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AROUND THE WORLD WITH ZARA SIMON

Jewellery designer and daughter of Monsoon's Peter Simon, Zara was born and bred in Notting Hill. She has a passion for travel, picking up global inspirations for her beautiful designs. Here she lets us inside her jet-set lifestyle.

Where is your favourite place in the world to visit?

I'd have to say Ibiza and Brazil. I have such fond memories from these places and Ibiza is my second home. I have friends I've had for years over there and I just love the sea and sunsets, nature and music. Brazil has such wonderful food, shopping and culture.

In your opinion, where is the best beach in the world?

Espelliho in Bahia

Best holiday adventure?

Definitely paragliding in Rio and learning to dive when I was younger in Thailand, truly amazing experiences that I would recommend to anyone.

Do you have a go-to brand of clothing for holiday-wear?

I love small jackets and also Alexander Wang and Vince t-shirts. I think Felder Felder design great holiday dresses. I also love Buba bags. I do try to travel lightly!

Where do you like to fly from?

For long haul flights, Heathrow's Terminal five. I don't like to rush at the airport so I make sure I have plenty of time, I make last minute calls, buy lots of water and a few naughty snacks for the plane.

Holiday playlist on your iPod?

Karunesh's Global Spirit, Empire of the Sun and Cut and Copy.

Favourite London pastime in the summer?

I like to walk along the river, watching the skyline and all the bridges. The choppy waters are surprisingly calming and I like to see all the activities on the river.

Jumping back to home turf, can you tell me a little bit about your new studio?

Certainly, it has bespoke cabinets with stunning lighting and some great contemporary art. The goal at Zara Simon is to make the experience of creating a piece of jewellery very special and with our new bespoke jewellery service this showroom will do exactly that.

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IN MY SUITCASE...

I can't live without my iPad

Denim shorts and lots of bikinis

I always take a large selection of my jewellery as I can layer up the pieces for evening and keep it simpler in the day

I'm also never without a few pairs of ankle boots - winter or summer they go with everything

