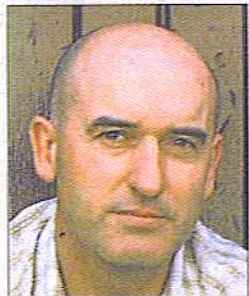


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Wes Fleming

Position Director of Fleming's Nurseries.

Most frequented business destination Since 2003 it's been London, the Chelsea Flower Show is among the most prestigious show gardens in the world. Our entry, featuring a different landscape architect/designer and different construction crew each year, has seen me land in London more times than I'd care to remember, to source plants and organise sponsorship partnerships.

Favourite airline Emirates. It's always first class in service whether travelling first class or not.

Favourite hotel I see hotels as a place to sleep when I travel for business, so I don't think too much about them. Holiday-wise however it doesn't get much better than Bloomfield in the Daintree Rainforest – it's the perfect place to unwind and get away from the world.

Can you recommend a restaurant overseas Probably too many! However I have very fond memories of a restaurant in London that my partner and I visited during the 2005 Chelsea Show, Bibendum in



Wes Fleming has made multiple trips to London for the Chelsea Flower Show. Photo AP

South Kensington, a Michelin restaurant with a great reputation. We had a fabulous time there, ate the most sumptuous chicken dish I have ever had in my life.

Important things to pack I have packed that many times now that it's a streamlined process, so there is no need to pack until the 11th hour. Everything is laid out on the bed, I check each item off and ensure three pairs of shoes work across the selection. Clothes are very important to me, I believe they are a reference point to your personality. So packing has to be done well. But the bottom line is, if you forget something, just buy it when you get there. The only things

I could not leave out of the suitcase are my nail clippers.

Travel tips for others Forget about what time it is when you step onto the plane – from that moment onwards think only of the time zone of your destination. Eat when they eat, sleep when they sleep and your jet lag should be minimal.

Best shopping? I love shopping. This is one of my favourite pastimes and something I consider a hobby, so shopping for me is great anywhere. But some of the best shopping experiences I have had in the past few years would have to be in Barcelona in Spain. They have a wonderful sense of colour and I adore colour.