

Fly 10,000 Miles With DAVID!

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This month STAR Magazine has invited Henry Diltz, David Cassidy's favorite photographer and one of his closest friends, to write a special eyewitness account of David's recent 10,000 mile half-way-around-the-world tour to Florida and Hawaii! Henry was invited personally by David to join him on a rock concert tour to Miami Beach and then to fly with David to Hawaii for a week's vacation!

David in Concert Part 1

Hey girl! Are you ready to drop everything and come with David and me on a whirlwind of adventure that will span 10,000 miles and include some of the most glamorous places in the whole world? If you are, then grab your suitcase! We're flying first to Miami Beach, Florida!

HOW I WAS INVITED BY DAVID!

First, let me fill you in on how David asked me to come along with him. It was a normal working day on the set of *The Partridge Family* at Columbia-Screen Gems Ranch. I was

shooting David for this issue's picture stories. David started talking about his upcoming concert tour to Florida. David said, "Henry, how would you like to come along to Florida with me this weekend and shoot exclusively for STAR Magazine?" What would you have said? "Hey, outasight, David!" was the first reaction I had! "Great," he said. "We can meet at my house at eight a.m.!"

AT DAVID'S HOUSE!

When that Saturday morning arrived, I drove up to David's house

early—it was half past seven. I guess I was anxious! David was getting dressed and throwing some clothes in a little gray suitcase. He always carries it right on the plane with him so that he doesn't have to wait for baggage checkout. He threw in a few of his favorite casual garments and his new Nikon camera. Then he oh-so-carefully folded in his beautiful white singing outfits. We had to catch a nine a.m. flight to Miami, so we hurriedly got into the limousine that would take us to the airport.

After a hurried drive down the San Diego Freeway, we finally got to the airport about five minutes before the plane was to leave. We had to run as fast as we could out to the departure gate to catch it!

MIAMI!

We arrived in Miami late in the afternoon and checked into the Playboy Club Hotel. David wanted to relax a bit and have some dinner before we would go over to the concert hall.

About an hour before the concert David started getting ready. He took a shower and had his singing outfits steam pressed by the hotel. David is always very concerned about looking *his best* when he's going to entertain *you*. About a half hour before David was to go on stage, the limousine pulled up and we all got in—David, Sam, David's room-mate, Steve, his road manager, and I—and drove over to the auditorium.

Then a very exciting thing happened! The limousine pulled around to the back of the concert hall where David's dressing room was! All the fans who were waiting could see David! Immediately they started screaming and stamping their feet. The excitement was incredible! Right then I knew that a rock concert with David Cassidy is an event you will never forget—not only because David is actually there *in person*, but because of the incredible excitement he makes everyone feel!

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Here's Henry, STAR MAG's Director of Photography, with David on the plane!