

Rio and Iguassu - Brazil

Join in as we visit one of the most exciting cities of the world...

Whilst on location the team didn't just visit one world class destination in Brazil, they visited two! First stop the Rio, where you can stay in a purpose built palace, take a cable car up the famous sugar loaf mountains and visit many of the fun filled beaches of Ipanema and Copacabana.

And for those thrill seeking travellers we take a powerboat trip and head straight for Iguassu Falls on the border of Argentina.

Where we stayed:

The luxurious residence of the Copacabana Palace is truly one of the greatest hotels in the world. Purpose built as a palace to draws in the rich and famous. Its an outstanding building with a huge physical presence that dominates the seafront of Copacabana.

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 of the constant sound of the falls, allowing guests to take in this idyllic location and recharge their batteries.

Jamaica

'Jamaica' the home of reggae and rum. Can you do 'World Class' here? Well we think so!

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 head for sundowners at the famous Ricks Cafe.

Where we stayed

This time our lucky crew stay in the Breezes Grand Resort & Spa (formally Grand Lido) on Bloody Bay. See the web links for more information

Mexico and Peru

Maroma in the Yucatan Peninsular provides a lush backdrop for yoga, relaxation and pure self indulgence.

Here the Caribbean sea teases the white sand of one of the best beaches in the world as voted by the Travel Channel.

Just 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 that's at a similar level to the base camp in Everest.

We discover the charm and sanctuary of Las Casitas del Colca, a luxury hotel where every suite is a villa boasting inside-outside bathrooms and plunge pools with incredible views.

Barcelona - Spain

This programme is on the wonderful Spanish city of 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.

Where we stayed:

The ultra modern topsy turvy ME Hotel.

Berlin- Germany

A place that once was divided by concrete barriers - 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! In this episode of World Class you are given the opportunity to transport yourself back in time, sip hand picked tea leaves and meet a very famous polar bear!

This cosmopolitan capital is jammed packed with culture, art, and politics and will be a definite luxury hot spot for any traveller.

Where we stayed:

Sitting on Berlin's doorstep we stayed in the very lavish and exclusive Ritz-Carlton Hotel. This five star luxury accommodation captures tradition and sophistication making it the perfect venue for this industrial and transient capital.

The most impressive part of the hotel was the ultra chic apartment they have located on the top floor. It felt like your very own home away from home, but with a little extra.

Cyprus- Southern Mediterranean

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 travel and style.

Where we stayed:

Just 15 minutes from the airport we stayed in the new and exclusive Hotel E. This accommodation offered something unique, as an eco-friendly property that will revive your mind, body and soul.

Luxury barging in Burgundy and the Canal du Midi

The waterways of France are a delightful way to explore the country.

This time the World Class team take to the rivers and canals to sample the best wines in Burgundy and Carcassonne.

But these are no ordinary barges, after all this is World Class so only the best will do, really seeing is believing with this extraordinary show - Afloat in France .

Ibiza - The Balearics, Spain.

Don't be scared!! World Class are not taking you on a half hour trip around the 'all day' and 'all night' dancing clubs that has made this the party capital of the World.

Far from it as Ibiza is one of the most stunning Islands in the Mediterranean, to which people shy away from as they only think of it as a party Island. Well take a moment for us to convince you otherwise.

The beaches all over the Island are wonderful and the water exceptional. We took a private boat charter over to another one of the Balearic Islands called Formentera where the water is aqua blue and visited the most amazing of beach restaurants for a slap up lunch before a snorkel in the warm waters.

If that sounds just too relaxing then join us on a 4 x 4 jeep experience through the woods on the North coast and see just how close we came to the edge of a 500ft sheer cliff!

Of course the Island has lots of culture so we discover small villages hidden in the middle of the Island and visit the larger ones such as its main city of 'Old Ibiza Town' and the Dalt Vila cathedral perched high above it.

Where We Stayed:

Our hotel, The Aguas De Ibiza, is located next to a wonderful marina on the East coast of the Island. Having won many awards for its unique design the owners have made this a very eco friendly hotel - solar panels on your balcony generate the light for your room and water symbols give you good Fen Shui!

Portofino, The Amalfi Coast & Venice - Italy.

Join our World Class team for a truly jet set Italian experience as we explore the finest hotels in the country.

Hotel Splendido overlooking the glitzy port of Portofino, Hotel Caruso perched high on the Amalfi coast and the legendary Hotel Cipriani in Venice are all featured in this Italian luxury extravaganza.

Jersey - Channel Islands, UK

This hidden gem found in the English Channel is the Monaco of the British Isles and is a well known off-shore finance centre. Only 9 by 5 miles, we explore this tiny islands wonderful coastline and look into it's fascinating past.

Did you know that Jersey was the only part of British soil captured by the Germans in World War 2?

Dotted along the coastline in amongst its golden sandy beaches you will still find German bunkers and fortifications.

Then to the present day where we take the social trek and visit lots of its cosmopolitan style restaurants and bars and chat with Michelin star chef David Cameron about the excellent produce available on the Island and in the waters around it.

Our hotel is the Relais Chateau 'Longueville Manor' hotel that is set in some beautifully manicured grounds. Its owner Malcolm Lewis tells us all about its history.

The Island is full of annual festivities including the breathtaking 'Battle of Britain International Air display' and the Mardi Gras style 'Battle of Flowers' but one of the most special attractions is the world famous Gerald Durrell Wildlife sanctuary and the World Class team get to meet some of its residents!

London - England

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!

This city of beauty is captured dramatically in HD by the 'World Class' team who feature - The Churchill Museum, the London Eye and of course changing the Guard at Buckingham Palace.

Where we stayed:

This time we base ourselves in the historic Browns Hotel in the heart of Mayfair. It's the perfect base to explore this incredible city from.

Luxury Med Cruise - Portofino, Monaco, Cannes

Pure Bliss, well that's the theme of this show and the name of the luxury yacht the World Class team chartered on your behalf.

This glitzy adventure starts in the idyllic town Portofino -Italy, then our super-yacht moors offshore Monaco and ends in the marina of Cannes - France, where the team stay in arguably the most famous hotel in the region - the Carlton.

The Principality of Monaco

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

In true style and in key to its glitzy personality this programme is drenched in more luxury than any of our others!

Be prepared to fly around on a private helicopter, take a Rolls Royce Phantom to go window shopping, go on board a privately owned 212 ft, 80 million euro super yacht and see the cathedral where Grace Kelly was married to Prince Rainier.

Where we stayed:

Our luxurious hotel is the newly refurbished 'Metropole Hotel' in Monte Carlo - right next door to the Monte Carlo Casino which is very convenient for all those gamblers out there! This hotel oozes sophistication and class of a modern genre with its fantastic Spa facilities, dedicated Japanese restaurant, Castle like lobbies and a Joel Robuchon restaurant

The Algarve - Portugal.

No 'World Class' trip could be complete without visiting the country that gave us navigation – Portugal. On the south of the country sits the Algarve with its clear waters and sandstone cliffs that make this coastline truly stunning.

Golden sandy beaches and a lunch on a private yacht feature in this show along with lots of culture about the region and a brief visit to one of the famous potteries.

We 'pop' into some of the local villages to get a feel for the region and then take some time out to play a few rounds of golf on the newest and largest golfing facility in the area. Jon Schauder the GM of the club tells us why this golf club is one of the best in the world and gives us an insight into the eco friendly stance they have and some background on its two rather famous designers!

Our hotel for this visit covers acres and acres of coastal cliff top grounds and even has its own sub tropical gardens! The Vila Vita Parc hotel has an assortment of rooms and stand alone villas with their own swimming pools. Here PR Director Joao Maximo and CEO Luis Fernandez gives us a great run down on what makes this hotel so unique.

Prague - The Czech Republic

This time the World Class team visit the fairy tale city of Prague and stay right in the heart of its historical old town.

The team go on a sightseeing frenzy, taking in the Charles Bridge, the old town with its astronomical clock, Wenceslas Square, a river cruise, the Petrin tower and of course the beautiful Prague Castle.

Where we stayed:

The Kempinski Hybernská Hotel

Zermatt - Switzerland

This is the only ski resort featured in this series and as far as ski locations go Zermatt is one of the most exclusive 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.

But away from the hotel there is plenty to do in or out of the village. Shopoholics will love the Swiss outlets built into the traditional wooden and stone buildings or even pop into the underground museum for a virtual history lesson.

If this is all too subdued then jump on the Gornergrat express train that will take you from the base of the mountain right to the top whilst enjoying spectacular views throughout.

The skiing is stunning and we meet ex Olympic mogul contestant Jurgin Biner for some off piste skiing, stumble on an igloo hotel on the middle of the slopes and visit the highest hotel, restaurant and observatory in Switzerland. If you love the mountains you will love this episode.

Stockholm and Jukkasjärvi

The Magical city of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden - a real treat for those who wish to travel in style!

We take a cruise on the Birka Paradise out of Nordic Venice through an archipelago of twenty four thousand islands, then head to the deep freeze of Jukkasjärvi a little town that's 200 miles into the Arctic Circle and the home of the world famous 'Ice Hotel.

Its a land of huskies, skidoos and of course the Absolute Vodka bar!

Where we stayed:

We stayed in award winning 'Victory Hotel' in Stockholm and the really cool Ice Hotel in Jukkasjärvi.

The Victory Hotel is a welcoming and exclusive hotel with a personal atmosphere in the perfect location of Gamla Stan, Stockholm's charming Old Town.

Actually the hotel is a tourist attraction in itself. It contains a unique, private collection of marine antiques, passionately selected by the collector himself, the hotel's founder and owner Gunnar Bengtsson.

Botswana - Africa

In this episode we don't have just one World Class destination... We visit three remarkable Safari camps in Botswana, Africa.

If your wanting a relaxing holiday on the beach, then this isn't the place for you.

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!

Where we stayed:

The camps are run by Orient-Express Safaris - Eagle Island, Savute and Khwai River Lodge.

Traditionally we stayed under canvas, but they were no ordinary tents. Each camp is unique as it offers an alternative view of luxury accommodation, but it certainly meets that World Class grade with ease!

Cape Town & Johannesburg - South Africa

The Famous Mount Nelson Hotel (affectionately known as Nellie, to those in the know) plays host to our team in Cape Town.

The hotel recently celebrated its 100th birthday and remains as 'the' place to stay in this colourful city.

In Johannesburg our crew stayed in The Westcliff an amazing property that overlooks a valley of Jacarandas and the zoo.

Mauritius - Indian Ocean

The home of the Dodo is our location for this episode.

The tour of this Island was amazing as we visit extinct volcanic craters, go deep under in a tiny submarine, quad bike in the rainforest and visit some of the whitest sandiest beaches of the series.

For those that love plants we pop by the botanical gardens to see the difference between a regular water lily and the 'giant' ones that they have!

Where we stayed:

We stayed at the beach-side resort of the 'One and Only' St Geran Hotel.

Nestled on a peninsula with a lagoon on one side and the Indian Ocean on the other, this is a haven for all lovers of water-sports, golf, Indian food and exotic settings.

The hotel has one of the best kids areas our team has discovered from any hotel thus far.

Dubai - United Arab Emirates

The newest and probably most infamous of all cities this 60 year old engineering marvel has literally sprung out from the sand dunes that surround it.

This is one of our most action packed programmes yet, so be ready for a roller-coaster (or flume coaster) ride of fun as we visit the newly built Atlantis aquarium and water park, take to the sky's in a sea plane, visit the old souks, go skiing in the worlds largest indoor ski slope followed by 4x4 sand dune bashing and sand boarding!!

Where we stayed:

We stayed at the Shangri La hotel just as George Clooney and Matt Damon have done in the past. The hotel has fantastic facilities including roof top pools, squash courts, a two story presidential suite on the 42nd floor and a fantastic selection of bars and restaurants.

Singapore, Malaysia, Bangkok and the Eastern-Orient-Express

This time we take the train from Bangkok in Thailand, through Malaysia to Singapore, but this is no ordinary train...Well of course not!

It's the Eastern Orient-Express with en-suite air conditioned cabins and some of the best food in Asia.

Also featured in this packed episode is the Peninsular Hotel in Bangkok and the Fullerton in Singapore.

Goa - India

Click and enjoy this programme on Goa in Southern India - A region rich with wildlife, stunning beaches and of course spicy food!

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 'World Class' sets the record straight by featuring two of the best hotels in the region...

Where we stayed:

The Intercontinental and the Taj Exotica.

Enjoy this preview of World Class – Goa

Maldives - Indian Ocean

In this trip we take a seaplane from the airport island of Male to the Maldives to visit the paradise island of Kanuhura a wonderful coral hideaway in the Indian Ocean.

This island was owned by the luxury group One&Only at the time of filming.

Bora Bora

Bora Bora for those of you that are unsure is situated in French Polynesia in the middle of the pacific ocean.

In this episode we cruise the these beautiful islands and lagoons on board the Bora Bora Cruises.

On dry land 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.

Sadly this amazing resort has just been devastated by a storm and so is temporarily closed.

Please keep an eye on our news page (why not set an RSS feed?) for an update on its re opening date.

Sydney & The Blue Mountains - Australia

Welcome to 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 worlds jet set travellers seeking fun, sun and large shrimps on the beach BBQs!

This time we take to the eyes in a seaplane to get a birds eye view of the town, climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge and then take to the waters by private yacht to explore the world largest natural harbour.

On dry land we stayed in the Observatory Hotel right in the heart of the city. A hotel thats geared for business, romance and children! As each child is given goldfish in their rooms for the duration of their stay!