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By the pool at the Mandarin Oriental, Maldives

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## THE NEW BEACH CLUBS

### SCORPIOS

MYKONOS (pictured left)

Less flashy than Nammis but slicker than Alemagou, Scorpios is the newest addition to the island's 24-hour party scene – a good tip for securing a place here is to check into nearby sister hotel San Giorgio. The beach bar is flanked by two bays (Kavos and Paraga), and the look – driftwood daybeds, wicker lampshades and terraces tiered by weathered stone walls – is holistic chic. Tattooed waiters bring platters of chargrilled tomahawk steak with courgettes and mint. The party starts at sundown, with drummers in feathered headresses and 'Youba priests' spinning soul-jazz; it's a bit like Burning Man on the Med, but with a cast of Victoria's Secret models fuelled by mezcal cocktails. The rocky beach isn't ideal, but who cares when the people watching is this sensational? +30 22980 29251; scorpiosmykonos.com. Cocktails from about £15

### DAVIDA

ANGUILLA

This no-gloss spot is the coolest place to be on a Sunday afternoon. Set in Crocus Bay on the Caribbean, it's owned by the Lloyd family, who opened Anguilla's first guesthouse back in the 1950s. There's something both feel-good and great-value about da'Vida: no bling, no steak tartare, no Champagne-spraying; just messy finger food, sandy toes, tropical drinks and an aquamarine sea. Burgers, barbecued baby-back ribs and grilled lobster are served at the club's Bayside Grill. Beach dudes play rum cocktails to anyone who's bagged a lounge or a patch of shade under the palm fronds. Up on stage is Omari Banks and his reggae band (he's the son of beloved Bankie Bank, the island's grittier answer to Bob Dylan), the foot-tapping can turn into a carnival-style dance party. Or rent a stand-up paddle-board and go east to Little Bay to snorkel and climb the craggy rock out in the sea before leaping off with a whoop. +1 264 498 5433; davidanguilla.com. Cocktails from about £7

### L'ORSA MAGGIORE

TUSCANY

Facing the Tyrrhenian Sea in the chicest town on the Tuscan coast, smart L'Orsa Maggiore is all brilliant-white paintwork, blond wood and plate glass. This season sees the arrival of Milanese chef Giancarlo Morelli of Michelin-starred restaurant Pomirore, and his fresh approach to local ingredients – peiscro pasta with fresh broad beans and calamari, chargrilled moreno (a local sea bass) jazzed up with ginger mayonnaise – is turning heads. The stretches of sand and around here are occupied by the multi-coloured loungers and matching umbrellas of dozens of other lidos and beach clubs, but L'Orsa

Maggiore is where the smart set from Milan and Florence come to relax in the white and sea-green cabanas for Sunday brunch and go for a dip and chill. In the evenings, fire pits are lit and DJs pump out the music as Negronis are mixed and the sun sets on the majestic Apuan Alps. +39 0584 822219; ristorante.lorsamaggiore.com. Cocktails from about £9

### QUIOSQUE ATLANTICO

RIO DE JANEIRO

Rio's best beach bar is tucked away on a quiet stretch of sand down from the kitesurfers' hang out on Barra Beach. Hundreds of wooden kiosks line the city's famous shoreline and while good for a fresh coconut or ice-cold beer, they aren't inspiring lunch venues. So when Argentina's master mixologist Tato Giovannoni opened Rio's first foodie beach bar, in-the-know locals rejoiced. With its bright-red facade and simple wooden tables set in the sand, it still channels an unpretentious sea-shack vibe while serving truly fabulous food: creamy shrimp bolinhos and grilled cheese smattered up with crispy salsa. Giovannoni mixes superb aperí-spiced Bloody Marys and rosemary-and-grapefruit G&Ts using his own artisanal gin. Much table-hopping goes on as new friends are made in time to toast the sunset. And it's such a lovely place that many find themselves still chatting in their swimsuits well after the stars have come out. +55 21 99586 0453. Cocktails from about £6

### MARINA BEACH CLUB

VALENCIA

Two decades ago, the beach here was a scruffy affair bordered by the commercial port. Two America's Cups and five Formula One races later, the same area is squeaky clean and dotted with thatched parasols, and the inner port has been re-landscaped as the Marina Real Juan Carlos I. This new joint has a fantastic restaurant, lounge bar, outdoor club with sound stage and beach bar with hammocks. Designed in neutral shades, it's a beautifully fluid space with circular seating and slatted shading. The Valencian- and Japanese food is brilliant without being exorbitantly expensive; the cocktails are delicious, including Agas de Valencia, a twist on a Mimosa; the house music is perfectly pitched. It's all enough to make you want to decamp here for the summer. +34 961 15 00 07; marinabeachclub.com. Cocktails from about £7

### BESO BEACH

FORMENTERA

With its sand floor, shaggy palm canopy and upbeat, hip-shaking playlist, this place on the ice-white Playa de Ses Illetes has that borderline-Brazilian vibe nailed. It's tucked into a sheltered

nook behind dunes on the north side of the island, where pretty pines shade the colour-splashed tables and driftwood cocktail bar. But it really comes into its own at night, when its Mojito-fuelled scene is far wilder than anything else in these parts. El Bulli alumnus Carles Abellán has just joined the team here and is dishing up longomissa, a sort of Catalan hot dog infused with Abellán's take on global street-food flavours. Choose from New York, Korean, Mexican or Peruvian-style, order another Mojito and join Formenera's most flamboyant crowd dancing on the tables. +34 971 324 572; besobeach.com. Cocktails from about £8

### PUROBEACH

BARCELONA

There are plenty of shacks for tapas and beer, breezy parrils and funky, sea-facing terrace restaurants in Barcelona, but very few cool beach clubs, especially family-friendly ones with swimming pools. Enter ever-canny Purobeach, which opened its first club in Palma de Mallorca in 2005. This season's latest venture has been spruced up with teak decks, palm trees and plush four-poster loungers around the pool. Weekend pool parties have a reputation for Champagne high jinks, but it's more relaxed mid-week when a swim followed by a massage in the spa and lunch with white wine can end with dinner and a hookah pipe. The food is a clean-eating ode to pan-Pacific and SoCal, North African and Middle Eastern cooking in dishes such as cherry-wood-grilled lobster and spiced-beef kebabs with homemade pitta, raw vegetables and yogurt sauce. +34 935 070 092; purebeach.com. Day pass including pool access about £30. Cocktails from about £11

### LA POPULAR

TULUM

This funky little find in front of the new Nómade hotel has higgledy-piggledy wooden tables dotted around an open-front shack with wood-fired grills and shelves laden with the freshest of vegetables and fish. The red snapper topped with mashed garlic, sea salt and cascabel chili is sublime simplicity itself, and if clams are in season, order a mountain of them to share. The bar is nothing more than a thatched hut with a chalkboard, but it's stocked like an urban drinking den. Head barman Isaac shakes up a heavenly Caipiroska de Pepino (rodia with cucumber and mint) or a Violeta, which instantly conjures Parma Violets. As the sun drops in the sky, a crowd of merry-makers gather around the torch-lit bar to be serenaded by the band's hand-drum melodies, happily drinking up Tulum in all its boho-glam glory. +52 984 803 2243; nomadetulum.com. Cocktails from about £5