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ISCHIA, CAMPANIA



Mr Massimo Alba



“Ischia is a special place for me,” says Mr Massimo Alba, who was the creative director of Malo for 11 years. He started his own eponymous label in 2006 and makes some of summer’s finest polos, cardigans and linen- and silk-blend sweaters. “It’s where my wife was born, and also my son. For us, it is the point where we start our holidays every year.” The islanders’ passion and warmth, says Mr Alba, is reflected in the surrounding landscape: “Ischia is volcanic, and there are many natural springs. Right next to the sea, there is Sorgeto, where the volcano creates a stream of warm water year-round – it is magical. At my favourite beach club, the Nicola Alle Fumarole, there’s a sauna where you can see natural steam rising from the wooden planks.” And, while beautiful restaurants abound, “a simple tomato, aubergine and mozzarella sandwich made with bread from Boccia, Ischia’s best bakery”, makes a heavenly lunch of fresh local ingredients.

What to pack



MASSIMO ALBA

Wembley Striped Linen Polo Shirt



MASSIMO ALBA

Vela Slim-Fit Watercolour-Dyed Linen and Cotton-Blend Shorts