

DAVID ON TRAVEL



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Always pack in advance, not at six in the morning to avoid stress and the wrong wardrobe.

David Collins is the world-renowned architect whose bars, restaurants and hotels are the ultimate in cutting-edge chic and elegance.

TR *Do you manage to get away from it all when travelling?*

DC The days of getting away from it all have passed. Not many of us really want to get away from it all. We are quite addicted to being in touch. I always carry my mobile phone with me. You know that when you come back from holiday you will have to catch up. So the question really is – do you switch on when you are on vacation?

TR *Are you a good planner?*

DC I have discovered that as I get older I leave less and less to chance. I tend to research where I am going to, and find out a little more about where I am going. Holidays are precious. I research hotels in advance. I wouldn't buy something without trying it on. However I do not obsessively read reviews and I am rarely influenced by them. I trust Mason Rose, Wallpaper and word-of-mouth.

TR *Do you return to the same destinations and hotels?*

DC I go every year to the Belvedere in Mykonos. I laugh about how expensive it is but the way they look after me it's worth it. I've rented the same house in Ibiza at the end of May or early June each year, and the reason I love it is that it is low-maintenance, and exactly where I want to be ten minutes from town. Also the Ellerman House in South Africa – it's absolutely what I want.

TR *Any restaurant recommendations?*

DC Eat Café on Madison Avenue in New York for the delicious toasted raison bread. I love the Wolseley. Blakes in London, although it needs something done to it, don't we all! Café de Flore in Paris.

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