

# All About Oliver Storrie, Quintessential Brands Global Travel Retail Manager

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Q: Where were you born and raised?

A: I was born in Paisley, Scotland, which is a short distance from Glasgow and was the epicentre of the weaving industry giving the world the famous Paisley pattern. I grew up in a small village called Kilmacolm and attending school 18 miles away in Glasgow

Q: What motivates you in life?

A: To try and add value and make a difference in everything I do. It could be the passion and dedication needed to succeed in travel retail or the passion and joy I have of seeing my family grow up and thrive. We're all on a very personal journey through life and it's important to live it, make the

most of it and enjoy it with the company of others along the way

Q: What's the best thing that's happened to you this year/month/week?

A: I have two children, a boy (Harry) who is three and a daughter (Eve) who is a year and a half. This year my daughter started to talk and has not stopped since. It's amazing to see her grow up and compete with her brother. This month, my wife and I finally got some time to ourselves and went out for drinks and dinner in Glasgow. I love my kids more than anything but it was great spending that time with Anne. It reminded me of when we first started dating and didn't have a responsibility in the world

Q: What would you choose as your last meal?

A: This is an easy one. My family from my mum's side are all from Leeds and as a result I have grown up with a roast rib of beef, roast potatoes, cauliflower cheese and of course beef dripping Yorkshire puddings with a large dollop of horseradish sauce



Q: What's your favorite '90s jam and why?

A: I've got a pretty eclectic mix when it comes to music and the 90s typifies that. I always feel I should say Oasis 'Live forever' but in all honesty it is The Goo Goo Dolls 'Slide'. I have loved that song from the first moment I heard it and it always reminds me of goods times with friend on long weekends

Q: How would you rate your memory?

A: As I recall I have a great memory. Unfortunately for friends and colleagues that means that I also

have a lot of useless facts stored there too

Q: What were you like in high school?

A: I loved high school. I played a lot of sports, the main one being rugby. I was a pretty social character and always up for a laugh

Q: What do you think about when you're alone in your car?

A: I've never had the ability to switch off so I often find myself planning the week a work, what opportunities to focus on and as I'm male what I am going to have for the next meal

Q: Are you more of a hunter or a gatherer?

A: I would love to say a mix of the two but in all honesty I'm a hunter, especially in work. I love seeing an opportunity and going after it

Q: Do you prefer country or city?

A: I grew up in the country and went to school in the city so I really got the best of both worlds. As a grow older though I could happily settle down in the country as long as I'm not too far away for the occasional night out on the town

Q: What is your favorite place to vacation?

A: I usually lie when it comes to this question in case people start going there; however it has to be the Ria Formosa area in the Algarve, Portugal. I have been going there since I was four and really seen the changes of the year. When I met my wife it was the first place we went on holiday and I was worried she would hate it. Thankfully she loved it so much we got married there five years later and I can now watch my kids enjoy all the things I remember growing up



Q: What do you work toward in your free time?

A: With two young kids under four my free time is about survival. I'm joking of course. My wife and I have always renovated every property we have owned and we finally built our house last year, although I don't see us stopping anytime soon

Q: What in the world would you most like to change?

A: If I could change one thing about our world, I would eliminate discrimination of all kinds. Once they are eliminated then they don't become an issue and the far left and far right, wouldn't have any sort of influence on how people are treated because the concept of difference and the gains or losses that affords people wouldn't exist

Q: What about yourself would you most like to change?

A: My discipline when it comes to working out. I played rugby to a decent standard when I was younger and was in good shape. Something I managed to regain just before I had kids but I never seem to manage my time for it to become a consistent part of my life and is a constant frustration

Q: What is the most important piece of advice anyone ever gave you?

A: When I started my first real job the owner of the company asked me where I saw my career path. I was only 18 and gave a fairly vague answer to which he replied, 'Remember, life is not a dress rehearsal. You only get one kick at the ball.' It's something I've never forgotten

Q: What is something about you that most people would find surprising?

A: When I finished Uni I went traveling on my own and ended up working in a crocodile farm for a short while in Queensland Australia. Cutting grass has never been more exhilarating!!!

Q: If you could know the absolute and total truth to one question, what question would you ask?

A: I think it would be where did the human race come from? If I had two-it would probably be does Sasquatch exist?

Q: If you had the opportunity to meet one person you haven't met, who would it be, why, and what would you talk about?

A: Nikola Tesla - I could pick his brains for hours about the endless inventions he had dreamt up