



London's Ham Yard Hotel (right) has its own bowling alley.



BLACK BOOK LONDON Hot spot James: "André Balazs' Chiltern Firehouse is the talk of the town, mainly because of its gifted head

chef, Nuno Mendes. You can grab predinner drinks at the residents' bar next door before 9 p.m., after which it's open only to hotel guests." Green views Tamara: "London is packed full of formal English gardens. Check out the wonderfully manicured squares among the law courts just off Fleet Street." Market time James: "There

are incredible firebread pizzas at the Well Kneaded Wagon at Battersea Food Market every Saturday." Vintage finds Tamara: "Alfies Antique Market in Marylebone is the city's largest indoor market and is packed with all sorts of

things, from textiles and vintage lamps to artdeco furniture." Weekend getaway James: "Foxhill Manor in the Cotswolds, two hours from London, is a private-house hotel with

eight bedrooms. You

have a host rather than

a hotel manager and a chef with whom you can discuss the kind of food you want. It's a very romantic spot."

GLOBAL ADDRESS BOOK Island time James: "We took our kids to the Maldives and stayed in four different hotels. We're like luxury gypsies." Hotel perks Tamara: "At Soneva Fushi resort in the Maldives, you

have to check your shoes when you arrive, so they covered the pedals on the bikes you use to get around the island with soft material." Off the beaten path Tamara: "We once stayed as a family in the incredible Treehotel in Sweden. There are six

amazing dens in the trees, including a floating mirror cube and a quirky UFO." Packing style James: "Tamara and I always pack half and half in each suitcase so that if one goes missing, it isn't a disaster."



TAMARA & JAMES LOHAN

The hotel curators on London, the Maldives and more.

We're looking for places with real magic," says James Lohan of hand-picking some of the most interesting hotels in the world for Mr & Mrs Smith (smithhotels. com), the online booking service he founded with his wife, Tamara. The London-based duo has visited more than half of the 1,000 properties on their roster, which feature everything from the quirky to the quaint (think bowling alleys and butler service). Finding hidden gems is all part of the adventure, which they often share with their two young children. "We have a huge map of the world where we put pins for where we're going," says Tamara. Their most recent adventure? Spying on Jupiter with a telescope in the Maldives.



TAMARA'S TRAVEL STYLE

"My style is classic with a twist. I have a favourite cashmere wrap from The Travelwrap Company that's great for the plane-it's all about layering. And I have a Mulberry bag for hand luggage that fits everything: my iPad and sticker books and snacks for the kids too."



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