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LOVE COMES UP TRUMPS

*Donald Trump Jr and his wife, Bettina,
share photos with HELLO! from their exquisite
wedding celebrations in the Bahamas*



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The happy couple share a personal moment outside the tiny stone chapel on Little Pipe Cay. Bettina wears an elegant birdcage headpiece in place of a traditional veil



In a tiny chapel on a peaceful island, an elegant bride married the son of a US president away from prying eyes. As the groom kissed the hand of his new wife, who was wearing a minimalist slip dress, the scene called to mind the wedding of John F Kennedy Jr and Carolyn Bessette, who evaded the press in 1996 to tie the knot in secret in a church on a remote island in front of about 40 guests.

This wedding belonged to a member of another American dynasty, Donald Trump Jr, and Bettina Anderson. Despite the obvious parallels, however, there was no attempt to emulate anyone, and the newlyweds have now shared photos of their joyful celebrations with **HELLO!**.

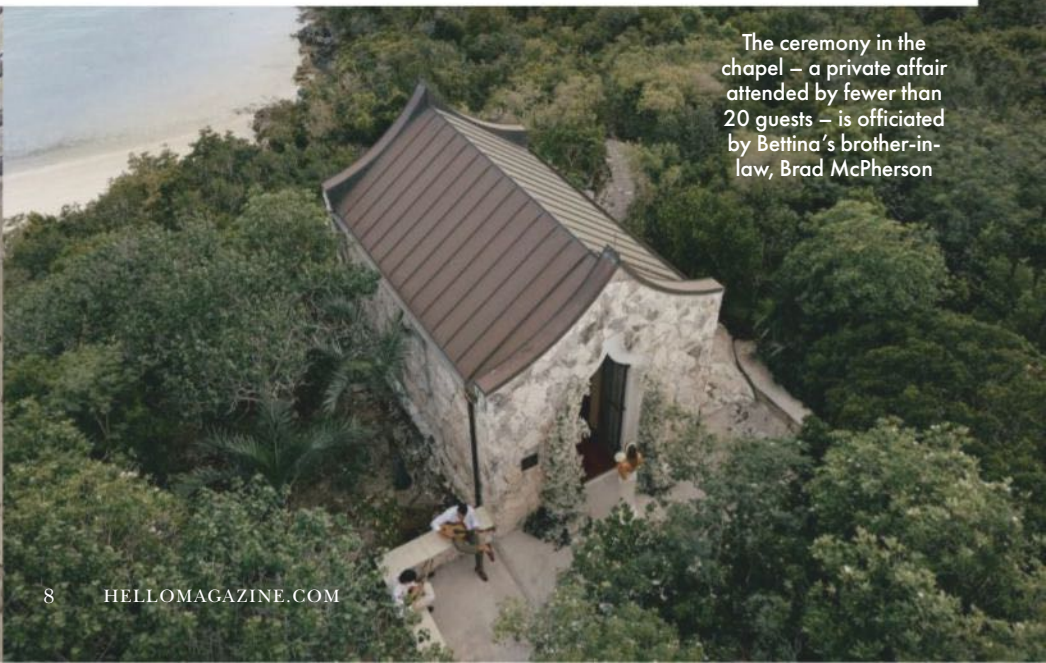
At one point, it had been reported that

President Donald Trump's eldest child would marry at the White House in Washington DC. In the end, it turned out to be a much more private affair, the couple celebrating with family members on a private island in the Bahamas.

SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

From the dress to the stone chapel, the wedding ceremony in the Caribbean in May was "completely Bettina", according to the event planner Lewis Miller.

The founder of Lewis Miller Design says that the day was "so much more her than any big grand production at the White House would have ever been". The private island, Little Pipe Cay, holds special significance for the bride: ►



The ceremony in the chapel – a private affair attended by fewer than 20 guests – is officiated by Bettina's brother-in-law, Brad McPherson



Don and Bettina
with three of his
siblings, Tiffany, Eric
and Ivanka Trump



she is friends with the family who own it and has memories of visiting as a child. "It felt very intimate to her," Lewis said. "It was lovely because it was so personal."

The wedding celebrations came less than six months after Don, 48, and Bettina, 39, got engaged at Camp David, the President's country residence, in December.

On Friday 22 May, the couple, who live in Florida, exchanged vows on Little Pipe Cay in a ceremony officiated by Brad McPherson, the husband of Bettina's twin sister, Kristina.

PRIVATE AFFAIR

Fewer than 20 people filled the little chapel's wooden benches, which were decorated with the delicate flower baby's breath.

They included three of the groom's siblings, Ivanka Trump, Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump, and their spouses, Jared Kushner, Lara Trump and Michael Boulos, plus four of Bettina's siblings: Bebe McCranel, Kristina McPherson, Harry Loy Anderson III and Kent Anderson.

Also in attendance were two of Don's five children from his first marriage – Kai Trump and Donald Trump III, known as Donnie, who sat in the front row on the groom's side – and the bride's mother, Inger Anderson.

President Trump had announced beforehand that he would remain in DC owing to "circumstances pertaining to government", but he extended his congratulations to his son and new daughter-in-law. Don's youngest brother, ►

Right: Bettina with her mother, Inger Anderson, and twin sister, Kristina McPherson. Below: Don and Bettina with (from left) Tiffany, Bebe McCranel, Kai Trump, Kristina, Inger, Ivanka and Rachell Vallori





Barron Trump, also missed the ceremony.

Although there was no formal wedding party, Donnie served as his father's best man, and Kristina served as matron of honour.

Before the service, all of the men got ready with Don, who wore a custom Mark Russell suit, and were given personalised leather toiletry bags from Leatherology. Meanwhile, the women got ready with Bettina and received monogrammed pouches from OTG247 and personalised blue robes from Petite Plume.

The wedding dress was by Safiyaa, a luxury womenswear label that has been worn by the Princess of Wales.

UNDERSTATED ELEGANCE

Safiyaa's creative director, Daniela Karnuts, told **HELLO!** that Bettina was drawn to "clean, sculptural lines and understated elegance", and envisioned a bridal look that felt "timeless, refined and effortless".

Daniela added: "She wanted it to express confidence, elegance and authenticity – nothing louder than that. The dress wasn't intended to make a statement. It was simply meant to feel completely true to who she is."

She said that Bettina was involved throughout the design process, which began months before the wedding, and that when it came to the design, they both found themselves returning to the "understated elegance of the Nineties and a period when beautiful tailoring and ►

Don and Bettina take to the dancefloor during their three-day-long celebrations.

Below: Mr and Mrs Trump cut the cake on the first night; the cakes were transported all the way from Palm Beach by van, jet, helicopter, golf cart and boat



The wedding dress was designed by Safiyaa to fit the mood perfectly, looking light, relaxed and effortless while also carrying a sense of occasion



The newlyweds stroll
along the beach on
Little Pipe Cay, a
private island that
holds a special place
in Bettina's heart





exceptional fabrics spoke louder than embellishment”.

The Caribbean destination also had an influence, with the Bahamas calling for “something that felt light, relaxed and effortless while still carrying a sense of occasion”.

Had the wedding taken place at the White House or somewhere more formal, the dress “might have taken on a more architectural quality, while remaining true to its essential simplicity”, Daniela added.

The final gown ended up staying “remarkably close” to the earliest sketches, with the sleek slip dress evoking comparisons with the minimalist dress worn by John F Kennedy Jr’s bride.

“Carolyn Bessette remains an enduring benchmark for modern bridal elegance, and it’s

difficult not to acknowledge her influence on minimalist bridal fashion,” Daniela said. “Bettina possesses a similar ease and quiet confidence, which makes those comparisons understandable.”

However, the designer insisted that the focus was always on “creating a gown that felt completely authentic to Bettina – one that reflected her personality with honesty, grace and effortless sophistication”.

The inspiration for Bettina’s dress was “the belief that restraint can be incredibly powerful... When every proportion and every detail has been carefully considered, simplicity has a presence all of its own”.

Rather than a traditional veil, the bride wore a birdcage headpiece. “That was Bettina’s idea,” Daniela said. “It felt completely authentic to

her style. She has always preferred a more modern interpretation of elegance, and the birdcage headpiece provided the perfect finishing touch.”

THOUGHTFUL ADDITIONS

Bettina included a deeply meaningful touch. Discreetly hidden inside her gown was a hand-embroidered message that read: “I have found the one whom my soul loves – Song of Solomon 3:4.”

She also carried a sentimental tribute to her late father, the banker Harry Loy Anderson Jr, to keep him close on her big day. Incorporated in her bouquet was a locket he had given her containing two photos of himself, and she held it as she walked up the aisle alone.

There was a lot of laughter as the bride ►



Bettina relaxes between parties

Wedding guests have the opportunity to swim in the sea with the island’s pigs





The newlyweds spend time on the beach before a Caribbean-themed party on the second day of celebrations. Below, Ivanka with her husband, Jared; and Eric with his wife, Lara



and groom exchanged vows in front of their families. “It was simple, sacred, beautiful and more joyful than anything I could have ever dreamed,” Bettina later wrote of the ceremony on Instagram.

Following the service, dinner was held at the island’s Refectory, overlooking the ocean. There, at a long table dressed with white peonies, ranunculus and candles in cylinder vases, guests enjoyed a multi-course meal that began with a choice of island-style tuna crudo or heirloom tomato burrata, followed by tagliolini, then a choice of butter-poached lobster or truffle-roasted chicken, and finally a main course of herb-crusted fillet of beef.

The wedding cake, by Sweet Stacy’s Palm Beach, was decorated with palm trees sculpted from frosting and had a story to tell of its own journey to the Bahamas.

The vanilla cake, along with a funfetti cake served later that weekend, travelled by van, jet, helicopter, golf cart and boat, and arrived safe and sound – though not without causing a little anxiety for Lewis.

PERFECT NIGHT

Reflecting on the first night, the wedding planner said: “It was really just so lovely to see a group of people and family members who all genuinely love each other. The energy of the dynamics between everybody was wonderful, and everybody was in great spirits.

“The weather was beautiful. They were just so happy to be there, and it was as though you were in this tiny little pocket and the rest of the world didn’t exist for this evening. It was just about Bettina and Don, and the love that these kinds of friends and family have for each other.” ►

For the Caribbean party on the second evening, Bettina chooses a Missoni dress and statement Juju Vera earrings



Don sports
a Junkanoo
headpiece
during the
Caribbean party





Lara Trump gets into the festival spirit



The night ended with a bonfire but the celebrations didn't stop there. The following day, Saturday, more guests arrived in the Bahamas for a colourful Caribbean-themed party.

The lively festivities featured Bahamian-style fare, including a roasted pig, in addition to a Junkanoo band, rum bar and dancing on the beach.

The new Mrs Trump embraced the island setting, wearing a one-shouldered Missoni dress and Juju Vera earrings, while her husband got into the street-festival spirit with a Junkanoo headpiece.

Sunday started with a fishing trip for the men and a pool party for the women, and wrapped

up with a nautical-themed bash on the nearby island Over Yonder Cay. The newlyweds gathered their guests for a party complete with a seafood boat, DJ, props for guests (namely, sailor caps and disco ball heads), dancers, an illusionist and fireworks.

FIRST DANCE

The bride and groom then shared their first official dance as a married couple to Elvis Presley's Can't Help Falling in Love. Guests joined them under disco balls suspended from palm trees and posed for photos with life rings and an LED sign reading "Sea la Vie".

Bettina rewore her slip wedding dress from

the chapel ceremony before changing into a custom Safiyaa couture two-piece set.

The couple also cut into their second wedding cake of the weekend. The five-tier funfetti creation featured a tackle-box detail and a topper of a bride holding a fishing rod and dragging her groom.

Later, as fireworks illuminated the sky, Don and Bettina kissed on the beach.

The couple had wanted their wedding to be about family, and the love between relatives was evident in the speeches over the weekend. Lewis said: "There was no cynicism. There was no sarcasm. It was just a mutual respect and an admiration and a joy that they all had." ►





The celebrations conclude on the third evening with a nautical-themed party and a fireworks display. Bettina wears a Safiyya two-piece set and Don a sailor's cap



Lewis, who worked with Bettina on her bridal shower, had less than two months to plan the wedding in the Bahamas, but it helped to have a bride with a distinct vision. "She wanted a progression. The ceremony was very serene and pretty and soft, and the dinner was very elegant, and then the next night was much more colorful, and then the last night was more kind of cool and fun tropical vibes," he said.

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE LOVE

"Every party had its own flavour. It never felt disjointed because they were all in different areas, so it felt as though everything naturally rolled into a progression of things, with plenty of time to decompress and enjoy the island and go shelling, swimming, boating, fishing or swimming with the pigs in between."

Ensuring that the wedding didn't feel like a

big production was a top priority, he said, adding: "It needed to just feel intimate."

The bride and groom dreamt of a chic and simple wedding but also one that was fun and energetic. "The overall connecting theme was that we wanted everybody to just have fun – we wanted them to forget the world we live in for a few moments," Lewis said. "It's all about the love. It's all about the family."

And that's exactly what the bride and groom got. "They had such a great time. Everything went off without a hitch, so they were thrilled, and I think it was really everything they wanted it to be." At the heart of it all was, as Don and Bettina hoped, a celebration of love and family, proving that, in the end, love does in fact trump all.



REPORT: ALEXANDRA HURTADO



The fun topper on the second wedding cake of the weekend shows a bride carrying a fishing rod and dragging her groom



The couple share a kiss in front of their second wedding cake. Left: Bettina dances with her new sisters-in-law, Tiffany and Ivanka



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THE INSIDE STORY



ANDREW AND GWENDOLINE BEAT THE HEAT

The actor Andrew Scott and Game of Thrones' Gwendoline Christie made the most of the heatwave at the final of a prestigious polo tournament – the St Regis British Open Polo Championship for The Cowdray Gold Cup.

They were joined by famous faces including the models Erin O'Connor and Amber Le Bon, plus Lady Amelia Windsor, at Cowdray Park Polo Club in Midhurst, Sussex.

Others who watched the action on the field included the polo superstar Nacho Figueras – a close friend of the Duke of Sussex – with his wife, Delfina Blaquier, as well as the fashion designer Giles Deacon, who has been in a relationship with Gwendoline since 2013.

BRAND BECKHAM HITS MANHATTAN

Harper Beckham stole the show as she joined her parents, Sir David and Lady Beckham, for a stylish family outing in New York.

The 15-year-old looked remarkably grown-up while supporting her mother at Caffè Portofino Paradiso, a temporary takeover of Caffè Paradiso in Manhattan's Nolita neighbourhood.

The pop-up was created to celebrate Victoria Beckham Beauty's Portofino '97 fragrance, which was designed to tell the story of a romantic Italian escape during the early days of Victoria and David's relationship.

The outing follows several high-profile appearances from Harper during her family's trip to the US for the Fifa World Cup.





BEYONCÉ AND SHAKIRA TEAM UP

The superstar singers Beyoncé and Shakira sent fans wild when they posed next to each other at the Fifa World Cup final.

It was the first photo taken of the two women together since they appeared at the MTV Europe Music Awards in 2009; they previously collaborated on the 2007 hit Beautiful Liar.

“What a day yesterday! Running into so many people I appreciate and respect, and receiving so much love from all of you!!” Shakira captioned her post on Instagram, which amassed 3.7 million likes in less than 24 hours.

Shakira performed at the first ever half-time show during the final in New Jersey, where Spain claimed victory over Argentina.

ROCK'N'ROLL ROMANCE

The 1975 frontman Matty Healy ties the knot with the model Gabbriette at an Old Hollywood estate once owned by Madonna





Charli XCX is among the guests. Following the ceremony (left), the couple arrive at their wedding party in a vintage Rolls-Royce convertible (above)

It's been a spectacular summer of celebrity weddings – and although some have been lavish, such as Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce's celebrations, others have opted for more low-key affairs.

The nuptials of Matty Healy, the frontman of The 1975, and the model Gabbriette fell into the latter category, with the pair exchanging vows in a private garden ceremony at an Old Hollywood estate in front of close family and friends.

Matty's parents, the Loose Women presenter Denise Welch and the actor Tim Healy, flew to California from the UK to support their son. They sat in the first row of seats in front of a specially built cream-coloured altar during the ceremony.

Denise attended with her husband, the painter Lincoln Townley, while it was reported that her close friend and former Coronation Street co-star Sally Dynevor was among the guests.

A MOTHER'S JOY

"To see my eldest son marry the most beautiful, funny, crazy girl under the Hollywood sign was a night I'll never forget," Denise wrote in a touching tribute on Instagram.

"They are made for each other. I couldn't believe so many of our friends and family were all together in Los Angeles celebrating this most magical, beautiful few days watching the love between Matthew and Gabbriette." ►

Gabbriette at the
final fitting for her
wedding dress,
designed by the
avant-garde
fashion house
Matières Fécales



The ceremony was held in the outdoor area of the Twenties-era estate Castillo Del Lago, a 10,500sq ft mansion previously owned by Madonna, who bought it in 1993 and sold it four years later.

Located in the Hollywood Hills, the property was a perfect match for Gabbriette's trademark gothic look, given that the 1963 horror film *House of the Damned* was filmed there.

The bride, 28, wore a haute couture tulle gown by the French fashion house Matières Fécales. She accessorised the look – which featured a scoop-necked top, long ruffled sleeves, a drop waist and a long train – with a lengthy tulle veil and a dramatic half up, half down hairstyle.

Matty, 37, was smart in a traditional tuxedo, complete with a white flower in his buttonhole.

After being declared husband and wife at 7pm, Matty and Gabbriette shared a kiss worthy of a movie scene, with the Los Angeles skyline as their backdrop. One guest said: "It had all of the Hollywood glamour without being ostentatious or cringe. It was classic old showbiz – it was beautiful."



Matty's mother, Denise Welch (left), looks stunning in a dusky pink Solace London column dress



Among the guests were the British singer Charli xcx, whose husband, George Daniel, is a bandmate of Matty's. Charli also set up the punk band Nasty Cherry, of which the bride was once the lead singer. Matty and Gabbriette were guests at Charli and George's second wedding in Sicily last year.

Charli, 33, arrived in an understated black dress and matching heels. The model and author Emily Ratajkowski was also on the guest list, as were the presenter Nick Grimshaw and the socialites Anastasia Karanikolaou and Fai Khadra.

Other attendees included the influencer Devon Lee Carlson, accompanied by her fiancé, Duke Nicholson, and the model Alex Consani.

DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY

Reports suggested that the celebrations continued until the early hours, with Matty and his band said to have entertained guests with a musical set during the reception. He previously sang at his stag party in Malibu, joining a The 1975 tribute band to perform his hit *The Sound*. Gabbriette, meanwhile, enjoyed a bachelorette trip to Las Vegas.

The couple began dating in 2023, after Gabbriette watched The 1975 perform in Los Angeles. They went public with their engagement in June 2024, announcing the news on social media after attending a Charli xcx concert.

Denise confirmed the news on *Loose Women*, saying: "I have known for a few weeks that Matty got engaged," adding that the ring was a "black diamond – he had it made for her".

She continued: "I couldn't be more thrilled. She is everything I would want in a daughter-in-law."

It seems that both Matty and Gabbriette are looking forward to settling down. Speaking after their engagement, the bride-to-be revealed her traditional plans for the couple's future. "When I have kids, it's going to be dinner every night – no phones – to celebrate the smaller things and recognise people's happiness," she said.

"I love being in love. When I thought I was in love before, it was just me being a person of service to somebody else."

REPORT: LAURA BENJAMIN



A full-page photograph of Myleene Klass on a yacht. She is wearing a leopard-print bikini, a matching swim cap, sunglasses, large hoop earrings, a gold chain necklace, and a gold watch. She is leaning against a metal mast with her right arm, looking towards the camera. The background shows a blue sea and a coastline with houses under a clear blue sky.

STARS MAKE A SPLASH

With summer in full swing, A-listers are heading to the beach to unwind and soak up the glorious sunshine

MYLEENE KLASS

The singer and Classic FM host Myleene Klass soaked up the sunshine on board a yacht in picture-perfect azure waters as she showed off a selection of stylish swimwear.

“The swimsuit edit,” said Myleene, 48. “Usually a bikini kind of girl but these look super chic,” she added, referring to the one-pieces.

The mother of three – she has a six-year-old son, Apollo, with her fiancé, the businessman Simon Motson, and two daughters, Ava and Hero, from her marriage to the bodyguard Graham Quinn – was on a photoshoot for her new Freemans collection.



NAOMI CAMPBELL

The supermodel Naomi Campbell knows a thing or two about rocking a bikini in her fifties.

She looked incredible on a beach in Ibiza, demonstrating that seaside glamour is all about the accessories – beaded bracelets, layered necklaces and a pair of statement sunglasses.

Naomi, 56, has revealed that the secret to her toned figure is regular Pilates and stretching and working out with the personal trainer Joe Holder.

“Stretching is important,” she said. “I danced for many years, so Pilates is something that elongates you and keeps you toned.”

The model is notoriously private about her home life; she welcomed a daughter in May 2021 and a son in June 2023 but has not revealed their names. ►

KIM KARDASHIAN

The reality TV star Kim Kardashian spent quality time with family at her home on Lake Coeur d'Alene in Idaho, sharing a series of pictures with fans.

The Skims founder, who is dating the Formula One champion Sir Lewis Hamilton, has four children with her former husband, Kanye West: North, 13, Saint, ten, Chicago, eight, and Psalm, seven.

Kim, 45, shared photos of her children during the trip and looked to be having a wonderful time with her sister Khloé, writing: "Summers at the lake with my favorite people."





COLMAN DOMINGO

The suave American actor and director Colman Domingo brought his inimitable sense of style to the Mediterranean on a sun-drenched break.

The 56-year-old Broadway and film star shared some enviable photos with his Instagram followers, writing: "Mentally still here Sardinia, Capri, Ravello, Amalfi and Venice."

Colman, who is married to the writer and producer Raúl Domingo, is the man of the moment, having received Emmy nominations this year for his roles in *The Four Seasons* and *Euphoria*.



ELIZABETH HURLEY

"Bonjour St Tropez," wrote Elizabeth Hurley as she shared a series of photos and videos from a romantic trip to France.

The *Strictly Confidential* star, 61, was on the Côte d'Azur, with her partner, the American country singer Billy Ray Cyrus, 64.

The couple, who went public with their relationship around Easter last year, clearly enjoy their romantic European mini-breaks.

In May, they visited Italy and Billy Ray posted a video on social media titled: "With my beautiful girlfriend in Rome."

CHELSEA HANDLER

The American comedienne Chelsea Handler put a funny spin on her trip to Sicily when she shared some of her holiday snaps on Instagram.

"It was an absolute emergency that I get to Sicily," she wrote. "I swam all the way from Croatia."

Chelsea, 51, was enjoying a leisurely tour of Europe, including

stops in Croatia and Venice. "I'm very grateful to be invited on such adventurous, mind-blowing trips, always making new friends and laughing, drinking, and forgetting about real life, excessively," she posted.

The star is believed to be currently single, having recently split from a mystery man she had nicknamed "Cowboy". ▶





VOGUE WILLIAMS

The Irish model Vogue Williams looked radiant in the third trimester of her pregnancy as she relaxed with family in Spain.

Vogue, who hosts the podcast *My Therapist Ghosted Me* with the comedienne Joanne McNally, was on holiday in Marbella with

her husband, the former *Made in Chelsea* star Spencer Matthews, and their children, Theodore, seven, Gigi, six, and Otto, four.

Vogue, 40, told her Instagram fans: "I've been coming here since I was 17 and love it, now I get to bring the whole family... the best time always."



LOUISE REDKNAPP

The former *Eternal* singer Louise Redknapp brought a boho vibe to her Spanish getaway, looking bronzed as she relaxed by the beach.

"A fab few days with gorgeous company in the Ibiza sunshine," she wrote on Instagram.

Louise, 51, has two sons, Charley and Beau, with her former husband, the footballer Jamie Redknapp.

She performs at the Rewind festival in Henley-on-Thames in Oxfordshire this summer and embarks on her first headline tour in eight years next April.



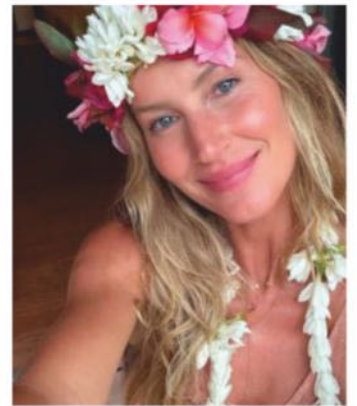
GISELE BÜNDCHEN

The Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bündchen enjoyed an idyllic family holiday with her husband, the jiu-jitsu instructor Joaquim Valente, on the beautiful white sands of Tahiti.

The 46-year-old mother of three looked stunning as she paddled in the crystal-clear water with her one-year-old son with Joaquim. "What a special place!" she wrote on Instagram.

She also shared pictures of her two children from her marriage to the retired NFL star Tom Brady, Benjamin Rein, 16, and Vivian Lake, 13.

Gisele and Joaquim are said to have married in December in a small, private ceremony in Florida. **H**



A full-page wedding photograph of Melanie Chisholm and Chris Dingwall. They are standing in a field of tall, golden-brown grass with green foliage in the background. Melanie is wearing a white wedding dress and has her head tilted back with a joyful expression. Chris is wearing a black tuxedo with a white shirt and a black bow tie, and he is smiling at her. The text 'TWO BECOME ONE' is overlaid in large white serif font across the lower half of the image.

TWO BECOME ONE

*Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm marries the model Chris Dingwall –
with three of her former bandmates among the delighted guests*

PHOTOGRAPHER: ANDREW TIMMS

Melanie wears a
camisole wedding
dress personalised
with vintage lace by
her former bandmate
Lady Beckham





Two became one on 18 July as the Spice Girl Melanie Chisholm married the model Chris Dingwall in a ceremony witnessed by three of her former bandmates. Melanie, 52, tied the knot with her boyfriend of nearly three years at The Country House Cumbria in a “lovely, low-key and intimate three-day event”, a guest exclusively tells **HELLO!**.

Geri Halliwell-Horner, 53, wearing a floral-print dress, attended with her husband, the former Formula 1 executive Christian Horner, 52. Melanie Brown, 51 – who recently celebrated her first wedding anniversary with the hairstylist Rory McPhee – chose a toffee-coloured bodycon look.

Emma Bunton, 50, who had recently returned from New York after attending Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce’s wedding, wore a pink checked suit.

Scarlett, Melanie’s 17-year-old daughter with her former partner Thomas Starr, served as a bridesmaid. The couple celebrated with family ►



Melanie and Chris celebrate at The Country House Cumbria, which is co-owned by the musical-theatre star Ben Forster, a friend of the bride



Melanie with her former bandmates Melanie Brown, Geri Halliwell-Horner and Emma Bunton. Right: The Spice Girls – including Victoria Adams, as Lady Beckham was then – in 1998



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and friends following a civil ceremony in Australia, Chris’s home country.

“All the Spice Girls sat together, and Victoria Beckham sent a lovely message and a huge bouquet of white flowers,” the guest tells us.

“Everyone loves Chris. He’s so kind and attentive to Mel – he never leaves her side. All the Spice Girls and their husbands get on really well with him. The girls are so happy for Mel, as she’s definitely the one who holds the group together. She’s always the one making sure that everyone is OK and checking in on them all.”

Although Lady Beckham, 52, was unable to attend the ceremony owing to her husband Sir David’s commitments at the Fifa World Cup in America, she dressed the bride for both of her big days.

THE BECKHAM TOUCH

Victoria lent Melanie her own ivory slip dress – a Lace Cami from her fashion line – for the Australian event, and offered to make Melanie’s “dream dress” for the UK celebrations.

“Victoria’s dress was my ‘something borrowed’,” Melanie said. “It was very special, having her there.”

Her wedding gown, which was based on the lace camisole she wore in Australia, was personalised by Victoria with vintage floral Lyon lace by the premium lacemaker Jean Bracq. Hand-placed to create a bespoke pattern, it was later hand-stitched on to the satin dress.

A train was added after Melanie’s first fitting at the Victoria Beckham atelier in London in front of Scarlett, who requested “more drama” in the length of the dress.

“Melanie is quite minimalist and didn’t want anything too fussy, conceptual or overly complicated,” Victoria said. “This is all very aligned with what I do.” ▶







The festivities began early, with the DJ Chris Moyles also in attendance. “There was a pub celebration the night before, then the ceremony and the next day a barbecue,” the guest says.

“On the day itself, there were some lovely speeches – Mel didn’t actually give a speech, contrary to reports that she did, but she did hit the decks later on at the party.”

The venue is co-owned by the musical-theatre star Ben Forster, who has been a friend of Melanie’s since they appeared on stage together in *Jesus Christ Superstar* in 2013. The Georgian property has welcomed a number of A-list stars since it reopened, following extensive renovations, in 2023.

The bride wore a custom Adidas robe, made from ivory silk with white silk stripes, to get ready for the ceremony. The look was completed with custom white and gold sliders, with the wedding date emblazoned in gold on the side. She carried a bouquet of white flowers up the aisle. ►

The singer on her wedding day; and (left) at a fitting at the Victoria Beckham atelier in London, where her daughter, Scarlett, requested “more drama” in the length of the dress





After the meal, Melanie changed into another custom Adidas look – an elevated interpretation of a tracksuit, made from ivory silk and featuring high-waisted, wide-legged trousers and a cropped jacket with a peaked lapel and a deep ribbed waistband that showed off her toned abs.

She completed the look with a pair of custom Superstar trainers and socks with the word “bride” embroidered in gold.

A video shared by Melanie shows her behind the DJ decks and on the dancefloor with Mel B.

PERFECT MATCH

It was a fitting celebration for the couple, who met on the celebrity dating app Raya – although Melanie has revealed that she wasn’t expecting to find love and only downloaded the app as a joke.

“We’d go through [Raya] to see if there were any hotties on there – see which celebrities we could spot, which is always fun,” she has said.

She matched with Chris, who was living in Australia, and, after travelling there for a DJ gig in November 2023, she agreed to a dinner date.

“I didn’t want to let the dude down,” she said. “And we’ve been together ever since.”

Chris proposed to Melanie last July during a holiday in Mallorca, popping the question while surrounded by candles in their hotel suite. ►

Melanie and Chris enjoy the stunning Cumbrian countryside following the ceremony. The bride and groom’s names, plus their wedding date, are embroidered on decorations inside the venue





Melanie — who was known in the Nineties as Sporty Spice — dances the night away in a custom outfit by Adidas



The singer has referred to her partner as a “real gentle soul”, saying: “He’s one of those people that just doesn’t get all up in your business, you know? He’s quietly on the sidelines being uber-supportive, and he’s wonderful.”

Melanie previously said that Chris was the first partner she’d thought of marrying, saying: “It’s something I didn’t think would be part of my story, but I’m so happy with Chris. Maybe it is something that will be in my life. I just think, do all the things, you know what I mean? Have all the experiences.”

FAIRYTALE ENDING

A big white wedding hadn’t always been on the cards for the singer, she said after the ceremony. “I wasn’t a girl who grew up dreaming about her dress. I was always focused on my career.

“Even relationships took a back seat because I’ve been so driven to do what I love, which is performing. I’d got to the point in my life where I just didn’t think it was going to be part of my story.”

It’s easy to see the positive effect that Chris has had on Melanie’s life. “It’s been great to see Mel step out of the shadows in recent years,” the guest tells us. “Chris has really given her confidence.”

It could be the start of a huge new life chapter, too. “Not that this was mentioned at the wedding, but Mel has been spending more and more time in Australia,” the guest adds. “She loves it there, so there’s speculation that she might spend more time there, or relocate, now that she’s married to an Aussie.”



REPORT: MIRANDA THOMPSON

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Prince George
looks smart in
a new image
released to mark
his 13th birthday

TEENAGE DREAMS

As Prince George turns 13, we look at how he is preparing to take a step towards independence while his parents gently develop his royal role

As Prince George turns 13, he stands on the threshold of greater independence. The years ahead will bring more freedom, new friendships and a growing understanding of the extraordinary role that awaits him.

But behind every carefully considered step lies the Prince and Princess of Wales's determination to give their eldest son an upbringing rooted in stable family life – something that his father, Prince William, did not always have as a child.

His parents are striking a careful balance, gradually introducing him to duty and responsibility while protecting the ordinary experiences that have defined his childhood.

After a series of endings at Lambrook – a last sports day, a formal leavers' ball and a final Speech Day – he is enjoying a long summer break before a new chapter begins at Eton College in September.

He spent four happy years alongside his siblings, Princess Charlotte and Prince Louis, at their prep school in Berkshire, boarding part-time to help him get used to being away from home.

His interests in sport, music and art flourished – he played bass guitar in a band and competed in football, hockey and triathlons.

TRADITIONAL EDUCATION

Eton was both the most predictable choice and one that surprised some royal-watchers. Given William and Kate's modernising approach and instinctive desire for their children to experience a life beyond palace walls, some may have expected George to break with tradition.

Ultimately, however, the school's world-class reputation, its tried-and-tested experience of providing security to royal children and George's own wishes will have been central to their decision.

Some of the friendships he formed at Lambrook will continue at his new school, providing familiar faces as he settles in and offering him a chance to build a tight-knit, trusted circle, the way his parents did before him.

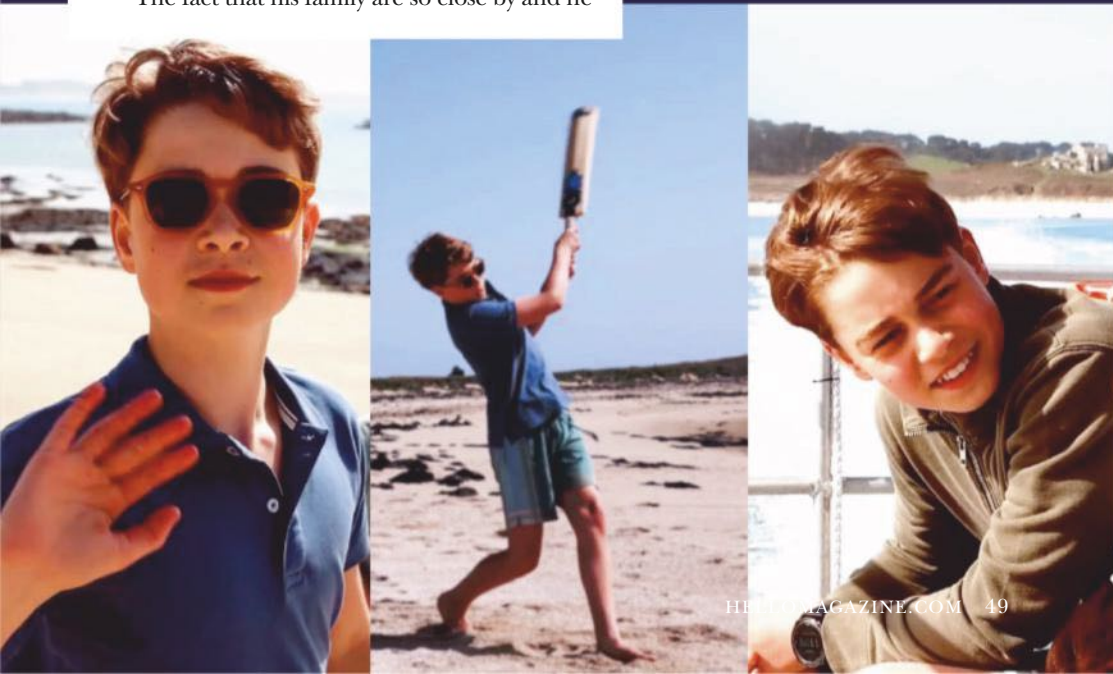
In an all-boys environment, and with limited use of screens – Eton gives pupils "brick" phones for use outside school hours, plus iPads with age-appropriate controls to support their learning – George will continue to live by his parents' values. He will also experience increased freedom, including the opportunity to walk over the bridge to Windsor and hang out with friends.

It will be a significant change for a boy who has always been carefully protected, with his life centred on his family. But even as he moves into a more grown-up world, he will never be far from the comfort and connection of home.

"The fact that his family are so close by and he



George in July with his family – Carole Middleton, the Prince of Wales, Prince Louis, the Princess of Wales, Princess Charlotte, Michael Middleton, James Middleton and James's dog Isla. Below: A video marking his birthday shows the Prince, in the stylish sunglasses he wore to Wimbledon, having fun in Cornwall at Easter



knows the area will help him to feel at home there," says Ingrid Seward, the author of the forthcoming book *Catherine & Diana*.

George's childhood has been light years from that of his father, who spent his teenage years shuttling between boarding school and his parents' separate homes, and whose experience has shaped the decisions he has made for his own family.

"His parents were at war with each other and he witnessed a lot of that," says Robert Jobson, the author of *The Windsor Legacy*. "George's upbringing has been family-orientated and he's got lots of people supporting him. He's going there in quite a warm, confident space."

With Kate, William has created the secure and affectionate home life he wanted for his children. That bond has only strengthened in the past few years, following his wife's cancer diagnosis. The blueprint for his domestic life owes more to ►



George shares a laugh with Kate during this year's Trooping the Colour, and (below) watches a match with Charlotte during the All England Lawn Tennis Club's annual championships at Wimbledon in July.
Below right: The Prince joins his mother at RAF Coningsby to celebrate Armed Forces Day in June.
Facing page: The future King is pictured at every age from one to 12

the Middleton model than the traditional Windsor one: quality time together, a strong relationship with siblings and endless affection.

Following Kate's completion of the Three Peaks Challenge in June, images of the Wales family, joined by Michael, Carole and James Middleton at the foot of Yr Wyddfa (Snowdon), gave a glimpse of that close-knit family dynamic.

"The Middletons are hugely influential – Carole in particular, as someone who has been there for them through all the challenges, especially when Catherine was ill," Robert says. "She's a strong woman and an important figure in George's life."

The young Prince, not yet in full teenager mode, was pictured happily hugging his mother in front of the camera. It was a revealing glimpse of the ease and closeness between them.

DOING HIS DUTY

His upbringing also means that he will almost certainly be better equipped to navigate the unique challenges of his future role. With privilege – yes, there have been flying lessons, skiing trips and exotic holidays – comes great responsibility, something that William and Kate have been helping him to understand.

Over the past few years, he has joined them on duty, meeting veterans during a VE Day anniversary tea party at Buckingham Palace last year and travelling with his mother to RAF Coningsby in Lincolnshire to mark Armed Forces Day in June.

They have also been encouraging him to discover what life is like for those less fortunate than him. Following the example of his own mother, Diana, Princess of Wales, William took George to The Passage homelessness charity in London last December, more than 30 years after he had visited with Diana in 1993.

The young Prince spent time with homeless people and did his bit by helping to prepare Christmas lunch and decorating a tree.

These experiences offer George a glimpse of not only the public role awaiting him, but also the values his parents want him to maintain. As with ►





the choice of Eton, William and Kate take their son's views into account, ensuring that each new step is taken at a pace he feels comfortable with.

He has been aware of his destiny for some time: sources close to the family say that he has always known, even if he has not always fully understood what it means. His parents have sought to introduce him gradually to royal life, making those early experiences as enjoyable as possible.

"They don't want to overload him with what the future holds," Ingrid says. "He needs to have time to just be a teenager."

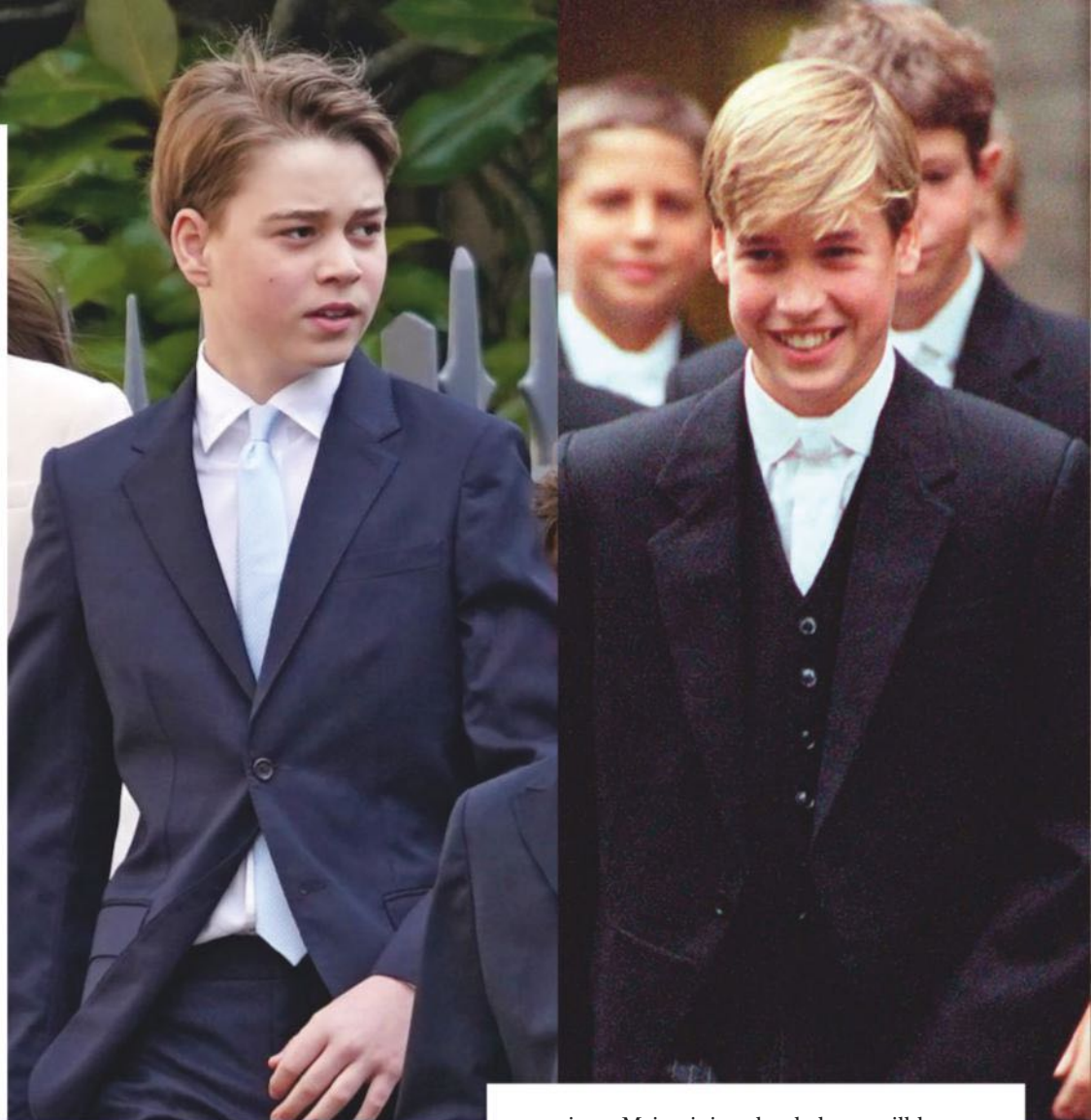
Hence his trips to the Wimbledon tennis tournament and the RAF base, as well as the veterans' tea party at the Palace, where the King and Queen, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Royal and Vice Admiral Sir Tim Laurence were all on hand to show him the way.

ROYAL ROLE MODEL

He has "Grandpa Wales" to learn from, as well as his parents, when it comes to the job. George has cherished memories, too, of his late great-grandparents, Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, who were a presence in his younger years.

Robert Jobson believes that George's relationship with the King could echo the one William enjoyed with his grandmother, whom he visited regularly for tea while at Eton. "Being close by, to spend time in his formative years with his grandfather and learn from his wisdom, will be quite important," he tells **HELLO!**

As George takes more steps into public life, the scrutiny and attention surrounding him will inevitably intensify. His parents have fought to protect his privacy from birth, carefully considering his public appearances and selectively releasing images on birthdays and special



Above: The Prince attends the royal family's Easter church service in April; and (right) William on his first day at Eton College in 1995 – George will begin his education there in September. Below: The tension mounts as father and son watch their football team, Aston Villa, take on Paris Saint-Germain in 2025



occasions. Maintaining that balance will become an increasingly delicate task in the years ahead.

He is the first heir to the throne to grow up in the social-media age, exposed to the relentless commentary and speculation about his family that comes with it. It's no wonder, then, that his parents have wanted to postpone his access to a smartphone for so long.

Yet William and Kate have instilled a strong sense of security in their children and will help to guide him as much as they can.

STAYING DOWN TO EARTH

For all the centuries of history and expectation surrounding their firstborn, they have fought to ensure that much of his life feels normal. There have been low-key trips to watch Aston Villa play football, holidays spent walking in the Lake District, family time on the beach and sailing around the coast, and weekends spent shuttling between sports fixtures and meet-ups with friends.

George is a future King who will have his finger more firmly on the pop-culture pulse than any heir before him. He's a fan of the *Top Gun* films, watches *The Traitors* with his family and listens to music ranging from AC/DC to Taylor Swift – whom he happens to have met in person. "He's got to be relatable – it's very important, but it's also what children of his age are doing, so it's all part of his exposure to ordinary life," Ingrid says.

At 13, George's future may already be mapped out, but William and Kate remain determined that he should reach it gradually, rooted in the secure family life they have created, supported by his friendships and allowed – for as long as possible – to simply be himself. **H**

REPORT: EMILY NASH

George accompanies his parents to a tea party for Second World War veterans at Buckingham Palace in 2025; and (below) joins his father at The Passage homelessness charity to prepare Christmas dinner last year



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

The Duchess of Sussex shares details of her family's visit to Portugal and the UK, including a poignant trip to Althorp, Princess Diana's ancestral abode





When the Duke and Duchess of Sussex and their children, Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet, visited the UK earlier this month, much of their trip was shrouded in secrecy.

But last week, Meghan revealed some details of when she posted a series of images on social media, captioned with the simple words “Summer Holiday” and set to the Cliff Richard song of the same name.

One of the images appears to show Prince Harry, along with Archie, seven, and Lilibet, five, holding bouquets of flowers as they walk through the avenue of trees at Althorp, the ancestral home of the late Diana, Princess of Wales.

The avenue is near the lake where Diana is buried and is also close to a memorial to her. It had been reported that Harry was keen to take his children to the stately home in Northamptonshire so that they could pay their respects to his late mother.

WELCOMED WITH OPEN ARMS

It was suggested last week that the couple had stayed at Althorp for part of their trip, with one American website reporting that “they stayed at the 13,000-acre Northamptonshire estate as guests of Harry’s uncle, Charles Spencer”.

Meghan’s post confirmed reports that the family flew into the UK from Portugal, where they have a second home that is said to be close to a property owned by Harry’s cousin Princess Eugenie and her husband, Jack Brooksbank.

In one of the photos she shared on Instagram, the front of a Portuguese fish restaurant, O Melidense, is visible. The beachside restaurant is in the town of Melides, in what is regarded as one of the country’s most desirable resorts.

The Duchess shared a landscape image that seems to have been taken in the Scottish Highlands, suggesting that the Sussexes made a secret visit to the area during their time in the UK.

There are photos of Harry throwing Lilibet into the air while in a swimming pool, and others

showing the family on a sandy beach. Another image shows the Duchess kissing her rescue dog Mamma Mia while lying on a sun lounger.

There are, however, no pictures from the private meeting that took place between the King, the Queen, Harry, Meghan, Archie and Lili at Highgrove. The visit is thought to have lasted one hour, and it was the first time that the monarch had seen his two grandchildren and daughter-in-law since 2022.

The family had travelled to Portugal from their home in Montecito, California, earlier in the summer and had planned to fly to the UK together to attend a string of engagements, including an event to promote the Duke’s Invictus Games in Birmingham.

However, Harry arrived in London alone, after the security arrangements he had sought for his family for so long were not put in place in time for his wife and children to join him. **H**

REPORT: LAURA BENJAMIN

The Duchess’s photos of the trip (clockwise from facing page) show her children, Prince Archie and Princess Lilibet, at Althorp with their father, the Duke; Harry throwing Lilibet into the air while in a pool; the family on a sandy beach; and the couple enjoying dinner



ROYALS CREATE A BUZZ

The King and Queen are VIP guests at the first RHS Sandringham Flower Show, arriving in a horse-drawn carriage before mingling with visitors and handing out awards



The Queen was delighted by a floral display named with her in mind when she visited the Royal Horticultural Society's inaugural flower show on the Sandringham Estate.

Camilla gazed at the exhibit, titled The Queen Bee, before giving her verdict. "Absolutely charming," she said. "A lot of hard work went into that."

The garden, which was designed by students at the Ingoldisthorpe Church of England Primary School, less than three miles from Sandringham, featured insects made from tin cans with bottle-tops for eyes and a cheeky smile.

Camilla presented the school with a framed certificate confirming it as the winner of Her Majesty the Queen's Special Award for Upcycled Container Gardens.

The King and Queen took the short journey from their house by horse-drawn carriage to arrive at the first RHS show on any of their estates. The society will work in partnership with the long-running Sandringham Flower Show, replacing it once every three years, with the traditional festival running in between.

CREATIVE DISPLAYS

Charles, dressed in a cream-coloured suit and purple tie and carrying a wooden walking stick, was shown displays including flowers planted in a sink and a lavatory.

He and the Queen, who wore a green paisley-print dress with wedge heels, listened to a string quartet play the national anthem before their tour of the gardens.

They greeted visitors including a 77-year-old man who told the King: "I'm the same age as you." The monarch replied: "It gets much worse, doesn't it?"

Charles also encountered a group of schoolchildren, and asked them if they grew vegetables at school. A teacher replied that they grew tomatoes and herbs but admitted that the pupils hadn't eaten any of them.

"Have you tried spinach?" the monarch asked. "It's the best thing in the world."

The royal couple also visited the RHS Royal Legacy Garden, designed by the garden designer Catherine MacDonald in collaboration with the King, who announced that it was "fantastic".

He later presented a wooden plaque and a glass trophy for The Best Exhibit in the Floral Marquee Award to Colin and Esta Jones from the Roualeyn Fuchsias nursery in Trefriw, north Wales.

The five-day show is on a larger scale than the traditional festival, which has been running since 1881, with tickets costing up to £42 this year in contrast to £19 for last year's event.

After taking the time to speak to many people in the crowd, Charles and Camilla got back into their carriage – pulled by two white horses – and headed back to Sandringham House.



REPORT: JACK MALVERN



The King and Queen admire flowers and tin-can bees while touring the RHS Sandringham Flower Show, after arriving in a horse-drawn carriage (right)

THE ROYAL BRIEF



THE KING AND QUEEN

The King and Queen opened the 2026 Commonwealth Games in spectacular style by stepping out of Doctor Who's famous Tardis.

The audience at Glasgow's Ovo Hydro arena gasped and cheered as Charles and Camilla emerged during an opening ceremony that also featured the Loch Ness monster and performers including the Scottish singer-songwriter KT Tunstall.

THE SPANISH ROYAL FAMILY

Roaring with delight, King Felipe held the Fifa World Cup trophy as he celebrated Spain's win with Queen Letizia and their daughters, Princess Leonor and Infanta Sofia, at the MetLife Stadium in New Jersey. The family are committed supporters of national football team, which is known to Spaniards as La Roja, and Felipe attended matches as early as the group stage.



BELGIAN ROYAL FAMILY

King Philippe and Queen Mathilde made an appearance in Brussels for Belgium's National Day last week, alongside their children, Crown Princess Elisabeth, Prince Gabriel, Prince Emmanuel and Princess Eléonore. They attended the Te Deum service at the Cathedral of St Michael and St Gudula.



THE KING

Andy Burnham succeeded Sir Keir Starmer as the UK's prime minister when he met the King for the "kissing hands" ceremony in the Chinese Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace, although no hands were actually kissed. The last prime minister to have done so was H H Asquith in 1908.

A portrait of England striker Jude Bellingham. He is wearing a white England football kit with the national crest and a gold star. He is sitting, resting his chin on his hand, and looking thoughtfully off-camera to the right. The background is dark and out of focus.

WORLD AT HIS FEET

England striker Jude Bellingham is on his way to global stardom after his World Cup success – here, we reveal the influences that have shaped him



As the England men's football team returned home in a cloud of disappointment after failing to reach the World Cup final, the silver lining was the midfielder who got the team that far.

Jude Bellingham, 23, who scored seven goals – a record for an individual Englishman at a single tournament – has sowed the seeds for a level of fame on a par with Sir David Beckham, the young star having already signed deals with Adidas, Louis Vuitton, Lucozade and Kim Kardashian's Skims underwear brand.

Interviewed on After Hours with James Corden – before scoring two goals amid the clamour of the home fans in Mexico City's famous Azteca stadium – Jude suggested another role he would be interested in. "I'd love to be in a film. I'd ►

Jude celebrates after scoring in England's 6-4 demolition of France in the World Cup third-place play-off

love to be James Bond. I've watched the Connery ones, Roger Moore; I've seen all of them. I love James Bond," he said.

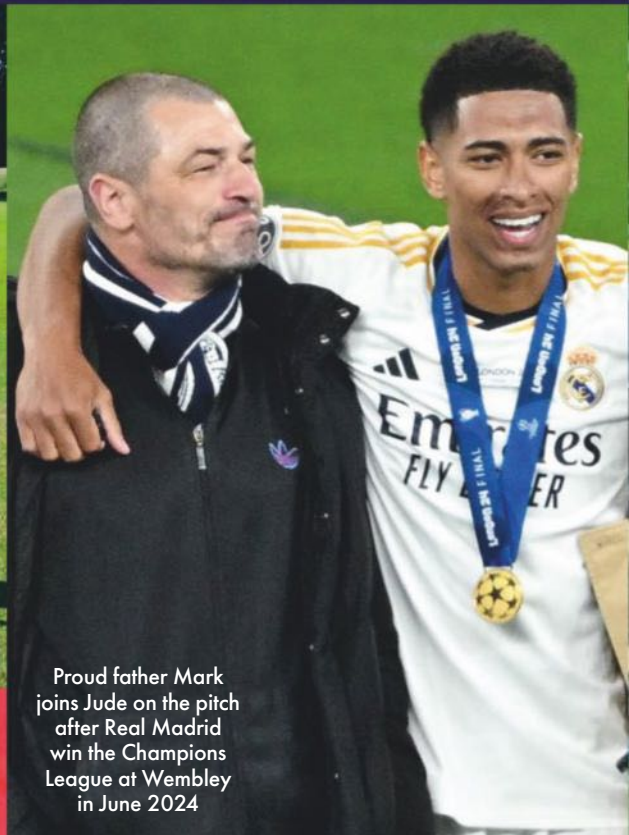
Fantastical as it sounds, anything seems possible. The most likely rewards for his performances this summer include an honour of at least the stature of an MBE and a nomination for BBC Sports Personality of the Year.

The power behind the player is undoubtedly his mother, Denise, who guides him between matches. "My mum's been telling me all week to watch my language, watch my tackles, watch my face, watch my emotions," Jude said after England defeated Mexico 3-2. "She drilled it into me all week about being careful of that yellow card."

The player admitted in 2022 that his mother, whom he describes as his "queen", still made his bed, much to his teammates' amusement.

When he was signed by Borussia Dortmund from Birmingham City for a reported £25m in 2020, she moved to Germany with him while his father, Mark, stayed in Britain to look after the couple's younger son – Jobe, 20, who currently plays as a midfielder for Dortmund. When Jude signed for Real Madrid for £88.5m in 2023, Denise moved to be with him there, too.

Jude with his partner, the American influencer Ashlyn Castro, after England's 2-1 victory over the Democratic Republic of Congo; and (above right) playing cricket with his brother, Jobe, as a child



Proud father Mark joins Jude on the pitch after Real Madrid win the Champions League at Wembley in June 2024

"Without my mum, sometimes I'd get too low with the lows or too high with the highs, and I stay pretty humble because I've got her around," he has said. "She's a great laugh as well."

The other powerful woman in his life is Ashlyn Castro, 28, a social-media influencer who hails from Long Beach in California and has almost a million followers on Instagram. The couple were first seen together in 2025.

Mark, a retired police officer, is Jude's agent and footballing inspiration. Mark scored more than 700 non-league goals between 1994 and 2016 for clubs including Chelmsford City, Stourbridge and Leamington.

Jude believes that his parents are "great people" as well as good parents. "I've grown up around them and seen the way they interact with other people, seen the way they treat people," he has said. "When you have people like that, you don't have to be told how to behave – you pick that up from them."

GENERATION GAME

Jude also credits his grandfather as a role model. William, who died in 2020, was a moustachioed schoolmaster who appeared in a 1987 edition of the BBC quiz show *Mastermind*, scoring a creditable 15 points on his chosen specialist subject of the history of Nigeria from 1900 to 1966.

A former soldier who served with the army in Berlin, William taught in Singapore and at Southend High School for Boys in a career that also included working for Guinness in Nigeria.

He retired in 1995 and lived in Leigh-on-Sea in Essex, where he was a member of the Wrinkly Ramblers walking group.

Jude previously recalled that his grandfather died before he could watch his grandson play for England – but when the young player heard the national anthem, it was William he thought about. "He was so patriotic," Jude said. "He was an Englishman through and through." **H**

REPORT: JACK MALVERN



The young star celebrates with his mother, Denise, after winning the Spanish league title in 2024

A full-page photograph of Jennifer Garner. She is smiling and looking towards the camera, with her head slightly tilted. She has long, wavy brown hair and is wearing a black, sleeveless, sequined dress. The background is a warm, out-of-focus red carpet setting with some blurred lights on the right side.

'YOU NEED YOUR GIRLFRIENDS'

Jennifer Garner on the importance of friendship, recovering from betrayal and riding the ups and downs of family life

Jennifer Garner knows all about second acts. In the aftermath of her divorce from Ben Affleck in 2018, she has remained one of Hollywood's most popular actresses while also focusing on her personal life – maintaining a solid co-parenting relationship, prioritising her children's wellbeing and becoming a fixture at school events.

"I'm a really big believer in soaring up and over a lot of the mess of life in the long run," says Jennifer, who has three children with her former husband: Violet, 20, who is a student at Yale University, Fin, 17, and Samuel, 14.

Today, Jennifer, 54, is happiest when she's cooking for her family. The busy star shares recipes via her popular online series *Pretend Cooking Show*, as well as promoting her organic baby-food company, *Once Upon a Farm*, and working with *Save the Children*.

This all made her the perfect person to play the food blogger Hollis Shaw in the new TV series *The Five-Star Weekend*, based on Elin Hilderbrand's best-selling novel.

A famed cook and blogger, Hollis is known for her delicious recipes and warm demeanour – but when her husband dies, cracks are exposed in her seemingly picture-perfect life, from her complicated relationship with her daughter to her growing pursuit of validation from fans.

Hoping to get past her grief, Hollis invites four friends – portrayed by Regina Hall, Chloë Sevigny, Gemma Chan and D'Arcy Carden – to her stylish home on Nantucket for the perfect girls' weekend.

ART MIRRORS LIFE

Bekah Brunstetter, the creator of the series, couldn't help but notice the similarities between Jennifer and Hollis.

"She has lived her life in public, and she's dealt with [rumours about her former husband's] infidelity," Bekah says, alluding to Jennifer's split from Ben, 53, in 2015 after ten years of marriage. "The way she navigates her fame is really inspiring to me."

Jennifer is the first to admit that her experiences have not been easy, but she believes that it's possible to find a way through. "I think there's a reaction to betrayal, right? That can be whatever it needs to be. It can be as big as you need it to be, it can be small, but every action has an equal reaction," she says. ▶



Jennifer with her former husband Ben Affleck in 2014; and (below) with D'Arcy Carden, Regina Hall, Chloë Sevigny and Gemma Chan, her co-stars in *The Five-Star Weekend*





Jennifer as Hollis Shaw in *The Five-Star Weekend*; and (above) with her daughter, Violet, attending a state dinner at the White House to honour France's President Emmanuel Macron in 2022



"So that's step one, and that's going to show up how it shows up. Then, do you soften over time? Is there humility from the other side? Is there growth? Who does it turn you into? Those things... just take a long time to answer."

Jennifer was previously married to the actor Scott Foley, whom she met on the set of the TV series *Felicity*; they separated in 2003 after almost three years of marriage. She tied the knot with Ben in 2005, the pair having worked together on the 2001 film *Pearl Harbor* and 2003's *Daredevil*.

"Whether it's examined publicly or lived privately, there's no life that is going to reach the halfway mark without having its fair share of bumps and bruises," Jennifer says. "Luckily, mine have been superficial. I'm standing and A-OK."

Although Jennifer has been in a relationship with the businessman John Miller for eight years – and today wears a sparkly ring on the ring finger of her left hand – she's also grateful for her closest friendships.

"Without a doubt, your girlfriends are the stuff of life," she says. "Romance is lovely, but, when it comes down to it, you need your girlfriends."

TRICKY TEENAGE YEARS

In common with many parents, Jennifer's character Hollis is grappling with her child's difficult teenage years as she tries to work out how to talk to her daughter, who is portrayed by Harlow Jane, the real-life daughter of the actress Patricia Arquette.

Jennifer understands how that feels. "Why do we have a harder time communicating with our kids than with people in the grocery-store checkout line?" she says.

"I think we all tiptoe around it. Hollis's fatal flaw in this first season is that she's avoiding conversations that need to be had. She needs to argue with her husband and they need to separate. She needs to take on her daughter, and instead, she's so polite. She's so removed that she's missing out on the stuff of life."

Hollis is surrounded by wealth and luxury, but Jennifer argues that none of that protects us from life's struggles. "We were on the most gorgeous sets in the most beautiful locations, having this super-elite experience – but at the same time, you're still human," she says.

"It's fun to look at, but we don't want people to be perfect, because what does that say about you? Like, why am I not perfect? None of us are. Because we're all a mess, and we're constantly getting through whatever we're messy about." **H**

INTERVIEW: GILL PRINGLE

The Five-Star Weekend is available to stream on Sky and Now

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BONNIE TYLER

Singer's funeral arrangements announced

Fans of Bonnie Tyler will have an opportunity to pay their respects to the late singer at her funeral in August.

The star, born Gaynor Hopkins, died aged 75 in July following a period of illness. She had undergone emergency intestinal surgery in May and was later placed in an induced coma.

A service to celebrate her life will be held at St Mary's Church in Swansea on 17 August. Two days before the event, Bonnie's coffin will be taken to her family home in Mumbles, where mourners are invited to watch the procession.



THE DUCHESS OF KENT

Details of her will revealed

The Duchess of Kent left more than £1.4m in her will after her death last September at the age of 92.

Probate records revealed last week that the Duchess left a gross estate valued at £1,433,696, the majority of which was left to her husband, the Duke of Kent, 90, and their children: George Windsor, Earl of St Andrews, 64, Lady Helen Taylor, 62, and Lord Nicholas Windsor, 56.

She also left £10,000 to her musical charity, Future Talent, which supports musicians from low-income backgrounds, and £5,000 to each of her nine grandchildren.



KEVIN KEEGAN

Royal tribute to late football star

The Prince of Wales has paid tribute to the football player and former England manager Kevin Keegan, who died last week at the age of 75.

In a message posted on social media, William, the patron of the Football Association, wrote: "Incredibly saddened to hear of the passing of Kevin Keegan. A truly remarkable footballer and manager who inspired generations with his talent, passion and love of the game."

"Above all, he will be remembered as a kind and generous man. Our thoughts are with his family and all who knew him."

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STORY OF THE WEEK

DAVINA MCCALL

Presenter enjoys secret second wedding

Davina McCall and her husband, the celebrity hairdresser Michael Douglas, have hosted a second wedding celebration in Kent, seven months after marrying at London's Maylebone Town Hall.

The couple invited friends and family to a garden party, with reports suggesting that Davina wore a traditional wedding gown. The pair were driven from their ceremony to the party in a tuk-tuk.

"They went all out and invited friends and family to a bigger, second wedding celebration," one source told a newspaper.

"Davina looked absolutely stunning in her wedding gown. The reception was all about fun. They had tipi tents erected and guests danced until the early hours."

"Davina and Michael really pulled out all the stops. It was a truly beautiful day and a gorgeous celebration of their love."

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'We're enjoying trying to get this balance between the US and the UK'

Elizabeth Hurley on her long-distance romance with Billy Ray Cyrus

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VIVIENNE JOLIE-PITT

Files request to change surname

The youngest daughter of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt has joined her siblings in requesting to formally remove Brad's last name from her surname.

Vivienne Marcheline, 18, has filed a petition in Los Angeles County Superior Court asking that her surname be legally changed from Jolie-Pitt to Jolie, citing the reason for the decision as "personal". A hearing has been scheduled for 2 November.

Her brother Maddox, 24, and sister Zahara, 21, requested to change their surnames earlier this year, while their sister Shiloh, 20, did so in 2024.



HARPER BECKHAM

Finds new name for beauty brand

The name of Harper Beckham's forthcoming beauty brand was reportedly revealed last week.

The venture is thought to be named Harlo by Harper, after her first choice, Hiku by Harper, was allegedly rejected by trademark officials in the US.

The youngest child of Sir David and Lady Beckham, Harper, 15, approached her mother with a business plan several years ago.

"She came to me with a little PowerPoint presentation," Victoria previously said. "She had two presentations, one about this brand she wanted to create because she was struggling with her skin."



JADE THIRLWALL

Singer splits from long-term partner

The former Little Mix star Jade Thirlwall has split from her boyfriend of six years, the Rizzle Kicks singer Jordan Stephens.

It was reported that the couple, who began dating in 2020, had separated earlier this year, deleting photos of each other from their social-media accounts.

"Jade and Jordan had a very loving relationship, but they have had some frank discussions about their future and have decided to separate," one source revealed. "Their friends adore them as a couple and are hoping they get back together."

WEST END GIRL

The actress Kerry Ellis on inspiring the next generation to be Wicked

As a West End star, Kerry Ellis has performed for Beyoncé, George Clooney and the King. But it was an appearance at her son Alfie's careers day that proved one of her most memorable roles.

"I had them all doing We Will Rock You and banging on the tables," Kerry, 47, tells host Ateh Jewel in this week's episode of **HELLO!**'s Second Act podcast.

Kerry got her big break as the understudy for Eliza Doolittle in the 2001 West End revival of *My Fair Lady*, stepping into the role when the show's lead, Martine McCutcheon, fell ill. It was there that she caught the eye of the Queen guitarist Sir Brian May, who invited her to audition for the musical *We Will Rock You*. Kerry went on to be the first actress to play the lead role of Meat in the West End production in 2002.

In 2007, she became the first British actress to play Elphaba in the West End production of *Wicked* – and she inspired Cynthia Erivo, the future star of the *Wicked*.

"I remember going to see [Cynthia] at the Soho Theatre; she'd just finished college. I must have been doing *Wicked* at the time, and she was doing a show called *Lift* that was written by a friend of mine.

"Cynthia was obviously magic – you couldn't take your eyes off her. I remember chatting to her afterwards and saying: 'So what would you like to do?' She went: 'I want your job – I want to play Elphaba.' That was 20 years before she was even in that world. She was brilliant."

HAPPY IN HER OWN SKIN

Having been in the business since she was a teenager, Kerry admits that the pressure of being in the spotlight led to struggles with body image, something she is overcoming in midlife.

"I had curves at a young age," she says. "I think it affected my relationship with food and my own body. Now, it's so important to me to feel fit and healthy. But still, when I see a concert picture, I pick it to pieces, which is awful. I'm ashamed that I feel like that.

"The first thing I teach in workshops with young people is to love who you are. We've got to help the next generation because it's so hard to internalise."

She takes mentoring younger generations seriously and is delighted to be performing at the Girl Guides' Big Gig concert in October.

"It sold out in 90 minutes – I was really humbled," she says. "The *Wicked* connection is massive for young women; it gives them so much empowerment. It speaks volumes about friendships and how people change.

"To be able to go there and hear them all sing along with me, I'm really excited."



*Kerry Ellis performs at Girlguiding's Big Gig at Wembley Arena, London, on 10 October. Listen to **HELLO!**'s Second Act podcast now on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Podcasts and YouTube*



TELLING THE TRUTH

Stephen Mangan reveals his regret at missing bedtime stories for his latest West End play – and what it's like to be friends with Matt LeBlanc

It's been four months since Stephen Mangan last had a day off. Juggling the demands of his new West End play, *The Truth*, with the filming schedule for the Sky Arts show *Landscape Artist of the Year* has left the 58-year-old actor feeling, in his words, "quite knackered".

Indeed, as he sits down with **HELLO!**, the London-born star confesses that his passion for the theatre can come at a personal cost.

In *The Truth*, Stephen plays a charismatic narcissist who is having an affair with his best friend's wife. The comedy has been widely acclaimed, but spending six nights a week away from his family is "tough".

Specifically, it has meant missing the nightly bedtime stories that Stephen shares with his youngest son, ten-year-old Jack.

"I worry that once I come out of the play he's not going to want me to read to him any more, because he's going to have grown out of it," says the actor, who also has two older sons – Harry, 18, and Frank, 15 – with his wife, the actress Louise Delamere.

"Normally, I only do a play every couple of years. That gets tested if I'm offered things like this. I couldn't say no."

Here, Stephen – who got his big break in Channel 4's hospital sitcom *Green Wing* and has since starred in the hit sitcom *Episodes* and in the BBC legal drama *The Split* – reveals why he refuses to read reviews of his performances, what his *Episodes* co-star Matt LeBlanc is really like and why London will always be the place he calls home.



Stephen with Sarah Hadland in *The Truth*; and with his wife, the actress Louise Delamere



Stephen, can you tell us what drew you to the role of Michel in *The Truth*?

"It's a cracking part. He's so self-centred and blind to the pain he causes others, but every time anyone causes him any hurt, he's completely outraged. It's so far from the way I go through my life. It's just fun to play a part so different from me."

How do you juggle the demands of theatre work and family life?

"If you have children, like I do, you have to rely on a partner who's going to take up the slack, because I'm just not there for six nights of the week. It's hard on family life and that definitely comes into the decision-making process."

What do your sons make of your career? Do they think you're a cool dad?

"I don't think any dads are cool to teenagers, are they? I think it's quite an odd job for your parents to do, and because I'm not from a showbiz family, I didn't grow up with that."

"I remember doing a play in 2012, when my eldest would have been five; I was playing a pregnant man. He was at his friend's house and saw a picture of me pregnant in the paper, and came home and said: 'Are you having a baby?'"

"Now they're getting a bit older, they're getting their heads around it a bit more."

Do you read critical reviews?

"I don't. I would if I was in a TV show, but when you have to keep going out night after night for three months after that review has come out... Even if they're good, they annoy me in some way."

"The theatre is full every night, that's all I need to know. Maybe in 20 years' time I'll sit down with a bottle of whisky and read all my reviews. But you know if you're in a good show or not – you don't need someone else to tell you."

I DON'T THINK ANY DADS ARE COOL TO TEENAGERS

Has Hollywood ever appealed to you?

"No. Episodes was a great job because we got to film in Los Angeles, but I didn't have to live there. It's nothing against the place, but you're waiting

for a big job and it might take several weeks. I just like being busy. And my family and friends are here."

"I think London is the best city in the world. I like the culture. I like restaurants. I like all the parks. I've been lucky to have worked on Broadway in New York and in LA, but I've never been tempted to move to either place."

What was it like to work with Matt LeBlanc?

"Matt's fantastic. He has that attitude you look for in all good people you work with, which is that they take the work seriously but don't take themselves seriously. He's a really lovely guy and very generous. I'm delighted to count him as a friend."

You appeared with Nicola Walker in *The Split* and in the West End play *Unicorn* last year. Would you like to work with her again?

"I always want to work with Nicola. She's a great actress and a fantastic person – we have such a laugh. But we've played husband and wife on telly and in the theatre, so maybe she needs to be married to somebody else for a bit."

INTERVIEW: NICKY MORRIS

The Truth is at the Apollo Theatre, London, until 12 September

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The Le Morne Beach at the St Regis Le Morne Resort; above, an ocean-view room and the beachfront pool



A honeymoon may be the most romantic holiday you'll ever take, so the pressure to achieve perfection is high. And with myriad destinations from which to choose, it's hard to know where to begin, whether you want petal-strewn beds and private beach dinners or something a little more understated.

To help you decide, we've found some of the best honeymoon spots around the world, inspired by celebrity weddings, fabled castaways and a few of our favourite places. There's bound to be one that's right for you...

SOAK UP THE SUN IN MAURITIUS

The Caribbean sometimes suffers from August hurricanes and early winter brings driving rain to parts of Thailand. Determining which honeymoon destination works with the date of your wedding can be difficult – unless you opt for Mauritius, which doesn't really have an off-season, thanks to balmy year-round temperatures and plenty of sunshine.

It is, however, cheaper in summer, when temperatures hover in the low twenties and sea visibility is better. Book into the St Regis Le Morne Resort, which reopened last year after a refurbishment and boasts a spectacular setting under the Unesco-listed Le Morne Brabant mountain. Highlights include a traditional pirogue boat to transport guests on sunset cruises or to picnics on secret beaches.

HOW TO BOOK: Tui has a week from £2,977 per person, B&B, including flights (tui.co.uk).



Taj Lake Palace, on Lake Pichola in Udaipur, exudes traditional grandeur.



EMBRACE INDIAN CULTURE

Maharana Jagat Singh II was, by some accounts, a rather romantic soul. Stories suggest that he built his 18th-century palace on Lake Pichola, Udaipur, for moonlit picnics and secret assignations.

Today, however, Taj Lake Palace is a five-star hotel where newlyweds can wander through blossoming gardens and sleep in four-poster beds, before heading into the city to explore ancient temples, lotus gardens and buzzy, rainbow-hued back streets.

See it all as part of a tailor-made trip with Wild Frontiers that also takes in Delhi, Jodhpur and Jaipur. There are expeditions into the countryside to search out tigers and elusive leopards, too.

HOW TO BOOK: Two weeks cost around £4,235 per person, including some meals and excluding flights (wildfrontierstravel.com).

GET AWAY TO SCOTLAND

A honeymoon doesn't have to be far-flung to be romantic. Bringing a touch of American luxury to the Highlands, Dunton Destinations – established when its owners renovated an entire town in Colorado – has turned its attention to Scotland's Kilchoan Estate on the remote Knoydart Peninsula, which can only be reached by ferry from Mallaig (or via a very demanding hike).

This is a place to wander through countryside that's deserted save for Highland cattle, cuddle up near bonfires on empty beaches and enjoy evenings in hot baths, with whisky chasers. Its five cottages come with checked bedspreads and views of purple-hued hills, while the estate can arrange guided walks or Land Rover tours offering misty vistas of Inverie Bay, with packed lunches to fuel onward adventures.

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Its safari camps are enchanting: there's Manyara Green, lost in a forest that elephants and bush babies call home, and Serengeti Green, cast away in a particularly wildlife-heavy patch of national park and lit by a scattering of lamps when night falls.

Spend six days between them, then finish up on what may be the most beautiful beach in the world: the pristine, palm-backed stretch outside Zanzibar's Pongwe Beach Hotel, boasting water that's so turquoise it almost glows.

HOW TO BOOK: Ten nights cost from £6,756 per person, full board, including flights (yellowzebrasafaris.com).



Get up close to Tanzania's wildlife on a luxury safari



La Roqqa offers views across Porto Ercole and excursions to Giannutri (right), the southernmost island of the Tuscan Archipelago



SPEND SUMMER IN ITALY

Dua Lipa and Callum Turner stopped off on the Monte Argentario peninsula as part of their Italian honeymoon, putting a bit of Tuscany that's traditionally been a celebrity secret firmly on the map.

Peppered with pebbly beaches and home to the seaside towns of Porto Ercole and Porto Santo Stefano (both the epitome of la dolce vita), the area offers hikes towards the water for gentle sea swims, boat trips to hidden coves and long evenings of aperitivi and spaghetti alle vongole.

The newlyweds reportedly stayed at the ultra-exclusive Hotel Il Pellicano, a destination where even a souvenir keyring costs £79. For those looking to splurge, the Erasmo suite at the boutique La Roqqa hotel – which comes complete with an outdoor tub on a panoramic roof terrace – is equally romantic. The hotel also has a dreamy beach club, as well as the chance to book swimming excursions under starry skies.

HOW TO BOOK: The Erasmo suite costs from £2,500 per night (room only); double bedrooms start at £415 (laroqqa.com). Rome Fiumicino is the nearest airport.

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COSY UP IN ASPEN

Mariah Carey chooses Aspen – every A-listers' favourite ski resort – for many holidays with her partner. And if it's good enough for Mariah, it's good enough for... well, anyone.

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Away from the slopes, there are romantic excursions aplenty, from nights at the Wheeler Opera House to candlelit French dinners at Mollie or sushi at Matsuhisa, a favourite of Leonardo DiCaprio.

HOW TO BOOK: Doubles at The Little Nell cost from £807 per night, room only (thelittlenell.com). British Airways flies to Denver.



GO AROUND THE WORLD

Having tied the knot in Madison Square Garden, Taylor Swift and Travis Kelce were never going to opt for a low-key honeymoon, so it follows that the A-list couple reportedly embarked on a round-the-world trip.

Given enough time, this is a surefire way to kick off married life in style. Whatever type of travellers you are, there are plenty of routes to choose, from the epic landscapes of Vancouver and New Zealand via Tokyo to a buzzy city-hopping trip taking in Vietnam, Australia and South America (even if, unlike Taylor, you don't have your own jet).

You can build a custom trip with Trailfinders: one option is to stop in Las Vegas and Los Angeles before heading onwards to Australia's national parks, Bali's beaches and Singapore's restaurants and bars.

HOW TO BOOK: Trailfinders can arrange a variety of round-the-world trips – the Tinseltown to Temples route above, including flights and five nights' accommodation along the way, costs from £2,699 (trailfinders.com).



From left: Shibuya Crossing in Tokyo; Roys Peak, overlooking Lake Wanaka, in New Zealand's South Island; and English Bay in Vancouver



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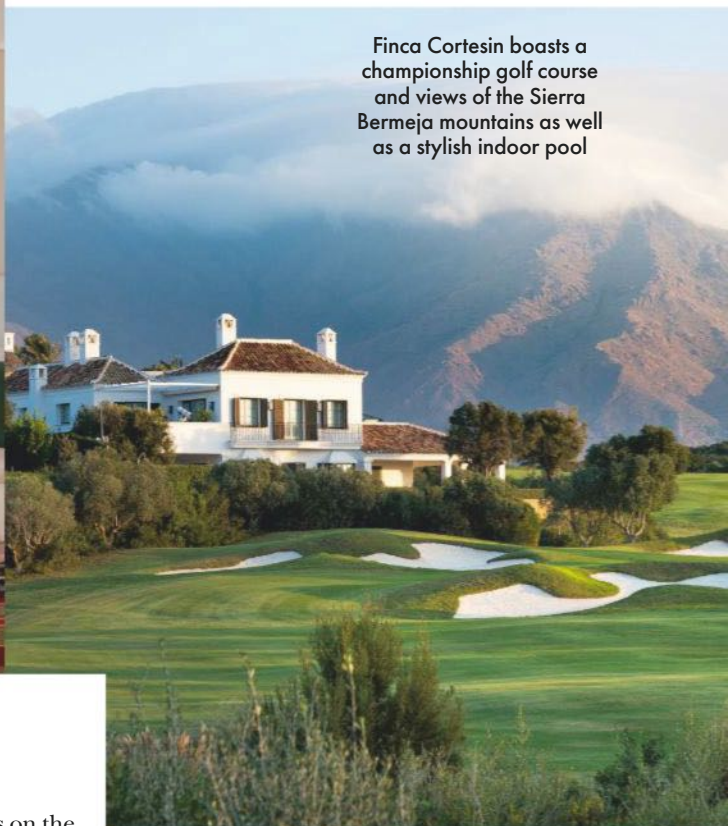
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HOW TO BOOK: Buyout rates at Finca Cortesin start from around £29,955; wedding celebrations are extra (fincacortesin.com).



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GO ADULTS-ONLY Sandals South Coast, Jamaica

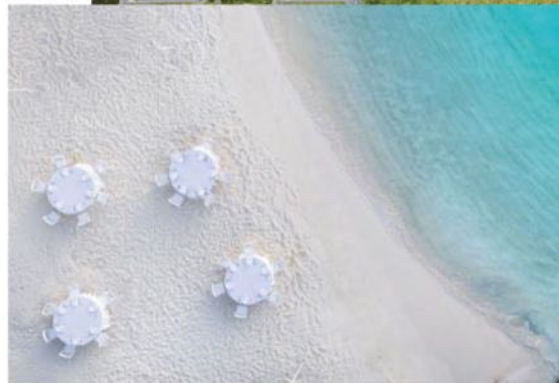
One of the biggest names for destination weddings, Sandals hosted its first ceremony in Montego Bay, Jamaica, back in 1981 and has since perfected the art of the in-resort package. It has pretty over-water chapels with glass aisles at a number of its properties, including the newly revamped Sandals South Coast, which reopens this November.

If you need help with planning (or just want someone else to do it for you), these resorts are a safe bet, especially if you'd rather not have kids along for the ride. Weddings for a couple and up to eight guests are free if you stay in a Club or Butler suite for a week or more.

HOW TO BOOK: A week at Sandals South Coast (sandals.co.uk) costs from £2,289 per person, all-inclusive, including flights, with Destination2 (destination2.co.uk).



Sandals South Coast is set within a nature reserve, with two miles of white-sand beach



Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru offers packages including wedding planners and dinners on the beach



MARRY ON A BOUNTY-AD BEACH Banyan Tree Vabbinfaru, the Maldives

Settings don't get more romantic than this private island in North Malé Atoll – and saying “I do” under a flowered canopy with a neon sea as a backdrop tops it all off nicely. That's part of the

Oceanside Serenity package, which also includes a cake, a bouquet and dinner on the beach, as well as a wedding planner to ensure that everything goes smoothly.

HOW TO BOOK IT: Ceremonies start from £675 per couple (banyantree.com). Virgin Holidays has two weeks at the resort, half-board, including flights (Gatwick), from £4,375 per person (virginatlantic.com).

For more destination wedding venues, visit hellomagazine.com/travel



HÔTEL CHAIS MONNET & SPA, FRANCE

Off the beaten track in France's Charente region is a picturesque wedding and honeymoon destination: Hôtel Chais Monnet & Spa, a 19th-century trading house transformed into a five-star retreat. With Michelin-starred dining, a superb spa, a rooftop bar kitted out to host receptions and an outdoor-indoor pool, it ticks all the boxes for a celebration to remember. Expect a luxe-rustic atmosphere, lush countryside, a bar stocking 330 different types of cognac and staff ready to make your stay perfect.

Reservations are open; book at chaismonnethotel.com

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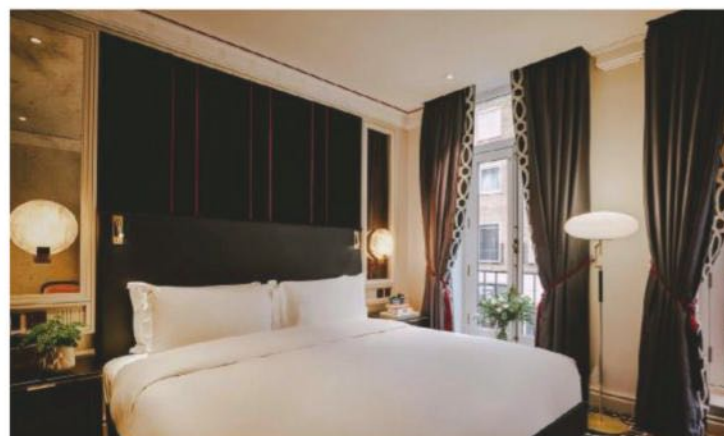
Whether it be for your nuptial celebrations or your honeymoon, these are the hotels to know



COLUMBIA BEACH RESORT, CYPRUS

For a wedding that combines warm hospitality with traditional Cypriot culture, look to Columbia Beach Resort in the picturesque village of Pissouri. The property's traditional stone architecture, chic spaces and lavish palm garden provide a heavenly backdrop for a couple to say "I do". It's available to book via Jet2Weddings, the British travel brand's new destination wedding-planning service, for departures from this summer. You can choose between a unique chapel ceremony set amid luscious green lawns or a beautiful outdoor service overlooking the Mediterranean Sea.

Reservations are open; book at jet2holidays.com



THE MAYFAIR TOWNHOUSE, LONDON

As more and more couples opt for unusual venues in which to tie the knot, The Mayfair Townhouse has become the place to book. With its stylish, characterful rooms, this elegantly flamboyant hotel in London can deliver whatever wedding bliss your heart desires, whether you need a space to host your big day, a place to stay and get ready with your bridal party beforehand or somewhere to enjoy a mini-moon afterwards. For a smaller celebration, the hotel can host up to 42 guests, or you can take over the venue's entire downstairs area to welcome up to 90 people.

Reservations are open; book at themayfairtownhouse.com

HELLO! WORLD RECOMMENDS



VILLA LA MASSA, ITALY

Few venues offer weddings and honeymoons quite like Villa La Massa, a Florentine estate with 13th-century origins in the rolling hills of Tuscany. If it wasn't already obvious, romance is the hotel's middle name. On offer for newlyweds are peaceful dinners by candlelight in the gardens, hot-air balloon flights, vineyard tours and couples' cooking classes and wine-tasting sessions. Further highlights include Il Verrocchio – the hotel's flagship restaurant, which serves elegant Tuscan cuisine overlooking the Arno river – and Renaissance-inspired rooms, suites, apartments, villas and farmhouses.

Reservations are open; book at villalamassa.com



ATRIUM PRESTIGE THALASSO, RHODES

Dreaming of a wedding that has Mamma Mia! flair? With its Greek-style amphitheatre, panoramic terraces and idyllic coastal setting, Atrium Prestige Thalasso Spa Resort & Villas is made for couples. Available to book through Jet2Weddings for departures from this summer, the resort offers dedicated wedding co-ordinators and thoughtful extras to ensure that your day is truly special. Couples can choose from a variety of picturesque locations for their ceremony, including secluded spots designed for private vows. Afterwards, retreat to one of the hotel's sophisticated rooms, boasting hand-painted ceilings and panoramic views.

Reservations are open; book at jet2holidays.com



GRANTLEY HALL, RIPON

Grantley Hall was originally built around the 1680s as a grand contemporary home, before being reimagined as a hotel in 2019. Now, it is the perfect countryside wedding venue, blending historic charm with refined luxury across 38 acres of landscaped grounds on the edge of the Yorkshire Dales. There are both indoor and outdoor spaces to host elegant ceremonies, while wedding co-ordinators are on hand throughout, and couples welcoming up to 160 guests can benefit from exclusive use of the entire estate. In addition, the serene Three Graces Spa offers some much-needed R&R after the big day.

Reservations are open; book at grantleyhall.co.uk

HELLO! LOVES

Here are a few of our favourite things...

SUNNY SKIN NECESSITIES

With flights taking off thick and fast for summer holidays, these are the skincare heroes we're packing in our suitcases. From hydrating mists and body oils with SPF to face-tanning milks, masks (for both face and lips) and electrolytes to help you glow from the inside out, shop the products at Boots.





Bali Body Face Tan Milk, £21.95
(£439 per 1L)



Wellthy by Boots Daily Hydration+ Radiant Skin Electrolyte Drink, £7 (£0.58 per 1 unit)



Boots Ingredients Deep Moisture Spray,
£6 (£32 per 1L)



No7 Good Intent Micro Shot Spicule Glow Serum, £19.95 (£415.62 per 1L)



Only Curls Hydrating Curl Creme, £14.40
(£57.60 per 1L)



Ultra Violette Disco Queen SPF50 Luminous Body Oil, £38 (£400 per 1L)



L'Oréal Paris Revitalift Glass Skin Hydrogel Glow Mask, £4.99 (£166.33 per 1L)



OGX Plump Mist + Collagen Conditioning Serum Mist Spray, £7.50 (£38.86 per 1L)



Bubble Skincare Cosmic Rain Hydrating Mist, £14 (£186.67 per 1L)



Laneige Lip Sleeping Mask in Strawberry Shortcake, £22 (£1100 per 1kg)



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puzzles online

PUZZLE TIME

TIME TO
TAKE A
BREAK

*Pour a cup of tea and put your problem-solving skills to the test.
Answers next week*

CODEWORD

In this finished crossword, every letter of the alphabet appears as a code number. All you have to do is crack the code and fill in the grid. We have decoded some letters to start you off.

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LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

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LIVING

FOOD | WELLNESS | LUXURY

*Refreshing Italian
recipes from the
Soho restaurateur
Nima Safaei*

BEETROOT, BEAN AND HAZELNUT SALAD Serves 2-4

"Any picnic needs a refreshing and comforting salad. The beetroot and beans provide a fresh, earthy base, while the hazelnuts add a satisfying, hearty crunch. Use the best quality beans you can find – I like the Queen Cannellini Beans from Bold Bean Co."

INGREDIENTS

- 650g/23¼oz cooked beetroot, diced into cubes
- 570g/20¼oz cooked cannellini beans
- A large handful of dill, finely chopped
- 100ml/3½fl oz extra-virgin olive oil
- 2 tbsp good-quality balsamic vinegar
- Finely grated zest of one unwaxed lemon
- Sea salt and black pepper
- A good handful of sage leaves
- 75g/2¾oz chopped hazelnuts
- Fresh ciabatta, to mop up the juices

1. Make a dressing with 4 tbsp of extra-virgin olive oil and 2 tbsp of balsamic vinegar. Mix, then add the lemon zest, a good pinch of sea salt and a twist of freshly ground pepper.

2. In a salad bowl, combine the beetroot, cannellini beans and

dill, then stir in the dressing.
3. In a small frying pan, heat 1 tbsp of olive oil over a medium heat. When the pan is hot, add the sage leaves and fry for 15 to 20 seconds until crisp, then place on kitchen paper to soak up any excess oil.
4. Stir the salad again, add a good squeeze of lemon juice and top with the hazelnuts and sage leaves. Serve with warm ciabatta. ►

BURRATA WITH GRILLED PEACHES, PROSCIUTTO AND BASIL

Serves 4-6

"August is the perfect time to get your friends together and enjoy a late-summer evening supper. I love the fruity and creamy richness of burrata with grilled peaches and prosciutto."

INGREDIENTS

- 4 ripe peaches
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 balls of burrata (about 125g/4½oz each)
- 8 slices of prosciutto

(I like San Daniele)

- A large handful of fresh basil leaves
- 4 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp good-quality balsamic vinegar
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

1. Halve the peaches and remove the stones, then brush the cut sides lightly with olive oil (you'll need about 1 tbsp).

2. Heat a griddle pan over a high heat until it is smoking hot.

3. Place the peaches cut side down on the griddle and cook for 2 to 3 minutes without moving them, until lightly caramelised. Turn them over and cook for another minute, then remove and set aside.

4. Arrange the grilled peaches on a serving platter or individual plates.

5. Tear the burrata into pieces – do this over the serving platter so that

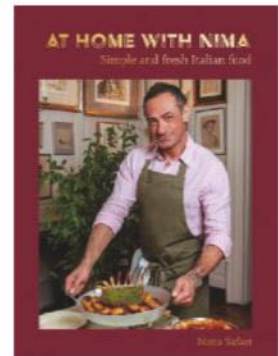
you don't lose any of the middle – and scatter over the peaches.

6. Drape the prosciutto over and around the peaches and burrata. Scatter over the basil leaves, then drizzle generously with the remaining extra-virgin olive oil and balsamic vinegar.

7. Season with a little sea salt and freshly ground pepper, then serve immediately, with plenty of fresh bread.



'It's creamy and fragrant, and offers just the right balance of comfort and brightness – perfect to follow a seafood lunch'



ITALIAN SUMMER

Nima Safaei is the founder of 40 Dean Street, 64 Old Compton Street and 27 Old Compton Street – some of the most popular Italian restaurants in Soho, London.

He is known for his focus on simple cooking and for creating spaces that feel welcoming and unpretentious.

Nima's new book blends personal storytelling with recipes from his restaurants and home kitchen, and celebrates how food shapes the passing year.

At Home with Nima by Nima Safaei is out now, published by Nima Safaei, priced £25

PISTACHIO TIRAMISU Serves 6-8

"This is a fresh take on the Italian classic. It's creamy and fragrant, and offers just the right balance of comfort and brightness – perfect to follow a seafood lunch or dinner. This is the exact recipe we serve at 40 Dean Street."

INGREDIENTS

- 2 eggs
- 75g/2³/₄oz sugar
- 375ml/13¹/₂fl oz double cream
- 250g/9oz mascarpone
- 65g/2¹/₄oz pistachio cream
- Freshly brewed coffee, cooled (around 250ml/9fl oz, or as needed)

- 40ml/1¹/₂fl oz Grand Marnier
- 40ml/1¹/₂fl oz amaretto
- 1 packet savoiardi (ladyfinger) biscuits
- 40g/1¹/₂oz fresh pistachios, finely chopped

1. In a large mixing bowl, whisk together the eggs and sugar until the mixture is slightly thickened and pale.
2. In a separate bowl, whip the double cream to soft peaks, then gently fold in the mascarpone until smooth and fully combined.

Add the pistachio cream and mix until evenly incorporated.

3. Carefully fold the egg and sugar mixture into the mascarpone cream, keeping as much air in the mixture as possible.

4. In a shallow dish, combine the cooled coffee with the Grand Marnier and amaretto. Briefly dip each savoiardo biscuit into the liquid – just for a second or two on each side, enough to soak the biscuit but not make it collapse.

5. Arrange a layer of soaked biscuits in the base of your serving dish.

6. Spoon over a layer of the pistachio cream, smoothing it out evenly, then scatter over a small handful of chopped pistachios.

7. Repeat the process with another layer of soaked biscuits, followed by the remaining cream. Smooth the cream on top, then decorate with the remaining chopped pistachios.

8. Cover and refrigerate for at least 4 hours, or ideally overnight, to allow the flavours to develop and the texture to set.

9. Serve chilled.



MY LITTLE LUXURIES

Fat Tony

The DJ shares his take on luxury – skincare routines, Prada clothes and dinners out with his husband and dogs

DJ Fat Tony is not only one of the UK's most beloved DJs but also a respected voice on recovery and mental wellbeing, a prominent LGBTQ+ activist and the creator of a popular Instagram account, where his sharp wit and relatable humour have earned him a huge following.

He documented his struggles with addiction and his journey to recovery in his memoir *I Don't Take Requests*, which became a Sunday Times bestseller. His latest book – *Recover Me*, co-written with the therapist Tara Day – combines personal stories with psychological insight to explore healing, resilience and self-discovery.

Tony lives in London with his husband, the creative director Stavros Agapiou, and their two dogs, Reenie Taylor and Raf.

back into my face. I see a guy called Dr Brian Fu, who is amazing. I've also had salmon sperm [injections] and I have facials and red-light therapy – I look after myself. When it comes to products, I'm a big fan of Augustinus Bader – also Medik8, and Crème de la Mer.

I love Australia. There's something really magical about consumerism for me in Sydney. People still shop, they still go to the high street, they still go to shopping malls.

'LUXURY IS NOT ABOUT HOW MUCH SOMETHING COSTS'

The holidays we make sure we take every year are to Mykonos and Miami. And we go to Soho Farmhouse every Christmas. I've done it for the past six or seven years and we take my whole family, my mum, the dogs... everyone.

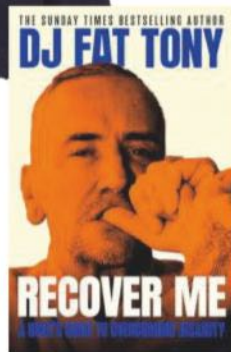
I'm not a cook, so it's always about getting things delivered, and because I live in Pimlico [in central London] it's really easy to take the dogs out to eat.

I love my coffee machine. My biggest luxury in the morning is having an iced black Americano – there's nothing better than that smell in the mornings.

Luxury is not about how much something costs or what brand it is. For me, real luxury is about the ability to feel comfortable in something, whether it be your own skin or an item of clothing. And time is luxury.



1. Mykonos, the Greek island Tony tries to visit every year 2. Augustinus Bader The Elixir, £435 3. Prada technical fabric blouson jacket, £1,730 4. *Recover Me: A User's Guide to Overcoming Addiction and Insanity*, £20 5. Miami is another favourite destination




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