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Celebrity
PASSPORT
WHERE THEY'VE BEEN, WHAT THEY'VE SEEN

NAME:
ANNIE MAC
PLACE OF BIRTH:
DUBLIN, IRELAND
OCCUPATION:
DJ

Life
hacks
TRAVEL

'I like to channel P Diddy on holiday'

South Beach
= mega excitement

Which trip changed your life?
In my second year of college, I got a visa to work in America for six months, and went to New York. I lived in the East village, between a record shop and a tattoo parlour, and used to sit on the steps every day and just watch the world go by – it was like a film.

you're out raving and you're working hard, it's nice to have somewhere quiet to go back to.
Tell us a travel secret from your hometown...
I come from Dun Laoghaire on the coast of Dublin, and my dad likes to go swimming in the sea come rain, hail or shine. One time I decided I'd go with him – I'm still traumatised in this picture (right), but it kind of sums up Dublin for me. Grey and rainy, but always lovely to go home to.

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How you look when you go for a dip in Dublin

Ibiza crew

What's been your biggest holiday disaster?
When I went to Brazil, and me and my boyfriend Thomas both came down with the worst food poisoning ever. For two days, we had bins by the side of the bed and couldn't speak to each other. It was terrible.
What's the coolest hotel you've stayed in?
I prefer places with character – Jake's Hotel in Jamaica incredible. It's all just wooden shacks on the beach. I've had some amazing times there.

Where's your 2017 travel tip?
Malta. I run my Lost & Found Festival there and the people are so friendly. It used to be a proper Mum and Dad destination, but they want to encourage a younger generation. I had a boat party there and when I woke up, decided it would be a great idea to go out in a towelling robe (right). I was inspired by a story of P Diddy, when he arrived in Ibiza wearing a robe straight off the yacht. ■

Doing Malta like Diddy

Where is on your bucket list?
"India sounds like the most sensory explosive kind of place."

If you could go anywhere, where would it be?
A farmhouse called Es Cucons in Ibiza. They grow their own lemons, limes and vegetables – it's a beautiful haven of tranquillity. When

Annie Mac's *Lost & Found Festival* runs 13-16 April in Malta. Her BBC3 documentary, *Who Killed The Night*, is on iPlayer now

Hanging on Santa Monica Boulevard, baby

Enjoying scenic Ireland with boyfriend Thomas

Who is your ideal holiday companion?
My boyfriend. Before having children, we just hopped about from Mexico to Jamaica, or Argentina to Brazil. We always just get a bit silly and end up having loads of fun.

Living it up in New York