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experts to take her to the party

## RED-HOT FUN ON STROMBOLI

Luca del  
Bono

The 34-year-old was born on the Aeolian island of Lipari. He now lives in London, and is

the MD of Beat Capital, a PR company he set up in 2003, following the success of Quintessentially, which he helped to found in 2000. Each summer he returns to the islands and takes 50 to 60 friends with him for what he calls 'The Aeolian Odyssey'.

**WHEN TO GO** May to October; although it does get very hot in the summer, it's a dry heat. I never go in August, though, as all Italians take their summer holiday then.

**WHY** There is a sort of magic in the air; it's something to do with the volcanoes – they make people go a little wild. It's a very natural, relaxed place. Each island has its own character: from the main island, Lipari, the favourite of fashionistas from Dolce and Gabbana to Giorgio Armani; to remote but fashionable Filicudi, where Robert De Niro

has a house; to Stromboli, which has no electricity and is unspoilt.

**WHERE TO STAY** On Lipari, I stay at Il Carasco ([www.carasco.it](http://www.carasco.it)), right on the water. The hotel has its own jetty where visitors arriving by sea can moor directly below the hotel [Paul Allen, Bono and Rupert Murdoch have all done so]. On Panarea, Il Raya ([www.hotelraya.it](http://www.hotelraya.it)) has a hedonistic spirit. La Sirenetta Park Hotel ([www.lasirenetta.it](http://www.lasirenetta.it)), at the foot of the fiery volcano of Stromboli, is like walking into a Seventies time warp, with its own little nightclub.

**WHERE TO EAT** Ristorante Da Antonio il Macellaio on Panarea (00 39 090 983 033) does the most amazing meat – most food on the island is very fishy. Punta Lena (00 39 090 986 204), just below the lighthouse on Stromboli, has two terraces on the beach that are lit by the stars. On Lipari, Kasbah (00 39 090 981 1075) has a beautiful garden filled with lemon trees under the castle walls, and serves traditional Sicilian recipes.

**WHERE TO DRINK** Chitarra Bar on Lipari (00 39 090 981 1554) is right on the waterfront, with live music and everyone dancing around the tables. People tend to go there for early evening cocktails. Eden Bar (00 39 090 981 1611) on the main street is perfect for beautiful people-watching. On Panarea, the Bridge Sushi Bar (00 39 090 217 2605) is popular for drinks before dancing.

There are no cars on the island so you walk and use a torch once the sun goes down.

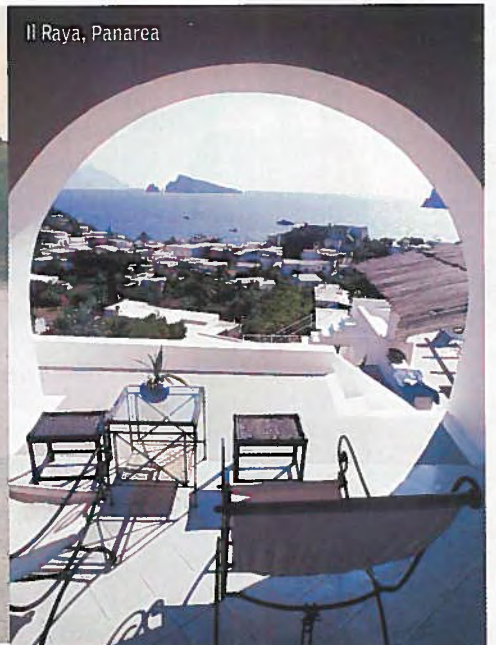
**WHERE TO PARTY** At Il Raya on Panarea, which has two terraces looking out over the Stromboli volcano. At the White Beach Club ([www.whitebeachclub.org](http://www.whitebeachclub.org)), at the foot of Lipari's

pumice mountains, there's dancing on the beach, bonfires and skinny-dipping.

**FAVOURITE MEMORY** We always have one big final party at the Carasco's Sky Bar, by the pool, looking out at the sea.

**WHO GOES** Naomi Campbell.

**GETTING THERE** Flights are direct from London to Catania (British Airways or Air Malta) or Reggio di Calabria (Alitalia).

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Above: Lipari