

## **TRAVEL IN STYLE – Episode Synopsis – Series 1 & 2**

### **MONACO & VENICE**

The home of so many things - extravagance, super yachts, Grand Prix races, Celebrities - this principality is the most famous of them all.

But then let's not forget the legendary Hotel Cipriani in the wonderful city Venice that is also featured in this glitzy luxury extravaganza.

### **SUPERYACHTS**

Pure Bliss, well that's the theme of this show and the name of the luxury yacht the *Travel in Style* team have chartered on your behalf. This glitzy adventure starts in the idyllic town Portofino -Italy, then our super-yacht moors offshore Monaco where we board a privately owned 212 ft, 80 million euro super yacht – The White Rose of Drachs

### **SWITZERLAND & SWEDEN**

Zermatt is one of the most exclusive Ski Resorts in the world. Our hotel, the elegant 'Grand Zermatterhof' sits in the centre of a car free village with views directly to the Matterhorn.

Imagine sitting in the bubbling Jacuzzi looking out onto the snow filled gardens or dining on fresh fish in the sumptuous surroundings of one of their 5 star restaurants, this hotel is most certainly the jewel of the village.

Then off to the magical city of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden - a real treat for those who wish to travel in style here We stayed in award winning 'Victory Hotel' a welcoming and exclusive hotel with a personal atmosphere in the perfect location of Gamla Stan, Stockholm's charming Old Town.

### **BORA BORA & MALDIVES**

Bora Bora for those of you that are unsure is situated in French Polynesia in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Our team stay in a spacious water villa at the Bora Bora Lagoon resort and Spa. A great base for scuba diving, horse riding and deep sea fishing.

Then we really Travel in Style as we take a seaplane from the airport island of Male in the Maldives to visit the paradise island of Kanuhura a simply wonderful coral hideaway in the Indian Ocean.

### **PERU & BRAZIL**

We start our travels in Lima and then take a short internal flight takes us to a different landscape altogether... Colca Canyon in Peru, a simply outstanding area of great beauty that has to be seen to be believed.

Here great Condors soar above a canyon that can only be described as awesome, its hard to believe that a luxury hotel could exist in such a remote destination thats at a similar level to the base camp in Everest.

And staying in South America for the thrill seekers amongst us we take a powerboat trip and head straight for Iguassu Falls on the boarder of Argentina. This tropical climate really is picture perfect!

Within four hundred feet of the falls Hotel das Cataratas, is the only hotel within the national park allowing guests to enjoy exclusive access to the falls each morning. You can't escape that comforting feeling through the constant sounds of the falls, which allows guests to take in this idyllic location and recharge their batteries.

### **ITALY & PORTUGAL**

This time in Italy we visit the glamorous Amalfi Coast and stay the most famous property in the region... perched high on a cliff is the Legendary Hotel Caruso

Meanwhile in Portugal on the south of the country sits the Algarve with its clear waters and sandstone cliffs this coastline is truly stunning. Golden sandy beaches and lunch on private yachts feature in this programme along with lots of culture about the region and a brief visit to one of their famous potteries.

### **JAMAICA & MAURITIUS**

Jamaica, the home of reggae and rum. The island is 145 miles long and 50 miles wide and so offers plenty to see and do, in this programme we cover the YS Falls in St Elizabeth, a trip to a rum

factory, the famous croc infested Black River and take sundowners at Ricks Cafe.

A quick zoom across to the Indian Ocean we find Mauritius. A tour of this Island proves amazing with extinct volcanic craters lush tropical rainforest and of course some of the whitest sandiest beaches in the world.

### **LONDON & SYDNEY**

London - one of the most famous and historic cities in the world, a city that will keep the most demanding of jet set travellers happy - for a lifetime, but no time to linger around 10 thousand miles away waits Sydney - the most expensive city in Australia but don't let that put you off! With its warm summers from October to March it becomes a playground for the world's jet set travellers seeking fun, sun and large shrimps on the beach BBQs!

### **BARCELONA & BERLIN**

Barcelona, an architectural delight, with real European Style

Feast on the very best of the work of Gaudi, take a stroll through the Gothic old town and visit one of the best fresh produce markets in Europe. Then the Travel in Style team head to a very different part of Europe to a place that once was divided by concrete barriers – but now paves the way as one of Europe's thriving capitals.

If you're looking for an alternative to sun, sea and sand then the urban city of Berlin is the perfect travel destination for you! This cosmopolitan capital is jammed packed with culture, art, and politics and will be a definite luxury hot spot for any traveller in search of style

### **CYPRUS & IBIZA**

Mediterranean, Mythology, and Fusion - These are just a few things that Cyprus can offer!!!

A destination that may take you travellers by surprise! This popular party hot spot also known for its 'fun in the sun' reputation is home to the vibrant town of Aya Napa. In this episode the team discovered

what else Cyprus has to offer, by embracing the fun and playful Greek mythology, to reveal the true luxury and travel in style.

A short hop by air and we land in Ibiza. Which is undoubtedly one of the most stunning Islands in the Mediterranean. The beaches all over the Island are wonderful and the water exceptional. This tiny island also boast quaint hidden villages in the middle of the Island. But lets not forget 'Old Ibiza Town' and the Dalt Vila cathedral perched high above it.

### **JOHANNESBURG & BOTSWANA**

In Johannesburg our crew stayed in style in the luxurious Westcliff Hotel an amazing property that overlooks a valley of Jacarandas and the zoo, but then our team found that a zoo in Africa tempted them to visit the real outdoor wildlife... So on-ward to Botswana. Here we visit three remarkable Safari camps. These trips are well worth going the extra mile for, with the chance to experience local cuisines, customs and wildlife, albeit from the comfort of a swimming pool, 4 by 4, or even a Helicopter! Now that's Travel in Style!

### **GOA & SINGAPORE**

Here the team look at the incredible wildlife and beaches of this former Portuguese Colony that's perhaps better known for the hippy trail than its luxury hotels. But 'Travel in Style' soon sets the record straight by featuring two of the best hotels in the region...

Staying in Asia our team discover the presidential suite in Fullerton – Singapore. This hotel and Spa has to be seen to be believed. This new kid on the block packs a punch in sheer luxury and style!

### **BRAZIL & SWEDEN**

In this episode our lucky crew stay in perhaps one of the most famous hotels on the planet – Copacabana Palace – a real home of the jet set and celeb world.

Allow at least an hour to walk along its hall of fame identifying framed and signed pictures of rock stars, film stars and royalty who have all stayed in this amazing property.

In Sweden we stay in a really cool hotel that's only just been built! Actually it gets rebuilt afresh every year - because without fail the famous Ice hotel simply melts back into the river its made from!

Cool is the word at - 33 degrees Celsius and cool too as the hotel offers the design of its rooms to artists from around the world. You will have to watch this episode to believe just how incredible this palace made from ice is with its sparkling chandeliers, Ice Bars and LED lit rooms made up with reindeer skin bedding.

### **MEXICO & EAST ORIENT EXPRESS**

Forget Cancun for a luxury Mexico break - meet Maroma! Tucked away in an unspoilt pocket of the Yucatan Peninsula this luxury resort simply has it all. Villa's with plunge-pools, private beaches littered with comfy sofas, an incredible spa and of course amazing food. This truly is the ultimate chill zone.

In part two we take the train from Singapore to Bangkok - but this is no ordinary train - this is the Eastern & Orient-Express that's more comparable to a luxury cruise than carriages on wheels.

Fine dining, piano bars, en-suite rooms and an open air viewing platform all add to the Asian experience as the train glides through a lush tropical Malaysia into the heart of buzzing Bangkok. Our stops en-route include Penang and the Bridge over the River Kwai.

### **FRANCE & PRAGUE**

Following a trip on a luxury barge down the Canal du Midi on board the newly refurbished Alouette we visit the medieval walled city of Carcassonne and check in to the only five star hotel within its walls - Hotel de la Cite.

Part two finds us in another city steeped in history chasing gastronomic delights in Prague - This time we stay in the newly built Kempinski Hybernska to meet the chef before exploring the Wenceslas Square and the many other famous landmarks that are all in walking range of this romantic town.

## **JERSEY & ITALY**

Nestled some 12 miles off Normandy France lays the beautiful channel Island of Jersey. And yes it is the original – not the ‘new’ of which it gave the name to New Jersey when it was given that land as a thank you for protecting a young king of England. This tiny isle is only 5 miles by 8 remains an independent state boasting more millionaires per square mile than anywhere in the United Kingdom – it’s the Monaco of the British Isles and so is brimming with luxurious hotels and gourmet restaurants.

Part two we fly across to Portofino in Italy were our lucky crew stay in perhaps one of the most famous hotels the country has to offer – Hotel Splendido – a hotel who’s celeb guest list is an embarrassment of riches, need we say more?

## **SCOTLAND & SWITZERLAND**

It’s a royal theme in part one as we stay in the royal mile of Edinburgh in Scotland in the famous Balmoral Hotel now owned by Rocco Forte. Chef Bland explains how Scotland is blessed with amazing fresh and seasonal food before we take a tour of the Royal Yacht Britannia now moored permanently as a floating museum. Of course we don’t miss heading atop the city to visit Edinburgh Castle. In Switzerland we discover the lake based city of Geneva with its famous landmark the Jet d’Eau – one of the most powerful jets of water on the globe.

Perhaps the best view of the lake and with its many paddle steamers is from the balcony of our presidential suite in the Hotel Richemond a stunning property now owned by the Dorchester Collection who simply epitomise luxury in all of their hotels around the world.

## **FRANCE**

Three amazing hotels in this episode – all dripping with style, glamour and luxury. If you are looking for glitz in France don’t forget to tune in!

In Paris we visit Hotel le Meurice and Hotel Plaza Athenee, then head down south to sunny Cannes and stay in the Carlton made famous of course by Elton John.

## **ITALY & FRANCE**

This time we visit Milan the home of fashion and chic in Italy to check out the suites used by football star David Beckham and Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth in the incredible luxury Hotel Principe de Savoia.

In part two we are all at sea, well more on river to be truthful in beautiful Burgandy in the wine region of France as we rent a crewed barge that is so large it boasts three full size double en-suite cabins, a lounge graced with a grand piano a dining room set for twelve and oh yes a swimming pool that is 5 metres deep! – And yes we did say barge!

## **CAPE TOWN & BLUE MOUNTAINS**

In the episode we visit the Mother City of South Africa – Cape Town but also we have a real treat because we feature what the Capetonian's would call the 'Grandmother' of this stunning city - The Mount Nelson Hotel, which has been welcoming guests for over 110 years and is perhaps most famous for the English tradition of afternoon tea, where cakes, scones, sandwiches and pastries galore are spread out on a groaning antique table...

The second half of the show is based in the distinctive blue haze of the Blue Mountains, Australia - a vast mountain area covering over a million hectares. Perched high on the cliff tops is a breathtaking escape for romantics - Lilianfels a five star luxury retreat set in a country house amidst two acres of beautifully manicured gardens offering some of the best views of the valley – now that's really travelling in style!

## **BANGKOK & NEW YORK**

Floating Markets, Royal Palaces and the new spa and sauna of the Peninsula Hotel in Bangkok are the highlights first off as our travel in style team visit Asia.

Then it's off to the city that's so good they named it twice... New York! In this wonderful city of skyscrapers we discover great food and great nightlife as we base ourselves near Times Square in the Michael Angelo Hotel. It's a sight-seeing jet set delight as we explore

Grand Central station, The Chrysler Building and go Snowboarding in Central Park!

### **BARBADOS & LAOS**

It's all fun in the sun in this reggae soaked jewel of the Caribbean - Barbados. Based in the Tamarind Hotel in St James our jet set team enjoy catamaran rides, waterskiing and bump into a sea turtle whilst snorkeling in the crystal clear waters of the west coast.

Then our 'Travel in Style' crew jet across to Luang Prabang a region in the mysterious landlocked country of Lao in Southeast Asia. Here, no visit would be complete without going to the Wat Xieng Thong temple, one of the most important monasteries with its sanctuary of the Reclining Buddha, also known as Red Chapel.

Serene, calm yet truly a jet set destination!

### **ROME & BERKSHIRE**

This time our team takes you on a journey to the tranquil quaint English countryside of Berkshire to find something of a wonderful enigma... an English five star spa hotel that excels in Californian wines. The Vineyard at Stock cross is a gastronomic treat with a Michelin star.

Then a short two hour flight to Italy our crew visits Rome a teeming metropolis with a cacophony of noise but historically serene with many of the greatest architectural and artistic masterpieces making up fragments of its grand canvas. One of the cities greatest surprises is the Hotel Eden, part of the world-famous Dorchester collection of hotels.

### **ASCOT & DUBAI**

In this episode of Travel In Style we visit one of the newest cities in the world – Dubai, the new capital of fun in the sun. We go snow skiing in a shopping mall, Take a seaplane ride above the palm, Visit the undersea world of Atlantis and explore the deserts by four wheel drive

But if that's not enough we discover have an absolute gem tucked



away near Ascot in the English countryside within walking distance of historic Windsor Great Park... A Georgian building dating back to 1776 now a luxury hideaway known Coworth Park with its breathtaking vistas, cultural gems and heritage sites that make the southeast of England such a fascinating and rewarding region to visit.

### **SICILY & LOS ANGELES**

The majestic yet somewhat sinister volcano of Mount Etna overlooks the delightful city of Taormina in Sicily. Here we feature not one but two incredible hotels that are the epitome of luxury. Grand Hotel Timeo and Hotel Villa Sant 'Andrea are both owned by the Belmond group and both perfectly positioned to enjoy this romantic Italian town.

Then its time to jet across the Atlantic and leave sun-drenched hills of Sicily behind and check into Hotel Bel-Air Los Angeles. This property exceeds our Travel In Style Standards as it set in 12 acres of landscaped gardens it's a tranquil oasis and regarded of as one of the most beautiful and romantic hotels in the world. With its own Swan Lake and picturesque bridge to access the hotel it's not difficult to understand why!

### **ST. PETERSBURG & LONDON**

This episode takes our team east to Russia to discover its former capital – the magical city of St Petersburg. Here the Palace Square reveals its baroque magnificence with the white and azure 'Winter Palace' built to a monumental scale to reflect the might and power of Imperial Russia. Here the place to stay is the 'Grand Hotel Europe' undoubtedly one of the most luxurious hotels in Russia.

How do you follow that? Well next off our lucky crew head to England to visit one of the most famous hotels in the world, the Dorchester in London and take afternoon tea in its famous promenade. The property boasts stunning new suites which have to be seen to believe. All in a days for Travel In Style!