



Tony Domin in front of the walls of Dalt Vila, Ibiza's fortress city. He is much in demand as a bodyguard on the island with its many rich and beautiful people



The protection of customers who have booked Tony Domin often begins on the part of the airport where they land with their private jets.



The head bodyguard also works with his team in Ibiza's luxury hotels when his job is to protect and accompany clients!

My Job: Bodyguard

Tony Domin has one of the most dangerous jobs on Ibiza.

As head of the “ABS - Agency Bodyguard Security”, he is the top der Top-Bodyguard on the island - and also in other places the world, wherever he is needed.

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As a bodyguard, Tony accompanies billionaires, football stars and celebrities to the clubs in Ibiza or on their yachts. He searches for teenagers who have disappeared on behalf of desperate parents and protects high-profile clients who are being targeted by killers. His impeccable multidisciplinary work is through precision and distinctive effort.

Tony Domin: born in Hamburg, at home on Ibiza. Blue eyes, angular face, high forehead with short hair, well-trained body, a circular scar on the left side of his neck. “A memento of a stint in Hamburg's millionaire circles,” says Tony Domin. “I was supposed to protect a woman whose husband had sent a paid killer after her. When I wanted to get into the car with the person I was protecting, the guy was there and shot. I was able to protect the client with my body and took his bullet in the neck. In return, he got two bullets in his legs from me. Job done. Client saved, husband and killer in prison...”

Such assignments are the most dangerous in his job - and there is a special clause in the contract that Tony Domin signs for every assignment, which reads: “The bodyguard risks his life for the person he is to protect.” Death can come very quickly. “To live longer, you need a sixth sense for danger, you need experience and tough training,” he says. For Tony, this means: shooting training, training in self-defense, driving and personal protection. He also has a license as a boxing and fitness trainer. “My boxing experience in particular really saved my neck. Boxing trains your reflexes. When the killer shot at me in Hamburg and I threw myself in front of the security guards, I instinctively turned my head to the side, otherwise the bullet would have hit me in the larynx and shattered my spine,” he says..

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Boxing trainer - that sounds like brutal violence at first. But Tony Domin is a fine spirit instead of a rough block. He is interested in ancient and modern philosophers, as well as history and other cultures. He loves the music and cuisine of Italy and Asia. He has written 7 books, published 120 papers and lectures in schools and clubs

He promotes his campaign “Be strong without weapons” to young people. He trains men and women in self-defense and also trains bodyguards. Training to become a bodyguard is tough, takes many months and costs up to 60,000 euros.

Being a bodyguard has nothing to do with the muscle-bound bouncers in clubs and discos. Bodyguard means perfect manners, means mastery of languages, means appearing just as

Whether in a tuxedo or a combat suit: bodyguards have to be confident in every situation.

confident in a tuxedo at a millionaire's party or in a casino as in a combat suit. Incidentally, he wore it for many weeks during a mission in the Libyan desert. Together with a team, he protected a large photovoltaic plant from terrorists and organized gangs: “They had already organized a convoy of trucks to remove the plant, which cost millions. But we were there. Too bad for the criminals...”

Tony Domin has lived on Ibiza for 20 years, where his company “ABS Security” has most of its contracts here. His team includes around 40 bodyguards. There are 34 men and six women. ➤

“Our women are important,” reveals Tony, “because when wealthy husbands or, above all, sheikhs want their wives protected, no man can usually work. The rich Arabs in particular then demand our women. And they are in no way inferior to the men. One of my female bodyguards comes from the Israeli secret service Mossad. She's had the toughest training in the world. Anyone who messes with her has a bad hand.”

Tony Domin's team accompanies prominent or wealthy women to the beach or shopping, provides personal protection on the super yachts of the rich, accompanies wealthy or prominent clients such as TV stars or football millionaires to clubs and protects the residents of luxury villas. The bodyguards are just as much a part of the private plane as they are of the secret parties of the rich and famous - even those where things are very revealing and the ladies from the expensive Ibiza escort agencies are part of the program.

As the boss, Tony takes on many personal protection assignments himself. Which ones in Ibiza does he remember in particular? “There are dozens of assignments every year. And of course, discretion is our top priority. We will never mention names. Our clients entrust us with their lives, they belong to the rich and powerful, they have to be one hundred percent sure that we never talk about our clients, never mention their names.”

Without naming names and exact locations, discretion is maintained - Tony can talk about that: “I had the job of accompanying a well-known footballer to a top club in Ibiza. Everything went well at first. No problems on the journey, no problems in the parking lot, discreet entry to the club through the secure VIP entrance. My client wanted to go to the table in his reserved lounge. That's when I saw this man who appeared to be on the phone and blocking the entrance. Over the years, you develop a sense of danger. And that's exactly what I sensed.”

When a stranger attacked a well-known football star in the VIP area of a club attacked a well-known soccer star ...

It is important to know that the stars of the top football clubs are among the most vulnerable people. They earn millions and are therefore potential kidnap victims. There is also the danger of opposing fans who are so fanatical that they would like to eliminate the star of the rival team. It could go so far that rich fans hire thugs to do the job. But back to the story.

“The security staff tried to push the man away with the cell phone. He fought back. I grabbed my client by the wrist and pulled him behind me so that he was covered by my body. The security guard now seemed to have the stranger under control. But he broke free, ran towards us and swung his fist at my client. I blocked the blow, twisted the attacker's arm and pushed his head down with my other hand. The security guard overpowered the attacker and took him away. My client was then able to enjoy the night in the club without further incident...”

Another job involved a young girl. She was 17. Her parents are among the richest people in Europe and were in their villa in Ibiza. The property was guarded by two people from the “ABS Security” team. One of them contacted Tony Domin shortly after midnight and said:

“Our clients are worried, their daughter wanted to be home at 11pm. Now it's already past midnight. She's not answering her cell phone either. She's gone out to a club with a friend, and the friend can't be reached either.” The employee gave the name of the disco from which the young women had last contacted us.

Rescue of two young women at the last second. They were victims of knockout drops.

Tony Domin immediately drove off with a colleague. He knew the young woman from one of his assignments when he had accompanied the family to a party as a bodyguard. “I combed the disco. Crap! No sign of the two young women. But one of the barmen remembered, 'They were there a few minutes ago. Together with a couple of men...' We sprinted towards the exit and the parking lot. That's when we saw them. The girls were staggering, three guys were with them, dragging them towards the cars. When they saw us, they ran away. We caught two of them and handed them over to the police, the third was arrested a day later. We were able to save the other young women from the worst. The guys had secretly slipped knockout drops into their coke and then wanted to abuse them at a private party. Rescue at the last second...”

But sometimes there is no rescue, then Tony Domin has to say: “I was too late!” As with an assignment from Germany. A man contacted “ABS Security” and said: “My sister is in Ibiza. She hasn't been in touch for days. She's not in the hotel either. But her clothes are still hanging in the wardrobe! Please look for her and bring my sister back safe and sound!”

“That was our mission,” reports Tony Domin. “We immediately investigated and gathered information. There was only one lead: a profile of the young woman on an erotic website. But that didn't match what we had researched. She was a completely normal young woman with no contacts in the sex trade. What happened next still bothers me to this day. The young woman was found hanged in the woods and had been dead for days. Alleged suicide. Her borrowed Fiat 500 was at the scene, with her notebook and smartphone inside. The vehicle was seized. The cell phone and notebook disappeared - and with them the last traces that could have shed light on her dead.”

The case was closed for the police, but not yet for Tony Domin. On behalf of her brother, he investigated further and came up with a possible lead: “In Ibiza, there are disgusting sex events in certain circles where customers are allowed to abuse girls and women for a lot of money and which end up demanding a human sacrifice...” It could be that the young woman was such a victim.” I lost the trail to nowhere. Tony Domin says: “I hope it was a false lead and that the woman was not a victim of perverted parties. The case still weighs on me today...” ➤



Underground garages and parking lots can be dangerous places when it comes to personal protection. This is where Tony Domin caught a killer's bullet while protecting a woman.



One of the off-road vehicles from “Agency Bodyguard Security” in front of Es Vedrà, Ibiza's landmark. The bodyguards get every car - right up to the Ferrari.



When it comes to personal protection, there are often two bodyguards: the driver and the bodyguard coordinate perfectly for every assignment.



Tony Domin and his people work all over the world. He has 40 employees in personal protection - including 6 female bodyguards.

It is often carelessness that bodyguards like Tony and his team have to contend with. Like the American businessman who had rented one of the very expensive villas in Ibiza, which cost 100,000 euros - per week: “The client had booked me as a shopping companion. When my driver and I picked up the businessman, he was wearing an expensive Breitling watch on his wrist. 'Too dangerous,' I said. He shook his head. The watch stayed on his arm. Until he came out of a boutique where he wanted to go in alone. Suddenly a young man was there, ripped the watch, which was worth over 100,000 euros, off his arm and ran off to the right.” Tony Domin didn't run after him, but in the opposite direction: “It was clear to me that the thief would make a move. And so he did. Suddenly he came running towards me, heading for where his accomplice was waiting on a motorcycle. I swept him off his feet with a kick and he crashed into a parked car. I was able to hold him there until the police arrived. My customer had his watch back and was one experience richer...”

Tony Domin knows the danger of his job. And it is particularly dangerous when he signs the contract in which he risks his life to protect a person. “Danger level A” is what such contracts are called.

That's why the bodyguard is often armed with his automatic pistol, a “Glock 17”. The 17 stands for the 17 cartridges in the magazine - something hardly any other weapon offers. But there are also jobs that even he has to turn down. Like the one that was to go from Germany via Ibiza to Thailand. The job was to secretly bring back the son of a wealthy German entrepreneurial family from Thailand.

Tony Domin explains: “The young man messed up, was arrested and released on a high bail of several hundred thousand dollars until the trial. However, he was not allowed to leave the country.” Now the parents were afraid that their son would be locked up for many years in one of Thailand's notorious prisons because of his criminal offense (violation of weapons law). They planned to secretly smuggle the young man out of the country - in an adventurous and expensive operation.

“The target was to be picked up in a private jet from a deserted jungle airfield and flown out,” reports Tony Domin. “The plan was worked out in detail. The jet and a pilot had been found. He knew that he had to turn the plane around immediately after landing in order to be able to take off. The target would wait there and jump into the plane, which would then take off at full thrust and fly low over the treetops - invisible to the radar - to the sea and then to Europe. “The operation had already cost over 200,000 dollars to prepare. The plane came from Germany, I was supposed to get on in Ibiza to do the action in Thailand.”

But Tony didn't get on the jet in Ibiza. “At the last minute, I found out from a colleague in Thailand that drug smugglers also carry out operations with drug-laden planes at deserted jungle airports. The Thai air force has orders to shoot down such planes immediately without warning. That would have been my last flight...”

bodyguard tony domin and his company

Name: “ABS Security”. For contracts, a distinction is made between: Security contract (general), protection contract (valuables, goods, objects) and personal protection contract (armed or unarmed). There is a catalog of risk levels. Prices are between 60 and 140 euros per hour. In the case of armed personal protection, there are additional costs for risk analysis and preparation.

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