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CELEBRITIES SHARE THEIR TRAVEL EXPERIENCES AT THE LUXURY TRAVEL FAIR

WELL-KNOWN names from the world of Current Affairs; Food & Drink and Adventure will discuss their careers, travels and experiences in the 'Meet the Experts' Theatre at Condé Nast Traveller presents The Luxury Travel Fair 2011, which will be held at Olympia, London from **Thursday, November 3 to Sunday, November 6 2011**. Now in its 6th year, it is the only dedicated consumer focused luxury travel event in the UK.

Among this years guests will be **Sir Trevor McDonald OBE, Bill Granger, Oz Clarke, John Burton Race, Sara Wheeler, Benedict Allen, Stefan Gates, Jon Nicholson**** and **John Gimlette***.



Sir Trevor McDonald OBE was born and educated in Trinidad where his career in the media began. He came to London in August 1969 to work as a Producer in the BBC Overseas Regional Service. He joined ITN as a General Reporter in 1973 and went on to anchor every ITN News Programme. Over the past few years, he has presented *The Secret Caribbean* and soon, he will be seen presenting the *Mighty Mississippi*.

One of Britain's leading adventurers, **Benedict Allen**, is particularly known for his television programmes - occasionally made with the help of a film crew but more typically without. He paved the way for the current generation of TV adventurers with his first programme, *Raiders of the Lost Lake*, which gained the highest viewing figures in the history of the Video Diary strand. More

recently, Allen has presented *Adventure for Boys*, a documentary on Rider Haggard for BBC 4, and *Travellers Century*, a series on the great tradition of British travel writing, featuring the three writers Eric Newby, Laurie Lee and Patrick Leigh Fermor.

Bill Granger is a self-taught cook whose easy-going approach to cooking is an essential element in his enduring popularity. Bill opened his first of 6 restaurants at the age of 22. He launched his 9th book in September, *Bill's Everyday Asian*, which he takes the best that Asian food has to offer and gives it the unique makeover. In all, he has sold over 1 million books and has been translated into six languages. Bill also writes a daily column for The Independent's 'i' newspaper. His first television series, *bill's food*, launched in 2004 and has been broadcast worldwide in no less than 27 countries.

John Burton Race is a successful Michelin Star chef and television personality. Born in Singapore, John spent his early years travelling the globe and experiencing a multitude of cuisines. Over the years, he has worked at restaurants including Quaglino's; Chewton Glen and Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons. In 1986, he opened his own restaurant L'Ortolan in Berkshire, where he achieved his own two Michelin Stars. He is now a household name and almost constantly on television in shows such as *Market Kitchen*, *Daily Cooks Challenge*, *Kitchen Criminals*, *Britain's Best Dish* and *Country House Cooking*.

John Gimlette is an award-winning travel writer, having won the prestigious Shiva Naipaul Prize for travel writing in 1997. He is the author of four books and the first two were nominated by The New York Times as being among the '100 Notable Books of the Year'. His travels have taken him from places as diverse as Laos and Eritrea, and through almost every country in Latin America. Along the way, he's worked as a ranch hand, taught English, and manned a frontier-post for Bolivian customs. He now lives in London where he also practices as a barrister.



Oz Clarke is one of the world's leading wine experts. He has won all the major wine writing awards both in the UK and the USA. Oz's frequent BBC TV and radio appearances are broadcast around the world and his third BBC TV series with *Top Gear* co-presenter James May was *Oz and*

James Drink to Britain – a rollicking caravan adventure around the British Isles exploring beers, cider, whisky, wine and more. Most recently, in September, Oz was created an *Officier de l'Ordre du Mérite Agricole* by the French government for services to French agriculture.

Stefan Gates is a food adventurer and award-winning writer/TV presenter renowned for his perceptive, witty and unconventional approach to food and cooking. Stefan wrote and presented *Cooking in the Danger Zone* (BBC2), travelling to the most difficult and dangerous places on earth to find out how people survive. It has been immensely popular both in the UK and internationally. Last year, Stefan's *E Numbers: An Edible Adventure* (BBC2), an extraordinary mythbusting food science series was broadcast on BBC2 and he has also written an accompanying book, which was nominated for two Guild of Food Writers awards. His new programme *Food Factory* is to be broadcast on BBC 1 very soon.

Jon Nicolson has been a professional photographer for over 26 years and is well known for his behind-the-scenes work with many of the world's top sporting personalities and teams, including Lewis Hamilton and the McLaren Mercedes team during the 2008 Formula One Championship. Jon's non-sporting work includes shoots for many of the world's major magazines, including The National Geographic, Sunday Times Magazine and Condé Nast Traveller. He works with many of the UN agencies including UNICEF and UNFPA to record topical issues unfolding throughout many different parts of the world. During his career he has published many books – and is currently in the final stages of shooting a book that celebrates the British coastline – on polaroid film. He has just been commissioned to shoot the official commemorative book for the London 2012 Olympics.

Sara Wheeler is a Travel Journalist and Author. She spent seven months in Antarctica in 1995 as writer in residence with the U.S. Polar Program. She is the author of *Terra Incognita: Travels in Antarctica*, an international bestseller chosen by Beryl Bainbridge as one of the best books of the year, *Travels in a Thin Country*, a finalist for the Thomas Cook Award, *Cherry* and *Too Close to the Sun* exploring the life of Denys Finch Hatton. Her most recent book is *Access All Areas: Selected Writings 1990-2010*. Sara is also a regular contributor to publications such as Conde Nast Traveller and The Times as well as appearing on Radio 4 and 3.

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Times of the talks can be found on <http://www.luxurytravelfair.com/Content/Theatre-Timetable> - booking is not required

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