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MY COTSWOLDS

CAMILLA BELLORD

With over 17 years of experience in the interior design industry, Camilla Bellord is regarded as one of the Cotswold's finest designers

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After launching her own company in 2016, Camilla's philosophy of timeless interiors infused with an eclectic elegance has won her many awards, including the coveted Best of Houzz award.

Her work has been featured in several renowned international publications, including French Elle Decoration, with interior design projects that have taken her around the world. Camilla now lives in Great Rissington with her husband and business partner Tom and their three energetic boys.

What is the best part of your job?

There are so many wonderful things about being an interior designer. First and foremost every day is different but with it you also get to transform the most amazing spaces, totally transforming the way they are used, which enhances our clients' lifestyles.

Who is your greatest inspiration?

The three designers who have influenced me the most are the incredible French designer Christian Liaigre, Annouska Hempel – who creates not only wonderful interiors but also the most fabulous gardens too – and finally Federica Palacios who taught me so much from our the seven years in Switzerland.

Who would be your ideal dinner party guests?

David Attenborough for his intellect and iconic voice, BB King to bring some soul and musical genius and Madhur Jaffrey to enlighten us all on the spice of life.

What do you do to relax?

Yoga, long walks, a good book hidden away in our garden hammock.

What is your favourite book or film?

Film: *The Thomas Crown Affair*. And the book: *Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini.

What is your favourite childhood memory?

Growing up by the seaside, learning to swim in the tides of Sussex with bucket and spade always to hand.



What did you want to be growing up?

I have always loved being creative and particularly enjoyed my time as a young girl with a paintbrush in hand and dreaming of one day becoming an artist.

What is your favourite holiday destination?

The Aeolian islands off the coast of Italy are simply divine – everything you could possibly want from a holiday getaway. Wonderful food, wine, beaches, olive groves and mountainous landscapes. Most wonderful of all is to sit watching the volcano Stromboli with its dancing spouting of lava.

What's the best think about living in the Cotswolds?

It's the most wonderful place to bring up our three boys. They have room to roam, fantastic friends and wonderful community. We can walk the river wind rush straight from our doorstep, be on the lakes of South Cerney or enjoy the surroundings of Batsford Arboretum. So much to do in this wonderful part of the world.

What is your favourite dining destination in the county?

The Feathered Nest in Nether Westcote has it all – a pub bursting with character, the most incredible food and wonderful views with the bonus of large gardens for the kids to run around in too.

What is your favourite day out in the Cotswolds?

Every summer the amazing Gifford Circus comes to town. It really is a special show and a wonderful day out.

What is your favourite Cotswold landmark or view?

Sherborne Estate – wonderful walks with lots to discover, with the added benefit of a little gem of a tea shop that you can pit stop at and have bacon sandwiches and ginger beer.

Who is your favourite independent retailer in the Cotswolds?

Indigenous in Burford. It has an amazing collection of handmade tiles, petrified wood and many other interior treasures!



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