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# My London

**The Croatian tennis legend dines out in Knightsbridge, has a passion for Porsches and gets lost on the Tube**

## Where do you live and why?

Croatia, because it's the most beautiful country in the world. I divide my time between Split and Zagreb. I also spend a lot of time in Monte Carlo.

## Where do you stay when playing in London?

I always rent somewhere in Wimbledon but I did stay at Blakes hotel in South Kensington a few years back and thought it was pretty special.

## Where did you last go on holiday?

I travel most of the year for tennis - recently to Uzbekistan and Turkey - so going home to Croatia always seems like a holiday. I went skiing last winter in Kitzbühel in Austria and last summer stayed in Brighton at The Grand Hotel, which was beautiful.

## What was the last play you saw in London and did you enjoy it?

The first and last time I went to the theatre here was in 1993 and I saw *Miss Saigon*. It took a while to get into but I really enjoyed it.

## What advice would you give a tourist?

Visit Big Ben - it's beautiful. Also, buy an A-Z and walk everywhere so you don't miss out.

## What have been your most memorable London meals?

I love pasta and mostly stick to restaurants in Knightsbridge. My favourites are San Lorenzo and Montpeliano.

## Lillywhites or Niketown?

I spend all my time wearing sports clothes, so I'd rather go to Versace on Bond Street or Boss on Regent Street.

## What do you miss most when you're out of London?

I miss the buzz from the fans as I always get a brilliant reception when I'm here. London is such a beautiful city and I have some great memories, like winning Wimbledon in 2001. I also miss the variety of restaurants here, but definitely not the traffic.

## What would you do if you were Mayor for the day?

I would ensure that all sports facilities were free of charge for everyone - especially the tennis courts.

## What is your life philosophy?

Never give up - you can achieve anything if you put your mind to it.

## How do you get around town?

In my Porsche, but my map-reading skills aren't great so I rely on cabs.

## What are your current projects?

I've just played in the Boodle & Dunthorne Champions Challenge and at Wimbledon, of course, and in October I'm playing in the Superset tennis tournament at Wembley Arena.

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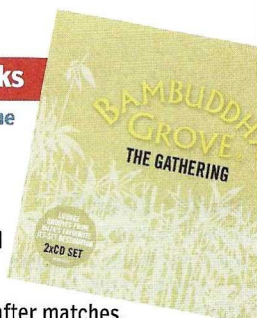
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## Top tracks

**What was the last CD you bought?**

*Bambuddha Grove* - it's really chilled out which I need to help me to relax after matches. Because I'm always travelling I tend to order most of my CDs online.



## Watering hole



**Do you have a favourite pub or bar?**

The Blue Bar at The Berkeley Hotel in Knightsbridge. It has a great atmosphere with fantastic music.

## Down memory lane

**What is your earliest London memory?**

In 1998 I was here for the Wimbledon qualifying rounds and I got lost on the District Line getting there. It took me ages to find my way, but I got there just on time.

## Big spender

**What are your extravagances?**

Fast cars, especially Porsches. Mine is my pride and joy. I was really impressed with the Bentley GTs that were on display at the Champions Challenge at Stoke Park Club where I've just played.



## Home comforts

**What are your favourite home comforts?**

The delicious cooking from my home town of Split. To be honest, nothing beats my mother's cooking and in fact my dad's a brilliant cook, too. I really miss the Croatian newspapers as well, particularly the sports pages.



## Summer wardrobe

**What's in your summer wardrobe?**

I love Dunhill. They do great suits and luggage. My favourite item has to be my Armani linen suit, though.



## Good scents

**What aftershave do you wear?**

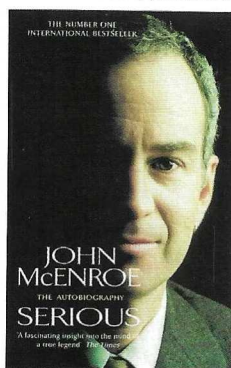
Boss Motion.



## Bookworm

**What was the last book you bought?**

*Serious: the autobiography* by John McEnroe. He was such a great player and a huge character in the game.



## Little black book



**What shops do you rely on?**

I always go to the cinema in Leicester Square and I often visit Harrods for the men's department. It's so nice and clean inside, and I always stop in at their food hall. There's also a fantastic deli in Wimbledon called Bayley & Sage, and I often shop at the Sainsbury's there.