

My hols

Pixie Lott

A lot of the past seven years has been spent on planes and I've got into the habit of falling asleep as soon as they take off. I am one of those people who can go to sleep standing up, but I'll admit it's nice to have a bit more legroom or even a bed when you're doing long haul.

I remember travelling first class to Tokyo once, when Rihanna was also on the plane. I didn't want to bother her, but I had supported her on tour and she came over to say hello. She was flying over for the premiere of her film *Battleship*, so we ended up going to see the movie and hanging out for a while. She is a lovely, down-to-earth lady.

I've done luxury at sea, too. A couple of years ago, I was in Monte Carlo and was invited to join Justin Bieber at a party on

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one of those enormous yachts. It was out of this world: kind of a traditional, glamorous idea of luxury that seems to make perfect sense when you're surrounded by crystal-clear water and looking back at those gorgeous villas.

If I had the money, I'd definitely go for a yacht. For a while I toyed with the idea of getting a small cruiser and saw one in St Katharine Docks, close to where I live. But even those cute little boats cost a lot.

I've been skiing since I was about five and my family get together for a "snow" holiday at least once a year. Last Christmas, we went to Verbier. Looking out across the Swiss Alps is probably my favourite view in the world. I'm not the greatest skier, so I'll only do a couple of hours and then get stuck into the après-ski. Sun, snow, mountains, fresh air, fairy-tale chalets and a couple of cocktails is a hard combination to beat.

The pop singer Pixie Lott, 25, released her debut single, *Mama Do*, when she was 18 – the first of her three No.1s. She is starring as Holly Golightly in *Breakfast at Tiffany's* at the Theatre Royal Haymarket, in London, until September 17. She lives in London with the model Oliver Cheshire



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She flew to Tokyo with Rihanna and partied on Justin Bieber's yacht in Monte Carlo. Buying her own boat is, sadly, beyond her budget

Mind you, the Far East comes close. Initially, it was work that took me out there, but I found myself being increasingly drawn to places such as Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, China and South Korea. The malls in South Korea are incredible – they really know how to turn shopping into an experience. They're like grown-up amusement parks, with amazing toilets: heated seats, scented air conditioning, sprinkler systems and courtesy flush noises, so people can't hear what you're up to.

The Far East is home to some seriously talented tailors. In Shanghai, a guy on a market stall pointed at my dress and said: "I can make you that in any material." I took all my favourite dresses to him, picked out fabrics and came away with a whole new wardrobe.

I've been to New York a few times, but working on a play that's set there has made me fall in love with it even more. Yes, I have stood in front of Tiffany on Fifth Avenue, and the 21 Club, which is also mentioned in the play. Marilyn Monroe, Frank Sinatra, President Kennedy – they all went to the 21.

New York is so exciting: its film stars, music, art, even the buildings and that skyscraper skyline have become a part of modern life. I'm definitely thinking about moving there for a year or so. I want to really get to know it.

I'm also hoping to finally get to Hawaii later this year. A friend of mine was out there recently and she said it was fantastic – yoga on the beach, totally chilled – but that the bars and clubs all shut at 11pm. I like to party on holiday, so I'm hoping I can find at least one place that stays open till the early hours.