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*What are you
waiting for, amigo—
it's summer!*

GET RADICAL!

THE STYLE MANUAL THAT STARTED IT ALL

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Left: A washed-out jacket supplies just the right amount of texture. Right: Scarf (\$195) by Drake's; drakes.com. Below: Suit (\$1,030) and pocket square (\$55) by Massimo Alba; massimoalba.com.



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Rinse and Repeat

Italians cut a suit like no one else: unstructured, unlined, and close to the body. They're less famous for (but just as good at) beautifully lived-in finishes: rinsed, rumpled, and weathered garments that feel like old favorites. This Massimo Alba two-piece is a perfect specimen: Washed and dyed after construction, it's puckered at the seams and shrunk just enough that you don't need to be too precious with it.

Protect Your Neck

It's easy making fun of the guy in the summer scarf until you're sitting on an airplane or a beach just after sundown and suddenly you've got goose bumps that are visible through your T-shirt. Does a scarf like this add some flair? Sure it does. But more important, it has a function. Even in June, temperatures can plummet. You could keep a cable-knit on hand all season, but this seems like a smarter solution.



THIS PAGE: Shirt (price upon request) and trousers (\$425) by Isaia; isaia.it. Loafers (\$660) by Fratelli Rossetti; fratellirossetti.com. Aquis Date watch (\$1,800) by Oris; tourneau.com. OPPOSITE: Sweater (\$725) and shirt (price upon request) by Massimo Alba; massimoalba.com. Sunglasses (\$269) by Carrera; solsticesunglasses.com. Suitcase (\$7,300) by Berluti; 212-439-6400.