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Ivanka Trump on life at the Pointy End

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What's it like being Donald Trump's daughter – and what's the most useful thing you learnt from him?

He's an amazing father. He always says to me: "Be passionate. If you are passionate about what you do, you will ultimately succeed."

You're involved in so many projects – jewellery, fragrance, writing, Trump hotels' design and menus. How do you keep across it all?

I'm always ready for a challenge and I surround myself with people who share my energy, drive and ethos. We motivate each other and create a positive environment that fosters success. Real estate is my primary focus and passion.

Favourite café/wine bar in NYC?

I can't get enough of Antica Pesa in Brooklyn [at 115 Berry Street]. The atmosphere is very romantic and the food delicious. I also love Jean-Georges [located in Trump Hotel, Central Park]. It's the ultimate place for a power lunch.

Do you have any other favourite NYC haunts?

The Puck Building [in Manhattan's Nolita, designed by Albert Wagner and built in the late 19th century]. The architecture is beautiful – the Shakespearean-inspired sculptures flanking the corners of the building are stunning, yet playful. I also love the Central Park carousel. My daughter, Arabella, adores it and I loved going there as a child with my family. Another favourite haunt is Mercer Street in SoHo. I love the cobblestone streets lined with boutiques in SoHo, but Mercer is my favourite – which is why I chose this as the location for my flagship Ivanka Trump boutique.

Top three holiday destinations?

Mar-a-Lago, our private club in Palm Beach, Florida [built in the 1920s]. I have such fond memories of growing up there and it's amazing to share those traditions with my husband [Jared Kushner] and kids. Prague is probably my favourite European city for its charm, beauty and culture. I also love Scotland. I've travelled to Aberdeen many times and find it breathtaking each time – walking among the sand dunes with the white foam waves rolling onto the shore of the North Sea is majestic.

Do you have any rituals when on holidays?

If I'm travelling without my children, I always try to bring something special home for them. During family vacations, limiting digital connectivity is essential.

How do you juggle your busy itinerary?

I try to avoid the word "balance" because most days it's just not possible. Life is full of challenges and it's not going to be perfect every day. I do the best I can and I know what my priorities are. If I'm working on a big deal, then I know I need to be focused at the office. But if I'm needed at home, then that's where I'll be [with six-month-old Joseph and Arabella, who turns three in July]. Having a fulfilling career makes me a better mother and wife. This isn't true for everyone, but I feel it works for me.

Most memorable Seat 1A experience and why?

I'm thrilled when no one talks to me and I can just work or rest. I'm highly anti-social on flights – it's my escape time.

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