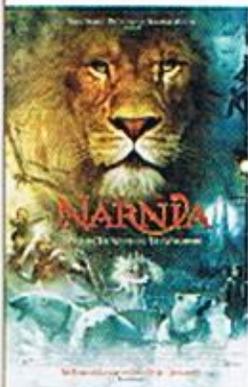


KELLY MAY

Kelly has lived in Thailand for five and a half years, turning her hand to a number of jobs including working as a teacher and as a reporter for the Bangkok Post's Student Weekly. Until recently, Kelly was publisher of OK! Magazine, but having volunteered in the aftermath of the tsunami in 2005, she's decided to return to help rebuild the tsunami-hit regions.

Where do you like to eat?

You can't beat street food. The most amazing *som tam* can be found right outside the Bangkok Post building. The restaurants on Sukhumvit Soi 3/1 do lovely Arabic food complete with authentic ambience. It's like being in another country. They're also open really late, so it's perfect when you're a bit tipsy and in need of a kebab!



What's the last film you saw?

The Chronicles of Narnia which I liked so much I went to see it twice. It would be great if you could disappear into another world for a bit of escapism.

How do you chill out?

I'm really into cycling so at least once a month I join the Hash House Bikers and explore the countryside.

What do you miss when you are away from Bangkok?

It would have to be the chaos. Everywhere else seems so sensible after living in Bangkok.

What's your advice to visitors?

Don't dismiss Bangkok as a hellhole of fumes and traffic. Take the time to explore. The skytrain is the best way to get around and the air conditioning is always a welcome relief.



down south after the tsunami. Those images will stay with me for the rest of my life. The warmth of everyone was really something exceptional.

What would you do if you were governor for the day?

I'd make Bangkok the hub of absolutely everything I could think of, allocate a ridiculous budget to achieve it and then forget about it once I got bored.

Where do you like to shop?

I love the weekly markets that get rammed with office workers at lunchtime. You can find international brands and sizes for around 200 baht. The little market behind Bangkok Bank on Silom called Soi La Lie Sub, has some fantastic second-hand clothes.

What's your most memorable experience?

It would have to be volunteering



What music are you listening to?

There's only one band worth listening to, and that's Thailand's very own Futon. They are musical geniuses – and then some.

What's your latest purchase?

A lovely Thai silk scarf for my mate's birthday. The variety of handicrafts and knick-knacks available help take the headache out of gift shopping.

Where do you live and why?

I live with two great mates on Sukhumvit Soi 16. It's a beautiful house that really feels like a home and is perfect for BBQs and parties.