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KATIE PRICE WITH HUSBAND KIERAN, JETT AND BUNNY

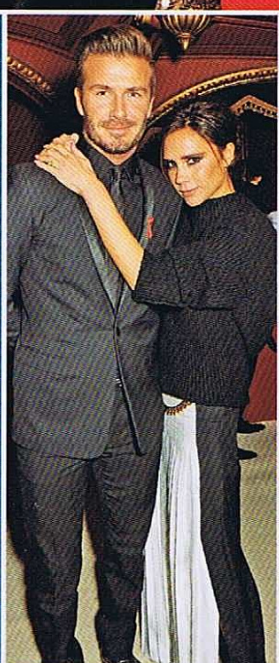
MAKING A FRESH START
AFTER HIS INFIDELITY

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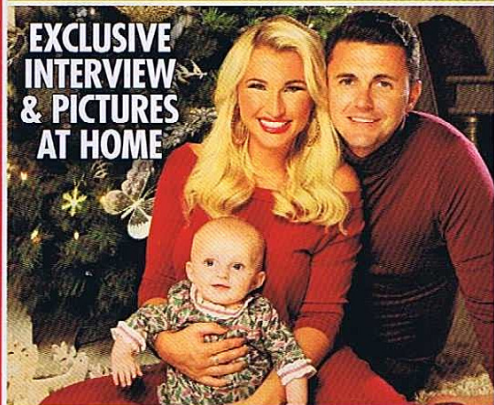
IT'S NOT ABOUT
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS
THIS YEAR – IT'S ABOUT
KIERAN SAYING HIS
VOWS AGAIN AND
STICKING TO THEM'

I'LL BE MAKING IT UP
TO KATIE FOR CHEATING
FOR THE REST OF MY
LIFE – I'M ABSOLUTELY
IN LOVE WITH HER'

**VICTORIA
BECKHAM
PRAISES
HUSBAND
DAVID**
'YOU
INSPIRE ME
EVERY DAY
– I ADORE
YOU
AND MY
CHILDREN'

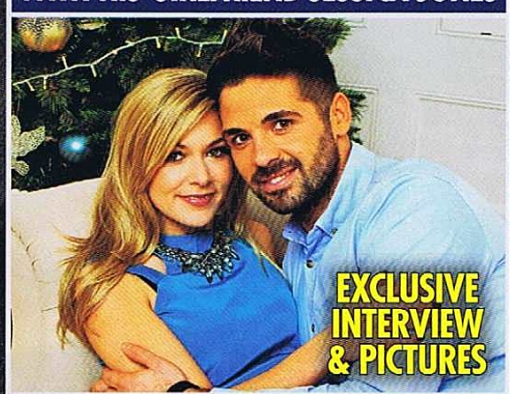


TOWIE'S BILLIE FAIERS WITH FIANCE GREG & NELLY



**'WE'D LOVE TO HAVE ANOTHER
BABY BY NEXT CHRISTMAS'**

THE X FACTOR'S BEN HAENOW WITH HIS GIRLFRIEND JESSICA JONES



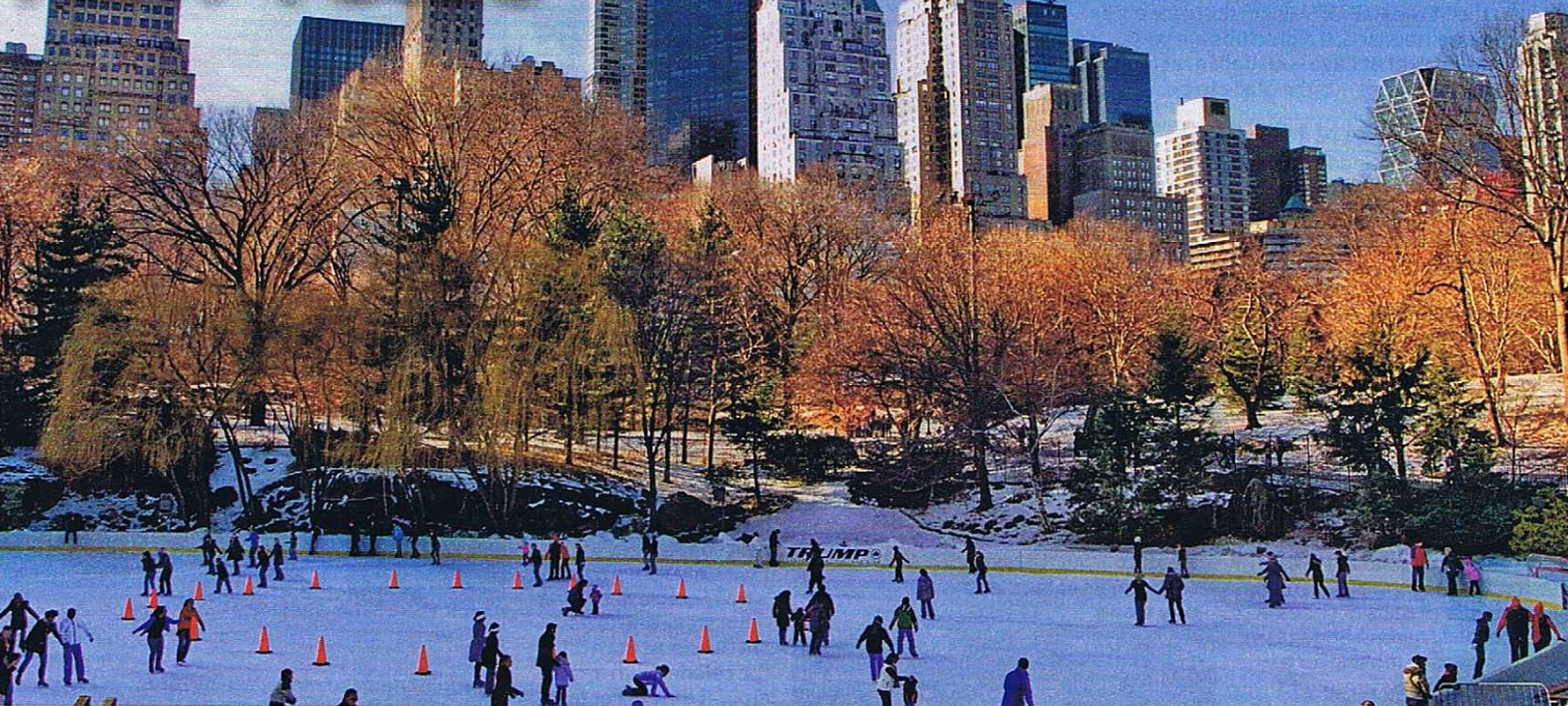
**'I'LL PROPOSE SOON –
WE'LL GET MARRIED IN ITALY'**

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IT'S UP TO YULE, NEW YORK!

New York is the place to be at this time of year, as Christmas descends on the city in spectacular style. Hit the ice – hopefully not literally – at the Central Park rink



FOLLOW WILLS AND KATE FOR A SLICE OF THE BIG APPLE

Brooklyn, basketball but sadly no Prince George! It was an action-packed few days for the Duke and Duchess Of Cambridge as they embarked on their first official trip to New York together over the weekend.

During their whistle-stop tour, the couple paid their respects at the 9/11 memorial and watched an NBA basketball game, before heading to a charity gala in aid of St Andrews University – where they met – at Manhattan's Metropolitan Museum Of Art on Tuesday, their last night in the Big Apple.

The city that never sleeps is certainly the place to be in the run up to Christmas, with festive shop windows, outdoor skating rinks and usually a dusting of snow. OK!'s Annabel Zammit set off to explore as many corners of the city as possible, hailing herself a yellow cab and spotting a few A-listers along the way...

WHICH STARS MIGHT I SEE?

OK! visited New York during Fashion Week, with Rihanna, Lady Gaga and Sarah Jessica Parker all putting in an appearance on the front row.



Anna Wintour
with David and
Brooklyn Beckham

Victoria Beckham also presented her SS15 collection when OK! was in town, and we spied David and Brooklyn sitting next to Anna Wintour in the best seats in the house. Whatever time of year you visit, the Big Apple is always a celebrity magnet, with Beyoncé and Jay Z, Leonardo DiCaprio and Kim Kardashian and Kanye West all owning homes in the city.

WHERE CAN I STAY?

With dual aspect views across the city, our corner room at The Quin in Midtown Manhattan was hard to beat. While the royals are thought to have stayed a couple of blocks away at the Art Deco Carlyle Hotel on Madison Avenue, OK! loved our hip, contemporary hotel, just a five-minute walk from 5th Avenue and Central Park. The 208-room Quin boasts an impressive art collection, marble floors, plush furnishings and state-of-the-art technology. Dinner at the hotel's Wayfarer restaurant – an Art Deco-inspired delight – is a must. It's a classic US grill, with the most irresistible surf and turf. You might even see Taylor Swift – we're told she's a fan.

While in town, we also stayed at The Kitano in Murray Hill, a member of Preferred Hotel Group. This boutique hotel offers nightly jazz performances in the bar – the perfect way to round off a day



Left: OK! enjoyed dinner at the Wayfarer at The Quin.
Below: Will and Kate



pounding the streets of New York – as is dinner at Hakubai, the hotel's authentic Japanese restaurant.

WHERE CAN I EAT AND DRINK?

Have you ever been served bubbly while you wait in a queue for the loo? We hadn't either, but loved the touch at Beauty & Essex – a chandelier-lit restaurant hidden behind a curtain in a pawnshop in the Lower East Side. The champagne brunch is not to be missed. Tao Downtown in Chelsea is a must-visit. Not only does this Asian-fusion eatery serve some of the best Chinese food we've ever tasted (the Chilean sea bass satay is noteworthy), you're sure to bump into a celeb as Katie Holmes, Cameron Diaz, Naomi Campbell and Gerard Butler are all fans.

Nowhere does prohibition glamour like the Big Apple, so leave time to listen to jazz in a speakeasy-style bar. We loved Bathtub Gin, which you enter via a trick door inside the Stone Street Coffee Company. The bar centres around a copper bath and serves the best gin cocktails we've ever had. Head to the Music Hall Of Williamsburg for a gig to remember and, if nightclubs are your thing, a night at Lavo – an Italian restaurant, club and lounge – is the place to be.

WHERE CAN I SHOP?

Macy's, Bloomingdale's and Barneys are well worth a look, but OK! also went in search of some more affordable, hidden gems. We picked up a '60s prom dress at the Brooklyn Flea, a market with more than 100 stalls, that runs every weekend of the year, selling clothes, jewellery and crafts by local designers. Head to Williamsburg for a scout around the independent record, book and clothes shops, or if you've been saving for a festive dress, then Haute Hippie in SoHo is the place to head – think sequins and embellished embroidery. For High Street stores head to Broadway and for designer labels, hit the Meatpacking District. We also went to Lululemon in downtown Manhattan for yoga gear and picked up a couple of pairs of shoes in cheekily named Shoegasm.

If you're looking for a one-off gifts, venture to one of the festive markets that dot the city at this time of year. Popular markets include the Union Square Holiday Market and the Winter Village at Bryant Park, where there's also an ice rink. Our favourite, however, was the Holiday Fair inside Grand Central Station.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

Check out the city that never sleeps from on high at Top Of The Rock – the observation deck at the top of the Rockefeller Center with great



The 'jazz' Kitano Hotel



The Made In Chelsea cast filmed in NYC

views across to the city. If that gives you a taste for the high life, take a walk along the High Line, an elevated former railway line that starts at Gansevoort in the Meatpacking District and runs to West 34th Street. Or take to the water on a cruise around the Statue Of Liberty.

For something different, take a ferry from Manhattan to the Brooklyn neighbourhood of DUMBO (Down Under the Manhattan Bridge Overpass). This once-industrial district is now super-trendy and has great views of Manhattan.

A visit to the Boathouse in Central Park, where

the *Made In Chelsea* cast shot scenes for their New York spin-off, is memorable and filling – the steak and eggs are delicious! Burn off the calories with a stroll around the park or take a spin on the rink on the park's east side.

And no trip to New York is complete without going to a game

– be it basketball like royalty or baseball like OK!. We supported the locals and went to a Mets game at Citi Field in Queens, eating hotdogs while frustrated fans watched as they lost – again!

HOW DO I GET THERE?

Virgin Atlantic (www.virginatlantic.com; 0844 2092 770) flies six times a day from London Heathrow to New York, from £631 return. For bookings at The Quin, visit www.thequinhotel.com. For bookings at the Kitano (a member of Preferred Hotel Group), visit www.preferredhotelgroup.com. **OK!**

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TRAVELLERS' TALES

ALISON HAMMOND

THE 'STRICTLY' STAR ON SLEEPING WITH CAMELS AND BEING A HERO...

You were once a holiday rep – what's the craziest thing you ever had to do in the name of work?

I went to the desert and spent a night sleeping next to a camel, purely because there were no more rooms left in the hotel [laughs]!

You've travelled a lot with *This Morning* – where's the best place you've ever sent you?

I loved Dubai – mainly because I went on a spa trip and just got pampered the whole time in the name of work!

You're mum to nine-year-old son Aiden – what's the best place you've ever been as a family?

It has to be Walt Disney World – I would go again and again because seeing Aiden's face is just priceless.

You've interviewed hundreds of celebrities – who would be your top choice to take to a desert island and why? Will Smith, because if we ever got bored he could rap to me and inspire me to get fit!

Have you ever had a major holiday disaster?

Once I was on holiday and I thought there was a massive fire, so I ran in and tried to get as many people out as possible before I was over-powered by the smoke. It turned out that someone had set fire to some mattresses off the sunbed and the fumes were blowing into the hotel, but I still felt like a hero [laughs]!

ALISON IS TAKING PART IN THE 'STRICTLY COME DANCING' LIVE TOUR FROM JANUARY 16. VISIT WWW.STRICTLYCOMEDANCINGLIVE.COM. OR CATCH HER ON 'THIS MORNING', WEEKDAYS, 10.30AM ON ITV1.



5 OF THE BEST CHRISTMAS TRAVEL GIFT SETS



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1 WILLOW ORGANIC BARBARY FIG TRAVEL BEAUTY BAG, £45. www.willowbeautyproducts.co.uk. Containing skin-care essentials, as well as hand and body wash and lotion, this slate grey washbag is the perfect gift for those who like to travel in style.

2 JO MALONE POMEGRANATE NOIR COLLECTION, £68. www.jomalone.co.uk. Lavish layering doesn't come any better. Seductively scented body wash, body cream and cologne in travel sizes.

3 AROMATHERAPY ASSOCIATES RADIANT ROSE BOX, £40. www.aromatherapyassociates.com. The ultimate in indulgence. We love the inner calm-promoting bath oil and the scent of summer roses.

4 ELEMIS FESTIVE NIGHTS GIFT SET, £35. www.timetospa.co.uk. If you're looking for top-to-toe pampering on your travels, you've come to the right place. With a cleanser, night cream, shower cream and body oil, this is divine!

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