

# THE FORTUNE HOTEL PRESS PACK



# ***THE FORTUNE HOTEL OPENS ITS DOORS ON ITV1 AND ITVX***

The Fortune Hotel opens its doors on Monday 13th May at 9pm on ITV1, ITVX, STV and STV Player.

A thrilling and high-octane new reality entertainment event, The Fortune Hotel is produced by Tuesday's Child exclusively for ITV and STV, the 8 x 60' prime-time series will invite viewers into a luxury Caribbean resort filled with glamour, opulence and deception...

Hosted by the incomparable Stephen Mangan, 10 pairs of contestants will arrive at The Fortune Hotel, where they will be given an all-important briefcase. Inside one case is the ultimate jackpot of £250,000 in cash, eight are empty, and one contains the dreaded Early Checkout Card – whichever pair is left holding that case at the end of each show will see their stay brought to a dramatic, premature end.

Every day the contestants have the chance to try to uncover who has which case through playing compelling challenges, and as the “Whogotit” mystery ramps up for the hotel guests, viewers at home will remain deliciously in-the-know throughout, witness to all of their plans and strategies playing out.

The climax of each episode is the nerve-shredding case swap in the seductive Lady Luck bar where each pair must decide whether to keep or swap their case. Have the couple with the life-changing sum of cash managed to bluff and blag their way free of suspicion? Or will their case be ruthlessly taken off them? And who will be left holding the case containing the Early Checkout Card?

**Credit: The Fortune Hotel airs every Monday-Thursday at 9pm on ITV1, ITVX, STV and STV Player from May 13th**

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# Stephen Mangan (host)

**What was it about hosting The Fortune Hotel that initially appealed to you when approached to present the show?**

The opportunity to head to the Caribbean sounded very interesting on its own before you even get to what else is involved. That's the thing that first got my attention but when the game itself was explained to me and I played it, it's just brilliant. The game is pretty simple but endlessly fascinating so a combination of that alongside the backdrop in which it was set was just pretty irresistible.

**Can you give some insight as to what viewers can expect from The Fortune Hotel and how you'd best describe it in a nutshell?**

Ten pairs of contestants are trying to win a huge life changing amount of money, the pairs are made up of partners, best friends, parents and children, all sorts of combinations. Each pair has a case they've randomly been given, eight cases have nothing in them, one has the Early Checkout card and the remaining case has the cash. You certainly don't want to end the day with the Early Checkout card because that means you're going home. The pairs play games, they swap cases, they're trying to stay at the hotel whilst working out where the cash is and the goal is to be the couple at the end holding it all because if they are, they win a life changing amount of money.

**The Fortune Hotel is a different proposition to some of the other shows and projects you've fronted, what was it about the show that made you want to front this type of format?**

People are endlessly fascinating to me as an actor and the reason you become an actor is because people and how they get on with each other, especially in moments of high stress is deeply fascinating. Human beings are complex and interesting so The Fortune Hotel felt like the perfect mix of entertainment and drama. It's a way of putting people together under pressure set amongst a stunning location. The whole package was just incredibly intriguing to me so I had to be a part of it.



**You got to shoot in an incredibly luxurious hotel in the Caribbean, can you tell us about the best perks whilst filming and any unforgettable memories or stories you have from the experience?**

We took over the entire resort and I got to have a very nice suite without having to pay for it. The presidential suite, which was bigger than my house, it took me four minutes to walk from one side of the living room to the other, it was that big. I had a balcony that looked over the ocean which was west facing so every night we got a view of the sunset and sunsets in the Caribbean are incredible.

**The Fortune Hotel is a high octane game of deception, can you tell us about any dramatic moments viewers can expect to see when tuning in?**

Everyday ends with a drink at the hotel's Lady Luck Bar which is referred to as 'the Night Cap'. The Night Cap is when all the contestants have an opportunity to swap cases with each other which was always dramatic because the people holding the money had no idea whether it was going to be taken away from them. The people who thought they had a safe case had no idea if they were about to be given the Early Checkout card and be sent home so there was always a very tense, exciting, thrilling end to the day where you just never knew what was going to happen.

**The show's cast is a brilliantly eclectic mix of people, can you tell us more about what viewers can expect when they meet the hotel's 10 pairs of guests?**

We've got people of all ages, from all parts of the country, from all different backgrounds. Some of them got on like a house on fire and some wanted to set each other's houses on fire. You put twenty people at random together regardless of how luxurious the resort is, some are going to get on and some aren't. People trying to cover up the fact they didn't like each other was almost funnier and more dramatic than people being openly hostile to one another. We've all been on holiday and found we've met someone that gets up our nose or found friends that we want to be mates with forever and this is no different.

**How invested and engrossed were you in the game and did you ever find it difficult to remain neutral amongst all the action?**

I found it almost impossible to remain neutral, I was heartbroken for every couple when they were eliminated.

**If you could pick any 3 celebrity guests to join you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

I'd like to see George Washington who famously boasted that he could never tell a lie so I'd like to put that to the test. I'd like to see Mohamed Ali because he was a great talker and as smart as you like, and Alan Carr because he's hilarious and would get into a pickle.



# Jae and Cherish (best friends)

**Jae: 30, Singer-songwriter, South London**

**Cherish: 30, Artist, South London**

## **Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Jae: To do something fun and write our own history, we wanted to explore and have a new adventure

Cherish: The opportunity that presented itself seemed like a very interesting one at the time and it was throughout the whole process. I think it was also an opportunity for us to travel as best friends and compete for a life changing amount of money in the Caribbean.

## **How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Cherish: Invest in ourselves, our families and into our dreams. We'd also travel and do things for ourselves and our families that we haven't been able to do for the last 30 years.

## **What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Cherish: The entire experience in general and just meeting the other contestants, that was really fun and interesting.

## **What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Jae: Realising what lengths people were going to just to get the fortune and finding out about all of the alliances that were made in secret.

## **What couples did you get on best with?**

Cherish: Adam and Mike and Samm and Aysha.

Jae: And Tommy and Scott, I think the fact they were also best friend couples meant we had something in common.

Cherish: We got to bond over what our friendships were and what they meant to us, we also found similarities in their friendships. Samm and Aysha we had similarities with because they're African like us, we also loved their love story.

## **Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Cherish: Will and Jo-Anne but we wouldn't call it disagreements, just frictions, we rubbed each other the wrong way. We also had a few misunderstandings with Daniel and Claire.

## **If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Both: Dwayne The Rock Johnson, Usain Bolt and Serena Williams.

## **What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Cherish: Everything was free!

Jae: Having the beach right on our doorstep was beautiful, waking up to that every morning was phenomenal.



# Claire and Daniel (married couple)

**Claire: 43, Commercial Director, Gloucestershire**

**Daniel: 43, Barrister, Gloucestershire**

## Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?

Claire: We always embrace adventure and wanted to do something together. The opportunity to do something outside of your comfort zone is always a good thing.

Daniel: The weather was also a big factor and the opportunity for us to share an experience enticed us as parents because we don't often get to spend time together just the two of us.

## How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?

Daniel: We would want to spend it in different ways, the boring side of that would involve paying off our mortgage. We'd also like to donate to charity, in particular Birmingham Children's Hospital. We'd also want to treat ourselves to a nice holiday with our children to compensate for leaving them for a few weeks during the filming.

## What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?

Claire: The first challenge we took part in was something I'll never forget, the nervousness of not knowing what to expect, it ended up being so much fun.

Daniel: At one moment in the show our names were up in lights, I've never had my name up in lights so that was quite remarkable. I'd say all of the challenges too, it was a real bonding experience for everyone, the sun was shining, we were all buzzing and it gave us a chance to all really get to know each other.

Daniel: There was also a funny moment when Claire and I fell out with each other as she wasn't happy with how competitive I was, although I reminded her that the whole point of the show is to compete.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Daniel: Popping my inflatable and having to go down rapids on my knees

Claire: The Night Cap in The Lady Luck Bar was always full of drama when cases were swapped and the Early Checkout card was swapped about.

## What couples did you get on best with?

Claire: Everybody but I'd say we were closest to Samm and Aysha, Will and Jo-Anne and Mike and Adam who were all brilliant fun. We purposely didn't form alliances because we didn't want to put ourselves in a position where we'd possibly have to break them.

Daniel: I got on well with Adam and Mike but overall there were so many different personalities which made for such an interesting experience which is what made the show so great to be a part of.

## Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?

Daniel: I'd say we had the most with each other.

## If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?

Daniel: I'd like to see the show's host Stephen Mangan involved, he's very bright so I think he would be great.

Both: Jonny Wilkinson, Michael McIntyre and Monica Galetti.

## What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?

Claire: The stunning location and having a total break from your normal day to day routine. We had nothing to focus on other than the game which was nice for a change.





# Gary and Lesley (partners)

**Gary: 60, Suffolk**

**Lesley: 55, Suffolk**

**Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Lesley: Gary saw it being advertised online and asked me if we should apply and I agreed, it was as simple as that.

Gary: Having been off work I was getting cabin fever and wanted to do something different, we're getting older so want to fit in as many experiences as possible and this just happened to be something that interested us.

Lesley: I just went along with it!

**How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Gary: To use the money to retire early, I'd also like to give some of the money to my son to help him get on the property ladder.

**What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Lesley: For me it has to be standing at the bottom of the rapids, it was a total monsoon, I've never seen rain like it, we ended up soaked! Another memory I won't forget was when I danced to the macarena with Jae and Cherish at the breakfast bar, it was hilarious.

Gary: I've got hundreds of amazing memories, I don't think I've ever laughed so much my ribs hurt. Often reality TV shows are confrontational so I wanted to stay under the radar but as soon as I walked in everyone was trying to stitch me up in a fun way which meant I wasn't able to blend into the background as planned. It was all fun and games though.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Gary: The Night Cap in the Lady Luck Bar was often tense.

Lesley: We genuinely felt everyone was really nice.

**What couples did you get on best with?**

Lesley: Jae and Cherish, Scott and Tommy, Mike and Adam. We loved Mike and Adam for their humour, Scott and Tommy were young so we wanted to take them under our wing, they were lovely guys. Jae and Cherish brought the entertainment, they would come alive in the nighttime.

**Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Gary: We didn't have any disagreements with the other guests but had the odd cross word with each other.

**If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Stephen Mulhern and Ant and Dec for the fun factor.

**What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Gary: A free holiday in the Caribbean and meeting such an array of people you wouldn't meet in everyday life. Everyone was so lovely, the cast and crew were incredible.

Gary: The people made the experience, we couldn't have wished for a better bunch of people.



# Jen and Susan (best friends)

**Jen: 44, Executive Assistant, Lanarkshire**

**Susan: 39, Investigator, Lanarkshire**

## Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?

Susan: She made me do it.

Jen: When I came across the casting advert, I remember thinking, this show resembled White Lotus meets Glass Onion meets The Traitors and I thought Susan and I would be amazing at this! - coupled with the opportunity to get away with my best friend to sneak about at a luxury resort and steal money from people - We're IN!

## How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?

Susan: Shoes, I'd treat myself to some expensive ones but I'd also be sensible and use it towards my mortgage as well as treating my family.

Jen: The ideal would be to be mortgage free before 50 as well as having the opportunity to take our kids on an incredible trip to Disney in Florida. I'd also treat Susan to a couple of pairs of nice shoes.

## What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?

Jen : My funniest memory is one of the challenges which involved cocktails, I took a massive slurp and didn't think of the consequences which was funny.

Jen: How resilient we both can be, we both had moments of frustration but we pulled ourselves back and got on with it. It really solidified our friendship with memories we can share and look back on forever.

Susan: It brought us even closer than I thought was possible, it strengthened our friendship, I feel lucky to have shared that experience together.



## What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?

Susan: When Stephen first came in to meet us and asked everyone who they thought had the money was quite a dramatic way to kick things off.

Jen: There was a moment in the Lady Luck Bar where a contestant stood up to tell their truth and it did not go down well at all. I turned to Susan and said if this continues -we're leaving! it all got a bit tense.

## What couples did you get on best with?

Susan: I got on with them all for different reasons.

Jen: Adam and Mike, Daniel and Claire. to be honest, I wasn't a fan of Daniel on first impressions but I absolutely came around to him. They were so lovely.

Susan: Cherish and Jae were also lovely, they have such a funny dynamic.

Jen: Samm and Aysha were so sweet and you can see how in love they are with each other which was nice to see. I have so much respect for Aysha who shared with us that she had a hearing impairment -she certainly didn't hold back in any of the challenges, she threw herself into everything, even the water challenges where she was unable to wear her cochlear implant. We were all in awe of her!

## Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?

Jen: I wasn't too enamoured with Gary after one challenge as he referred to me as a 'crocodile' which I took as an insult, that's not how he meant it I'm sure, but I took it offensively in the heat of the moment and had to chat it through with Susan.

## If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?

Gino D'Acampo, Kevin Bridges and Ross Kemp.

## What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?

Susan: The people made the experience for us!

Jen: Having the opportunity to live that luxurious lifestyle away from your day to day with your best friend was really special. We also "borrowed" some luxury merchandise to keep as a little reminder of our stay at The Fortune Hotel!



# Scott and Tommy (best friends)

**Scott, 19, Bartender, North London**

**Tommy, 19, Hairstylist Apprentice, North London**

## **Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Scott: It was impossible to say no to a holiday in a 5 star resort, we jumped at the chance.

Tommy: Two best friends bluffing our way to get 250K whilst being in the sun was a no brainer.

## **How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Tommy: I'd pay off my parents mortgage and invest the money so I could live as comfortably as possible.

Scott: I'd think about it wisely but would definitely want to invest it.

## **What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Scott: Every day was a different experience, we had some amazing moments in the challenges there were so many pinch me moments.

Tommy: We really had to dig our way out of certain situations so that was always an experience.

## **What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Tommy: It would have to be any time spent in the Lady Luck Bar.

Scott: I agree, you could sense everyone's nerves and no one knows who has what in terms of the money, the empty case or the Checkout card.

## **What couples did you get on best with?**

Scott: Jae and Cherish for sure, they were like sisters to us on the show. We were both Londoners and seemed to have the same banter as them as we were all there for the same reason which was to have a good time.

## **Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Tommy: We only had one big disagreement and that was with Will and Jo-Anne.

Scott: I also had a run in with Daniel but there were tense moments with Will and Jo-Anne for sure.

## **If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Cristiano Ronaldo, Christian Bale and Wayne Rooney.

## **What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Tommy: Being treated like a king.

Scott: The weather and getting to cruise around on speed boats!



# Abbie and Tracey (mother and daughter)

**Tracey: 51, Skincare Consultant, Cardiff**

**Abbie: 18, Skincare Consultant/ Student, Cardiff**

**Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Tracey: I was desperate for a chance to get some sunshine and the opportunity to win 250K attracted me.

Abbie: When we got the opportunity for a free holiday I thought why not.

**How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Tracey: I'd spend it on a VIP ticket to Tom Jones and to cover my children's university fees and I'd want to spoil all my friends and family with presents.

Abbie: I'd want to use the money to go travelling as well as putting some money towards a mortgage.

**What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Tracey: Just being on set for a TV show made me feel like a Hollywood star, I was lapping up every second.

Abbie: At one moment I had a bit of a rant on screen which was an experience I won't forget as it was very dramatic.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Tracey: Instantly we felt competition with Daniel and Claire, they were fit, smart and intelligent so the competitive rivalry kicked in from the offset.

Abbie: I had too many to name but we had a dramatic moment with Aysha and Samm as I was quite harsh on them initially but I ended up loving them so you could never predict which way things were going to go.

**What couples did you get on best with?**

Tracey: Aysha and Samm, we formed a really lovely bond with them, I felt myself wanting to look out for them as they were just so sweet!

Abbie: I loved Tommy and Scott, me and Scott became good friends.

Tracey: I would have liked to have her couple up with Scott but perhaps if it was another show.

**Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Abbie: Jae and Cherish and Will and Jo-Anne, me and Will didn't see eye to eye.

Tracey: Dan and Claire, perhaps I antagonised them a bit.

**If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Tom Jones, Piers Morgan and Gemma Collins.

**What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Tracey: Just feeling like a movie star it was amazing, the hotel was top dollar, we were treated like royalty.





# Chloe and Louie (business partners)

**Chloe: 38, Aesthetics Practitioner and Educator, Bolton**

**Louie: 22, Skincare Specialist, Bolton**

## **Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Chloe: Louie asked me if I'd be up for it and I thought free holiday with my bestie and business partner, why not. We also loved the chance to get dressed up every night for filming.

Louie: I was interested in the experience and the chance to win such a huge amount of money.

## **How would you spend the £250K prize money if you won it?**

Chloe: I'd spend it on holidays, jewellery and bags and of course my daughter.

Louie: We'd absolutely blow it on having a fabulous time.

## **What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Chloe: Living in the hotel, no holiday will ever compare, it was out of this world. Even during the filming, I just kept thinking to myself this is the life!

Louie: I'd say the same but even getting to explore the Caribbean and meeting all the locals was incredible. I also loved the challenges as they were unlike anything you do in day to day life.

## **What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Chloe: There were so many big characters with people from all walks of life which naturally meant that not everyone gelled which often meant things were tense but it was all part of the game.

Louie: Daniel kept asking me questions about my career as I think he thought it was a cover up, it was either that or he wanted a consultation but I had to remind him that I charge for those.

## **What couples did you get on best with?**

Chloe: Will and Jo-Anne were so genuine but I also loved Abbie and Tracey as they were just crazy.

Louie: Adam and Mike were so funny, we loved those guys.

## **Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Chloe: Daniel and Claire, I had a bit of a confrontation with them in the Lady Luck Bar which I think they took personally.

## **If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Gemma Collins, Rochelle Humes and Charlotte Crosby.

## **What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Chloe: Living the luxury life for free was amazing, the opulence and glamour was something I'll never forget.

Louie: The not knowing what was next was a real thrill, everyday was so different and exciting.



# Samm and Aysha (married couple)

**Aysha: 30, Content Creator, London**

**Samm: 30, Content Creator and Construction Worker, London**

**Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Aysha: I've never experienced something so adventurous before, I felt very lucky and blessed to be given the chance.

Samm: We've never travelled together so it was almost like a honeymoon for us without the relaxation and chill.

**How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Aysha: It would be life changing in helping our parents and children.

Samm: I'd invest it into doing business back home in Kenya which is where Aysha and I are from.

**What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Samm: I'd say every night was special when we were there. We loved being in the Lady Luck Bar.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Aysha: The challenges were always dramatic.

Samm: Aysha got emotional during the challenges as we are competitive so it was frustrating when we made mistakes or got things wrong.

**What couples did you get on best with?**

Samm: Daniel and Claire, they were so lovely to us.

Aysha: We had the strongest connection with Daniel and Claire but we got on really well with Jen and Susan, we got along with everyone on the whole.

**Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Aysha: I often forgot it was a game so I took people's words quite literally which meant I clashed with Jae and Cherish but it was all part of the competition.

Samm: Aysha was too trusting, you can't trust anyone at The Fortune Hotel.

**If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Yung Filly, 50 Cent and Jennifer Aniston.

**What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Aysha: The sun, sea and luxury!



# Jo-Anne and Will (mother and son)

**Will: 20, Digital Marketing Executive and Events Organiser, Sheffield**

**Jo-Anne: 55, Technical Instructor and Mental Health Worker, Sheffield**

**Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Will: The idea of the prize money sounded very appealing. It's also a once in a lifetime opportunity that you don't get to do with your mum everyday.

Jo-Anne: I didn't have much choice, I was pegging the washing out and Will told me about the opportunity, the next thing I know I was on a plane to the Caribbean.

**How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Will: I'd want to go travelling and I'd also invest in myself be it through education as well as trying to get on the property ladder. I wouldn't mind a nice Rolex watch either.

Jo-Anne: I'd love to pay off my mortgage and I'd also like to buy the medical team that helped me with my cancer treatment some equipment. I had cancer and relied on the use of a lymphatic drainage machine so I'd love to buy my NHS team a machine for them to use on other patients. It helped me so much so if I can help others with lymphoedema that would be amazing.

**What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Will: My standout moment was one of the challenges that involved a lot of running, my mum was swearing like a trooper as I was telling her to hurry up, I think she forgot where she was but it was really funny.

Jo-Anne: Everything for me was special, I felt like I was living a different life. My illness has always held me back but winning a challenge made me feel so proud of myself and my son. It was unreal and amazing from start to finish.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Will: I had a dramatic moment with Jae and Cherish where we had a disagreement. I also dropped myself in it a few times with the game play which caused carnage.

Jo-Anne: We had a bit of a to do at breakfast one day, I told the other contestants that we weren't there to make friends but to get the money which didn't go down too well.

**What couples did you get on best with?**

Will: Adam and Mike became like brothers to me, they are the type of guys you just want to go out for a pint with.

Jo-Anne: I loved Claire and Daniel but also formed a nice bond with Jen and Susan.

**Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Will: It was quite high octane so under the pressure of the challenges people would rub each other the wrong way but it would always end well.

Jo-Anne: There was nobody there I didn't like but it was a game and we were all there for a reason and to try and win the money.

**If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Jo-Anne: Idris Elba, Dianna Ross and Alan Carr.

Will: Amy Winehouse, Ricky Gervais and Carl Cox.

**What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Will: The dressing gowns at the hotel, I had to steal the robe. Staying in that resort was just incredible; it was unlike anything I'd ever seen before.

Jo-Anne: I felt so lucky to be in the Caribbean, what a stunning part of the world, we will never forget it.





# Adam and Michael (best friends)

**Adam: 37, Bricklayer, Bognor Regis**

**Mike: 35, Landscaper, Bognor Regis**

**Why have you chosen to visit The Fortune Hotel?**

Adam: It's a once in a lifetime experience to share with your best friend which isn't something that comes around very often.

Michael: I couldn't resist a free holiday in the Caribbean and also getting the chance to meet new people and have some fun.

**How would you spend the 250K prize money if you won it?**

Adam: I'd want to go on an amazing family holiday with my girlfriend and my little boy. I'd then want to book another holiday where I could relax, unwind and work out what else to do with the money.

Michael: The first thing I'd do would be to take my daughter to Disney and spoil her with whatever she wanted. We'd also like to put the money together and buy some property.

**What was the most memorable experience you had during the filming?**

Adam: Having an opportunity to just be yourself with your best friend and soak up every second was quite something.

Michael: Being able to switch off from the world and immerse yourself in the experience was amazing. Arriving and pulling up to the hotel was also a pinch me moment for sure.

**What was the most dramatic moment you encountered whilst staying at The Fortune Hotel?**

Michael: The case swapping often caused lots of drama.

**What couples did you get on best with?**

Adam: Will and Jo-Anne we got really close to. We got on with everyone really, Jae and Cherish are amazing and we really liked Daniel and Claire.

Michael: Will and Jo-Anne are our best friends from the show.

**Who did you have the most disagreements with during your stay?**

Michael: Tommy and Scott but I'd say that was purely just a male ego thing.

Adam: They were our strongest competition for sure which is why we wanted to try and eliminate them once we met them.

**If you could invite any three celebrities to stay alongside you at The Fortune Hotel who would they be?**

Micky Flannagan, Jimmy Bullard and Marilyn Monroe.

**What were the biggest perks of being a guest at The Fortune Hotel?**

Adam: Having an unforgettable experience with your best pal.

Michael: We sat on the plane on the way home and looked at one another and just said to have the experience was just surreal in the best possible way.

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