with strangers for free. Ryanair is a popular low-budget European airline, the kind where everyone claps when they've landed. I've bought plane tickets from Ryanair for as little as \$20, making it one of the best resources for seeing Europe. However, beware—Ryanair will also charge its customers a small fortune if they don't check-in online at the appropriate times, if their carry-on item doesn't fit into the tiny compartment or any number of other ridiculous restrictions.

The night we landed, Woody, Chloe and I took a bus in good faith to San Antonio where we intended

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