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The supermodel on salsa dancing in Soho and chocolate bikini waxes...

Where do you live?

At the end of a mews in Pimlico in a crazy glass house that wraps around a koi fish pond.

What was the last play you saw in London?

My son's school musical, *The Aristocats*. He played Toulouse.

What advice would you give to a tourist coming to London?

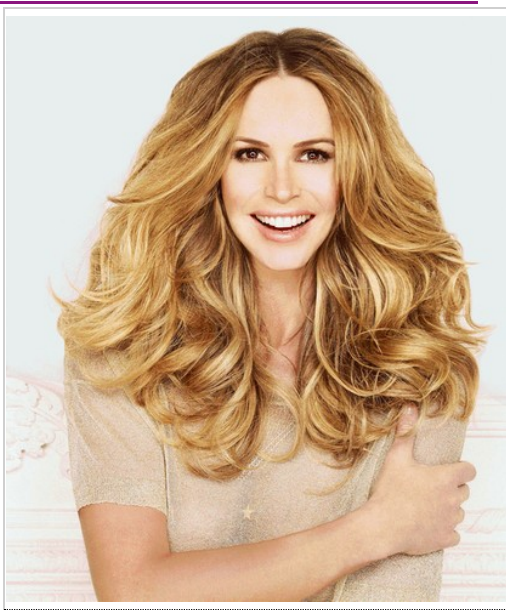
Don't think it rains all the time.

What's the first thing you do when you arrive back in London?

Light the fire in the winter, open all the windows in the summer and make a cup of builder's tea.

What's the best meal you've had in London?

At La Petite Maison with Gwyneth Paltrow and my lover and some great friends.



'My best ever meal was at La Petit Maison with Gwyneth and my lover'

What's your earliest London memory?

Driving around with Keith Valentine on his motorcycle in the 1980s.

What's your biggest extravagance?

Not selling my Aston Martin DB5 1964, even though it is now so valuable it is silly to drive (but I do, everyday).

What's the most romantic thing someone's done for you in London?

Send me Mother's Day flowers (and I wasn't their mother).

What would you do as Mayor of London for the day?

I think Boris Johnson is doing a brilliant job so I'd give it right back to him.

What was the last album you downloaded?

SuperHeavy by SuperHeavy (Mick Jagger, Joss Stone, A.H. Rahman, Dave Stewart and Damien Marley). I love it.

What's the best piece of advice you've ever been given?

'Don't believe your own press,' by someone early on in my career about 30 years ago. I still abide by it.

Which animal would you most like to be?

A dolphin, they are most like man at its purest.

Which is your favourite London street for shopping?

There are so many: I love Pimlico Road for antiques.

Which London outlets do you rely on?

I go to Vaishaly on Paddington Street to freshen up my skin and Josh Wood in Holland Park to keep my hair colour alive. Melissa Odabash does the best swimwear. For the boys' clothes I go to Harrods, although my eldest, Flynn, loves Topman and Zara now. For gifts I go to Damien Hirst's shop Other Criteria on New Bond Street and Tim Jefferies' Hamiltons gallery in Mayfair for photographs.

What are you up to at the moment?

My lingerie brand Elle Macpherson Intimates is celebrating ten years in Selfridges (after 21 years in business in Australia). I'm also in pre-production for Britain & Ireland's *Next Top Model*, and post-production for NBC's *Fashion Star*, out in March in the USA. And I'm Global Ambassador for Revlon which keeps me busy. Oh, and I'm a single mother of two amazing sons.

What do you most like wearing?

Things my stylist Anna Bromilow finds for me - mostly jeans and T-shirts and crazy shoes and jackets. I'm more French than English in style - easy and a bit rock'n'roll.

Which is your favourite London club?

I'm loving the Arts Club on Dover Street. I've just joined.

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What are your favourite London discoveries?

Strip for a perfect bikini wax with chocolate wax. Barry the dog-jogger who takes my dogs for a run every day and keeps them fit. Classes of hot Bikram yoga in Parsons Green, and jazz concerts in Battersea Park.

Have you ever had a run-in with a London policeman?

Often, especially when I'm trying to charm my way out of a parking ticket.

Tell me something I don't know about London...

There are some great salsa dancing bars on Shaftesbury Avenue.

Where did you last go on holiday?

I went to Jordan, Petra and the Dead Sea, where I discovered how courageous and comfortable donkeys are. I stayed at the Kempinski and the Movenpick, which were both amazing. I travelled to Australia for business recently and stayed at The Sheraton on the Park. I also went to Baker's Bay, a cool resort in the Bahamas.

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