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My perfect weekend – Jamie Cullum



Song-writer and jazz pianist Jamie Cullum lives in London with his wife Sophie Dahl, the model and cookery writer. He enjoys going to markets, French films, and playing cards at weekends.

Jamie says, ‘In my work I travel a lot and I stay in different hotels, so **my perfect weekend is at home with my family and friends**. I live in a flat in north-west London next to my brother, Ben, and at weekends I like being with him and my wife, Sophie. **On Friday nights**, we often go to a club – we all love dancing.

On Saturdays, we get up late and I make breakfast; that’s important to me. Then I sit at my piano – it’s in my kitchen – and I play for a couple of hours. I don’t write songs, I just play. My cat, Luna, listens. Sometimes in the afternoon we go shopping in Portobello market. I love old things. I have black leather cowboy boots from there. Also, I look for old postcards – I like reading about people from the past. In the evening, we often watch a French or Japanese film – I enjoy foreign films.

After that I like playing cards – poker – with friends, sometimes until early Sunday morning. We sleep late **on Sundays**, but then I like cooking Sunday dinner, usually roast chicken. I really enjoy cooking. In the evening I call my parents and my nan – they like hearing about my week.’





Indian film actress and model Shilpa Shetty has homes in Mumbai and England. She enjoys takeaway pizza, going to garden centres, and playing cards at weekends.

Shilpa says, 'Here in England **my perfect weekend begins at my home in the countryside** with my husband Raj Kundra.

On Fridays, we usually watch TV, but sometimes friends or family come to play cards – poker. I love poker. We get a takeaway pizza – pizza goes best with playing cards – and I drink green tea. I love green tea.

On Saturdays, I get up late, at about 10.45, and then I have a long bath. Sometimes I watch TV in the bath or listen to music. I like staying in the country at weekends – I love walking barefoot on the grass. We go to a pub for lunch – I like the puddings, especially sticky toffee pudding. I prefer to have Saturday evening at home. **We like watching cookery programmes**; Jamie Oliver is my favourite. I like cooking Indian food, but not at weekends.

On Sundays, I love shopping and gardening. I always buy my clothes from small boutiques, and I love visiting garden centres. I love flowers. My homes in Mumbai and England are always full of beautiful white lilies. I don't cook on Sunday, we prefer eating out and sometimes, if we have time, we go to a spa hotel for a swim and a massage. It's a great way to end a perfect weekend.'