

THE SMART GIRLS' GUIDE  
TO  
*Sailing the Mediterranean*



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based on the novel  
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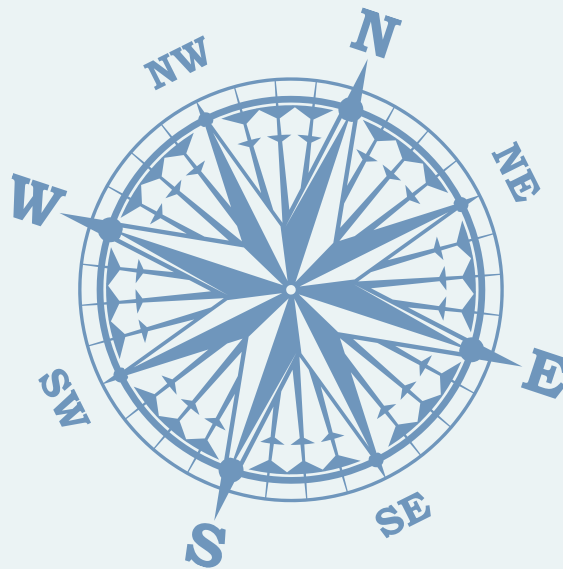
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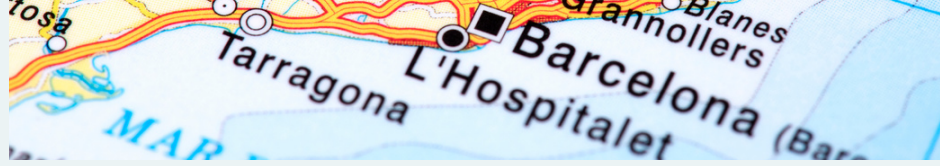
Summer is the season of travel – a time to escape the everyday and explore the unknown. And there's no more idyllic backdrop for your summer vacation than the Mediterranean Sea. Long days of endless sunshine create the perfect conditions for lounging on the beach in Barcelona or sipping champagne on a yacht off the coast of Saint-Tropez.

But let's face it: a luxe European holiday during peak tourist season isn't cheap. When you're on a limited budget, it can be challenging to indulge your wanderlust. What's a broke girl with the travel bug supposed to do?

If you're Abby Atkinson, you get a job as a summer tutor for the tween daughter of a billionaire – then enjoy a six-week sojourn on their superyacht as they sail around the Mediterranean. All the countries, all expenses paid.

To get the full experience of Abby's summer of adventure, self-discovery, and romance, pick up your copy of *Smart Girl Summer*. In the meantime, read on for a virtual tour of the iconic places she visits during her trip.

# Spain BARCELONA



Abby's grand adventure starts in Barcelona. Situated on the northeastern coast of Spain, Barcelona is a cultural hub famed for its art and architecture. And with its beautiful beaches, exciting nightlife, and incredible food, it's the perfect jumping-off point for a tour around the Mediterranean.



## Gaudi

You can't turn a corner in Barcelona without feeling the influence of famed architect Antoni Gaudi. From the iconic Basilica de la Sagrada Familia to the expansive wonderland of Park Güell, Gaudi's distinctive style defines the city's landscape.



# Beaches

After a long day of touring the city, you can easily dip a toe in the Mediterranean. Barcelona boasts miles of sandy beaches, some within walking distance of the city center, and all of them have their own vibe. There's bustling Barceloneta, peaceful Nova Icària – and if you're looking to go skinny dipping, try the southern end of Mar Bella.



# Tapas

Without a doubt, the quintessential Barcelona meal is tapas. On any given day, you can head to the buzzing Plaça Reial, grab a table at one of the numerous tapas bars, and enjoy plate after plate of Spanish delicacies. Traditional dishes include garlicky shrimp, crispy fried potatoes, and chorizo cooked in wine.



# Flamenco

Nightlife abounds in Barcelona. There are rooftop bars with views for miles, nightclubs featuring the best international DJs, and bars lining the city's busiest street, Las Ramblas. But for an evening of Spanish culture, you can take in a breathtaking flamenco show, featuring singing, dancing, and exquisite guitar.



# Palma de MALLORCA



After setting sail from Barcelona, Abby's next stop is Mallorca. Located about 125 miles off the mainland, it's the largest of Spain's Balearic Islands. Most of the action takes place in the capital of Palma, but there's plenty of fun to be found in the majestic mountains and breezy beaches outside of the city.



## Culture

Before it was conquered by the Spaniards, Mallorca was a kingdom unto itself. Explore this rich history with a visit to the former royal residence at Castell de Bellver, which has been restored as a museum. Then admire the stunning Gothic architecture of Palma Cathedral, which dates back to the 1200s.



## Cliffs

If you're seeking adventure in Mallorca, look no further than the cliffs of Cala Varques. A secluded beach on the east coast of the island, Cala Varques is a bit of a trek to get to. But your journey is rewarded with breathtaking views, crystal waters, and the opportunity to jump off spectacular cliffs – just like Abby does.



## Caves

There's a whole secret subterranean world in Mallorca with stalactites, stalagmites, and underground lakes. Over two hundred cave systems have been discovered here, and while most are inaccessible to the public, a few can be experienced for a small fee. One of the most popular attractions is the Cuevas del Drach, where you can take a boat tour that concludes with a floating classical music concert.



## Clubs

There's a lot to see and do in Mallorca, but if you just want to chill, check out one of the island's luxurious beach clubs. From Nikki Beach in Magaluf to Mhars Sea Club in Lluçmajor, you can wade in a saltwater pool or lounge on a daybed with a drink in your hand, all while basking in the warm Mediterranean sun.



# France CÔTE D'AZUR



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No Mediterranean yacht tour would be complete without a visit to the French Riviera – or Côte d’Azur, as it’s known to locals. The southeastern “Azure Coast” of France is famous for its gorgeous climate and luxurious resorts, but there’s a lot to explore beyond the beach. And Abby explores it all... with her billionaire boss by her side.



## Saint-Tropez

Abby’s yacht drops anchor in Saint-Tropez, and if you stroll along the pedestrian-friendly waterfront here, you’re likely to see a lot of yachts. But you’ll also see colorful fishing boats, picturesque townhouses, and any number of gourmet waterfront restaurants – a perfect spot for people-watching.



# Hyères

Head west and you'll reach the small seaside town of Hyères. It's less touristy than some of the other places you'll visit in the French Riviera, which makes it ideal for connecting with nature. Head to the Giens peninsula for windsurfing, kayaking, and paddleboarding, or take a leisurely catamaran tour around the Hyères islands just off the coast.



# Provence

Drive a bit north, away from the water, to see the famed lavender fields of Provence. The best time to visit is in the summer, when the flowers are in full bloom and the air is perfumed with their sweet scent. After you've captured the beauty on camera (for your Instagram feed, of course), spend some time in the surrounding village of Sault, where you can sample a delicious lavender-flavored macaron.



# Cannes

There's more to Cannes than the glitz of the international film festival. Just outside the city is La Croix des Gardes forest park, a verdant oasis replete with wildflowers. Here, you can hike to the top of a hill for a glorious view of the Bay of Cannes. For a closer view of the water, sit down for a glass of wine at one of the many sidewalk cafés lining Boulevard de la Croisette.



# Italy CAPRI



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The island of Capri is situated in the Tyrrhenian Sea, just off the coast of Italy's Sorrentine Peninsula. While small in size, its beauty has long attracted writers and artists who find inspiration in the cerulean waters and lush landscape. Abby doesn't have much time here, but she makes the most of – while trying to avoid the paparazzi.



## Mount Solaro

The best views of Capri can be found at the summit of Mount Solaro. From this vantage point, you can see the Bay of Naples stretching out below you, with the Amalfi Coast shimmering in the distance. Hitch a ride on a chairlift that whisks you to the top in twelve minutes, then relax as you drink in the vista.



# Marina Piccola

Abby's yacht docks in Marina Grande on the north side of the island, but the smaller Marina Piccola in the south is one of Capri's most popular places to visit. With rocky outcrops and pebbled beaches, it's the perfect spot to bask in the sun and take in the views – and maybe spot a few celebrities.



# Giardini di Augusto

For more spectacular views, head up to Giardini di Augusto. This terraced garden is adorned with brightly colored flowers like geraniums and dahlias, and provides 180-degree panoramas of Capri. While you're there, look down on Via Krupp, a winding switchback road that's a triumph of engineering, but has been permanently closed due to the danger of falling rocks.



# Gelateria

Capri is the perfect place to indulge in a little Italian dessert. Buonocore Gelateria in the center of the main town has been in business since 1950 and is lauded as one of the best gelato shops in all of Italy. Sit in the shade of a lemon tree as you savor a heaping scoop of sweetness melting in a freshly pressed waffle cone.



Read the Book

# SMART GIRL SUMMER .....



If you've enjoyed taking this virtual trip around the Mediterranean, there's a lot more to explore between the covers of *Smart Girl Summer*. From New York to Europe and back again, you'll join Abby on her virtual tour around the world.

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