

In the latest of our series on the travel likes and loves of the famous, Andrew Castle takes a break from commentating for the BBC at this year's Wimbledon Championships to explain his love of Spain and Pontins....

FAVOURITE DESTINATION?

La Manga Club in Spain. My wife and I have taken the children there for years. We seem to have grown up with other regulars and have created our own little community.

DESCRIBE IT

Gorgeous. It does far more than just offer sport. Just behind the resort, you've got towering cliffs dropping straight into the sea. And it's near some of the best beaches in Europe.

BEST THINGS TO DO THERE?

Often, we pull off the main road and drive down dusty tracks to long sandy coves and clear water. We love the uncrowded beaches. I also enjoy visiting Murcia. I'm still discovering things about this region, even after more than a decade.

WHERE FOR DINNER?

Take your pick of more than 20 bars and restaurants. The food is fantastic.

DOES TRAVEL INSPIRE?

As a professional tennis player, I travelled to 50 countries, often alone. Finding the time to get to places is more difficult now, but travel still inspires me.

IDEAL TRAVEL COMPANION?

Sofia, my wife. But I don't know if she'd say the same. I put my ear plugs in and read a book.

EARLIEST TRAVEL MEMORY?

I was 13 when I first flew. I was in the Under-14 European Championships in Barcelona. Taking off was so exciting. But my earliest memory would be travelling in the car to Pontin's in Burnham-on-Sea, Somerset, with mum and dad.

A GOOD HOLIDAY READ?

The Lovely Bones, by Alice Sebold.



On the ball: Tennis pro Andrew Castle