

CELEBRITY TRAVELLER: DAVID CASSIDY

WHAT IS YOUR MOST MEMORABLE HOLIDAY?

Three summers ago my wife, Sue, our son, Beau, and I spent two weeks on Italy's Amalfi coast. The weather was magnificent, the environment great and the food to die for. The setting was so beautiful I spent most of my time relaxing, which I rarely do. It was magical and we all agreed it was our best ever. I can't wait to return.

AND YOUR WORST?

There isn't such a thing as a worst holiday. If you're away you should enjoy it. But I do remember visiting Hawaii and it rained constantly for three days. It was in the mid-Seventies and I was returning from concerts in Japan. We stopped at Hawaii before returning to America and it rained the entire time.

WHICH GADGET IS ESSENTIAL?

My international cellphone. It's so big it looks like one of those old brick phones but works anywhere in the world.

BEST BOOK?

Siddhartha by Hermann Hesse. I hadn't read it since I was 16, but when my son had to read it I took the opportunity to re-read it. It must be one of the best books ever written.

HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME ON HOLIDAY?

Because I breed horses I



usually ensure we're near farms or racecourses. We visited Ireland a few years ago and watched the Irish Derby. Most of my holidays are involved with horses. My family enjoys it and knows I'm happiest when I'm doing this.

WHERE WOULD YOU REVISIT?

New Zealand. I first visited in 1974 and have returned once. There are so many things I like: sheep outnumber human beings, the people are kind and friendly, the countryside is so green and magnificent.

WHERE NEXT?

Next winter we're hoping to visit Australia, but it depends how much time my son can take off school. I'm particularly keen on Perth but will probably travel around.

● *David's autobiography, Could It Be Forever? is published in hardback by Headline.*