

# SPOTTED@PICOTIN



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**Tell us something interesting about yourself.**

I was among the first wave of individual backpackers given a visa to travel through China in 1986. I traveled alone from Hong Kong and ended up in Lhasa overland by bus, but was never really alone. Met lots of like-minded backpackers along the way. One of the most memorable journeys so far...save Pakistan.

**What's the most daring thing you have done?**

Scaled a wall at night to sneak into Pere Lachaise cemetery, Paris – obviously more fun after hours.

**What are you passionate about and why?**

Politics and wine. Both are intriguing and affect my quality of life.

**What do your friends NOT know about you?**

Once, when we lived in Peshawar, Pakistan, I was involved in a high-speed car chase with crazed and armed Wahabis (Saudi jihadist)...I was riding on the back end of a Suzuki pickup truck loaded with liquor and beer (escorting it really as the GM of the American Club) and smoking a cigarette...as I did. Needless to say my head wasn't covered. The Wahabis were not amused...

**What do you like about Picotin?**

I always feel welcome and at home...When do you come here lunches / dinner / coffee? Dinner mainly.

**Your favorite dish at Picotin and why.**

The pan-fried foie gras and the smoked haddock...I can't decide. I'm a gourmand so the foie gras is right up my fat-loving alley and the haddock is a decadent nod towards healthy eating...

**If you had the chance to date a star what would you want to say to him and what would you do.**

I would love to meet George Clooney, who wouldn't? He seems to be passionate about the same things I am, politics and being a bon vivant. If he stood before you, what would you do? Squirm, stutter and make an ass of myself, almost certainly!

