

DAVID DE ROTHSCHILD

My London

The explorer swears by his Converse trainers and Mrs Kibble's Olde Sweet Shoppe

Where do you live and why?

I live where my dogs are the most comfortable – at the moment that is near Milton Keynes.

Where do you stay in London?

With my brother Anthony or my more tolerant friends.

Where were the last places you went on holiday?

I haven't taken a holiday for the last three years, due to time away on expeditions. I've been to the North Pole and Ecuador and next up is China. My ideal break involves spending time sleeping in my own bed.

What was the last play you saw in London?

Scenes From An Execution by Howard Barker.

What have been your most memorable meals?

My favourite restaurant is Matsuri on Bury Street. I love having my food cooked right in front of me.

What is your earliest London memory?

I will never forget my first visit to the Tower of London, only because I was left traumatised at the thought of the ravens flying away leaving the Tower flattened and all those beefeaters on the dole.

What do you miss most about London?

Friends, family and a good fried breakfast.

What would you do if you were Mayor for a day?

Create a children's common sense advisory council.

What was the last CD you bought?

Learn to Speak Mandarin. It's still in its wrapper.

What is your life philosophy?

Don't underestimate the power of a smile.

What are your extravagances?

Tailor-made clothes from Henry Rose.

How are you trying to reduce your carbon footprint?

By not going to New Zealand for a holiday.

What are your favourite home comforts?

Soft sheets and pillows from the Monogrammed Linen Shop on Walton Street.

Which cuisine do you like most?

Mediterranean – not only because you can find so much variety but ultimately because it's not fussy.

What are your current projects?

We are just about to launch a new campaign that will focus on tackling the issues that surround our throw-away lifestyles and the impact of our ever growing waste imprint on the natural world.

What is your aim of the expeditions led by your company Adventure Ecology?

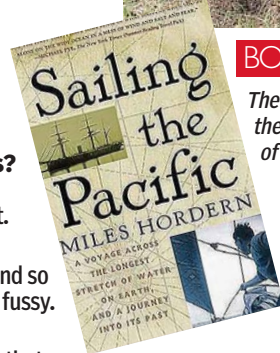
To use the magic of adventure to inspire a deeper understanding of the planet's fragile ecosystems.

Which is your favourite mode of transport?

I love trains because they're environmentally friendly and I can spend hours looking out of the window.

Annie Deakin

The exhibition Waste & The Lost World: Memento Mori is at The Gallery @ Adventure Ecology HQ until 20 April (www.adventureecology.com)



BOOKWORM What were the last books you bought?

The God Delusion by Richard Dawkins, *Sailing the Pacific* by Miles Hordern and *The Last Hours of Ancient Sunlight* by Thom Hartmann.



SHOPTALK

Which is your favourite London street for shopping? I am not a big shopper unless it's for food and then I would have to say Borough Market (left).

TAKE FIVE

Which five essentials do you always take abroad with you?

Toothpaste, my iPod and MacBook, business cards and a photo of my dogs – Smudge is a Staffordshire bull terrier and Nesta is a schnauzer.

LITTLE BLACK BOOK

Who is in your secret address book? Claire de Rouen Books for specialist photography books, Mrs Kibble's Olde Sweet Shoppe on Brewer Street for my sugar fix, Ray's Jazz Café at Foyles bookshop.



WATERING HOLE

Do you have a favourite pub?

Any pub that doesn't try to dress itself up as a wine bar and serves cold beer gets my vote. I go to The Three Kings (above) on Clerkenwell Close.



GETAWAYS

Which is your favourite country for holidays?

New Zealand. It has everything you could ever want and more. I particularly like Akaroa (above), on Banks Peninsula, which is an historic British and French settlement with secluded bays and great wildlife.

GOOD SCENTS

Which aftershave do you wear? Creed Vetiver.



FASHION FAVOURITES

Which items are in your spring wardrobe?

The same clothes as in my winter wardrobe, I just wear less! I live in Converse trainers.



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