

Notes to Editors: Oxfam Experiences

Please see below a list of Experiences that will be auctioned via www.oxfam.org.uk/experiences from 22nd November 2007 covering the following topics:

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1. Food and drink

Have Top London Chef to Cook in your Home!

- James Newton-Brown the executive Head Chef from Greens Restaurant and Oyster Bar, Mayfair will cook you and friends dinner from your own kitchen
- The food for the six course pre- agreed menu will be provided plus 2 bottles of smart claret
- Dinner will be served to 8 people in the winner's dining room, server provided
- Winner and 1 other person (space allowing) to join James for a few hours in the afternoon for fun cookery lesson with an area of concentration agreed with the winner (ie, fish or pasta or sauces etc)
- Fulfilment date before 24th December 2007, within M25, depart around midnight
- All cleaning and tidying taken care of

For up to 8 people

www.greens.org.uk

Custom Blend your personalised Single Malt Whisky

- Spend an evening with three of your friends and the partner of Harris Whisky, Mark Harris, for an evening of malt whisky tasting and fine food at Greens restaurant and oyster bar, Mayfair www.greens.org.uk.
- Mark will lead you through a tutored single malt tasting and he will pair whiskies with each of the 4 courses of the meal
- Custom blend your own single malt and take a miniature bottle home.

For up to 4 people

www.harriswhisky.com

Spend the Day at Borough Market with Independent on Saturday food writer Mark Hix

- Mark Hix, chef and Director of restaurants such as The Ivy, Le Caprice and Scotts will forage around Borough Market with you
- Lunch at top London restaurant
- Signed copy of Mark's latest book '*British Regional Food*'

For 2 people

www.caprice-holdings.co.uk

A Weekend's wine tasting in Valpolicella

- Stay at a B&B in Valpolicella for 2 nights
- Includes pickup from the airport, meals and a private tour of several vineyards
- You will be able to taste the top Valpolicella wines: Amarone, Ripasso, Recioto and Valpolicella Classico and learn how they are produced

For 2 people

<http://www.parry.it/>

A Weekend of Beekeeping

- Tour of bee hives with an experienced Apiarist
- Take away a jar of honey as a memento
- Stay at a charming 3 star B&B in North Buckinghamshire, ten minutes walk from Stowe Landscape Gardens.

For 2 people, one night's stay

www.nationaltrust.org.stowegardens

<http://www.buckingham.ac.uk/life/accommodation/bnb.html>

A day as a Tea Taster with Café Direct

- Tour of the Spicers tea blending factory
- Presentation on the history of tea including an introduction to Fair Trade tea
- After lunch the Tea Tasters, Ben and Tony, will lead a tea tasting session in the tearoom. Lots of types and grades will be tasted including white teas and chrysanthemum flavour
- Hand-blend own flavour and take away a 500g bag with a personalised Spicers label.

For 2 People

www.cafedirect.co.uk

Design a cocktail at the Savoy Hotel's American Bar

- Create your own cocktail in the American Bar at the Savoy Hotel, London
- The American Bar manager will give you instructions, offer suggestions and lead you through the entire process of cocktail creation
- Name the creation
- See it sold as the 'Cocktail of the Week' at the Savoy
- Drink a couple of cocktails on the house

For 2 people

2. Sports and motoring

The Big Boat-Racing Experience

Spend the day with the UK Sailing Academy in Cowes on the Isle of Wight

Includes:

- A tour of the boatyard where Britain's last Americas cup campaign was run from
- Training on a Farr 52 racing yacht on the Solent with the Yacht Racing Academy crews onboard
- Match racing, two people on each boat

For 4 people

www.uksa.org

Renault F1 Team Technical Centre tour

- A private tour of the Renault F1 Team factory with Technical Director, Bob Bell
- Lunch and wine at the Enstone HQ
- A signed memento of your visit

For 4 people

www.ing-renaultf1.com/

Golf with Gary Wolstenholme, the UK's most capped golfer

- Tips from the top and a game of golf with Gary at Berkshire golf course, Ascot
- Green fees and lunch included

For 4 people

The Ultimate Rugby Experience

- 2 VIP tickets to England home match at Twickenham, probably Six Nations
- 1 England rugby shirt signed by the whole team
- Behind the scenes museum visit

For 2 people

A Weekend Roadtesting Motorbikes

- delivery of two Victory motorcycles with full fuel tank to any address in the UK
- One week's use of these bikes – will be collected from any UK location at the end of the week
- A Victory leather jacket will be presented to each rider at time of delivery and hand over of the bikes

For 2 people

Spend the Day as a team member at the Kumho BMW Championship in Brands Hatch

- Help transport the car to and from the circuit
- Camp at the paddock with the drivers
- Crew in the pit lane
- Eat with the drivers in the Drivers' restaurant
- Hold the driver's pit board during the race

For 2 people

Also, please see 'media' for a day with ITV sports presenter Matt Smith

3. Music**Kiss FM - Morning with the Breakfast Crew**

- Spend the morning in the Kiss FM studio with Matt and Caroline, the Breakfast Show presenters
- Learn firsthand how the show is put together
- Have breakfast with the team
- The chance to be a live part of the show!
- Goody bag of CDs etc as a memento

For 2 people

www.totalkiss.com

Learn firsthand about record industry with Dec Cluskey from the 60's band 'The Bachelors', the first Irish band to ever have a number one

- Spend the day in Dec's state of the art Pro Tools equipped home studio
- Learn how to make a hit record
- Have hands on experience with Hit Making equipment
- Meet top Hip Hop producers and studio performers
- Dinner with Dec and his family
- Received signed copies of Dec's book

For 4 people

www.makehits.com

Top Tickets and Backstage tour of West End production 'Fiddler on the Roof'

- Top seats at London's West End production of Fiddler on the Roof at The Savoy Theatre
- Meet the cast
- Take a backstage tour of the Savoy Theatre with a principal cast member
- Signed programmes, cast album and T-shirts

For 2 people

Spend a day with Bell ringers at St. Pauls Cathedral

- Meet and watch the St. Pauls Guild of bell ringers ring the St. Pauls bells using tradition methods such as Cambridge Surprise Maximus, Stedman Cinques, or Bristol Surprise Maximus
- Be shown the bell tower by one of the expert bell-ringers
- Receive a private behind the scenes tour of St. Pauls with one of the clergy

For 4 people

4. Media

Day with George Alagiah putting together the Six O'Clock News

- A tour of the BBC TV Centre
- A visit to the News Room to see how the Six O'Clock News is put together
- Time in the studio with the Six O'Clock News presenters, the producer and the cameraman
- Lunch
- Time in the gallery watching the live filming of the News
- Possibly a chance to visit other studios
- A signed memento of the visit

For 2 people

Day on The Spectator

- Participate in an editorial meeting
- Spend the afternoon debating next week's headlines and contents with the magazine's editorial team

For 2 people

Day with Matt Smith ITV sports presenter

- Accompany Matt to a UEFA Cup or Championship game in the UK
- Work next to him at the stadium
- Meet the pundits
- Watch the build up from the TV truck
- Watch a studio rehearsal
- Watch the filming of the broadcast
- Record a link themselves
- Watch the match from complimentary seats

For 2 people

'Present the weather' at the BBC Weather Centre

- A tour of the weather centre with a TV weather presenter
- Watch a weather broadcast being prepared
- Watch a studio rehearsal
- A trip to the BBC canteen for lunch!
- Watch the recording of the broadcast from the gallery
- Record own version of the weather forecast to take home on tape too

For 2 people

The Bollywood Experience

- A private behind the scenes tour of the Kapoor film studio
- Learn how to dance like a Bollywood star with a leading Bollywood choreographer.
- Be made up by the movie's make up artist Ravi Samel who is currently travelling with Shilpa Shetty.
- Tea with Producer/Director/Actor Randhir Kapoor (oldest son of Raj Kapoor) or Actor Shashi Kapoor.

For 2 people, Bombay

Tour of House of Commons or 'Big Ben' with MP Bernard Jenkin and his wife Anne, a Westminster Insider of 30 Years

2 people

- Lunch/ tea with MP in the House of Commons
- Private tour of the House or Big Ben with expert guide plus 'behind the scenes' look at Portrait Gallery and Select Committee rooms which don't have public access
- Signed memento

Also, please see 'music' for a morning with the Kiss FM crew

Become a Character in a Crime Novel

- See your name in Simon Brett's next murder mystery 'The Poisoning at the Pub'
- Meet the author and discuss how your chosen name fits best in the next of his 'Fethering' series. Be a victim....a witness...or something entirely different.
- Receive a personalised signed copy when the book goes to print

5. Conservation / Eco

Vet on the Wild Side – at Twycross Zoo in Leicestershire

- Get up close and personal with endangered animals
- Accompany a top zoo vet on his rounds treating some of the world's most endangered animals like the Amur leopard
- Share in an exclusive animal encounter

For 2 people

www.wildlifevets.org

Sika deer tagging at Lulworth Cove in Dorset

- Spend a day with a deer tracking researcher from Bournemouth University
- Be part of the biggest mammal research project EVER in the Poole Basin in Dorset on Arne Island
- Track, tag and get up close and personal with Sika deer

For 2 people

Carbon Footprint MOT for a business/organisation

- Analysis of gas and electricity bills to determine carbon dioxide emissions per employee and per square metre
- Analysis of business travel and carbon emissions from travel
- Comparison of company's performance with benchmarks for UK companies
- Report on how the company compares and what it could do to reduce its energy use

For 1 company

Tour the London Sewers

- Look round some of London's original Victorian brick-lined sewers designed Sir Joseph Bazalgette in the 19th Century with stars of 'Boys from the Brown Stuff' BBC2 documentary

Private View of the Portsmouth Historic Dockyards

8 people.

- Private tour of HMS Victory by John Sciver, Commanding Officer
- Behind the scenes tour of Mary Rose Museum by resident curator including artifacts unseen by the general public
- In depth guided tour on board HMS Warrior 1860 followed by a glass of Champagne in the Captain's Cabin
- Free Standard Annual Admission ticket to Historic Dockyard
- HMS Victory guidebook for each person donated by Royal Naval Museum Shop

For 8 people

6. For kids

Be a Surrey Cricket Team mascot at the Oval

- A tour of the outfield and dressing room
- Photos with the captain
- Meeting the team
- Signed England Cricket T-shirts by Alec Stewart
- Match tickets

For 2 children and 2 adults

www.surreyccricket.com

Be a character in the Desperate Dan cartoon strip

- Be part of The Dandy history
- The winner will be drawn into a Dandy comic which is sold to 231,013 people each month

www.dandy.com

Hallmark - Design an Oxfam Christmas card

- Dinner and two nights at Hollins Hall Hotel near Leeds www.marriott.co.uk
- Work with a professional designer to produce a commercial card design which in turn will be manufactured and sold in Oxfam stores for the Christmas 2008 season
- Receive your own designed cards by November 2008 and see your card printed in store
- Meals and UK travel

For 2 people

7. Travel

Drive a Jubilee line tube train; tour the 'Olympic' station

- A behind the scenes tour of an operational station e.g. Stratford
- A cab ride to Canary Wharf and a look around that station
- A cab ride back into Central London possibly Covent Garden
- Tickets to the London transport Museum
- Signed memorabilia

For 2 people

Flight Simulator Experience

- gcatflightacademy, Gatwick
- Each person gets 30 minutes in the vintage DC10 (the only one in Europe) or the Embraer (the only one in the UK)
- Experience is at a commercial pilots' training academy, so this is a unique chance to fly the planes the general public don't get the chance to.

For 3 people

Scottish Islands Getaway

- 5 Days 4 Islands - Scotland At Its Best!! Enjoy the magic, ancient history and the undisturbed tranquility of the islands of Mull, Iona and Staffa and the romantic beauty of the Isle of Skye.
- Transportation in Mercedes minicoaches with private guide
- Accommodation and ferry trip tolls included

For 2 people

8. Beauty

Rebalance, Rejuvenate and Re-energise at Aqualibria

- Detox at the UK's premier colonic hydrotherapy spa in Harley Street
- Enjoy £1000 worth of treatments
- Consultation with owner of spa
- Bespoke and sustainable treatment plan to include sessions over one to eight weeks

For 1 or 2 people