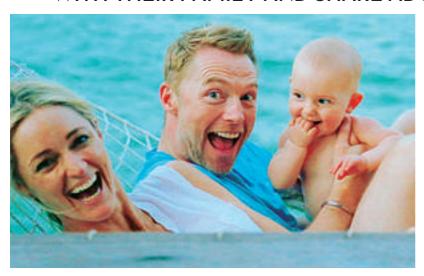


## FAMILY HOLIDAY ALBUM

## LIFE'S A BEACH!

## RONAN KEATING AND HIS WIFE STORM SOAK UP THE MALDIVES SUN WITH THEIR FAMILY AND SHARE ADORABLE SNAPS OF BABY COOPER







t's no wonder that Ronan Keating and his wife Storm look so blissfully happy in these holiday snaps. As Britain shivered and battled gales over the festive break, the couple instead whisked their family away for a glorious New Year holiday to the Maldives.

Former Boyzone singer Ronan, 40, and Australian blogger Storm, 36, stayed in a luxury villa at the swish Anantara Kihavah resort. They wasted no time posting a series of shots on Instagram of themselves exploring its pristine white beaches with their adorable eight-month-old son Cooper. The couple were joined on the break by Ronan's three children from his marriage to Yvonne Connolly — Jack, 18, Missy, 16, and Ali, 12.

After returning to London, Ronan exclusively told *OK*!: 'It's the best family holiday we've ever had,' adding: 'It was my first hot Christmas, but Storm is from Australia so she's used to turkey on the beach. It's a wonderful way of life and I got to experience it.'

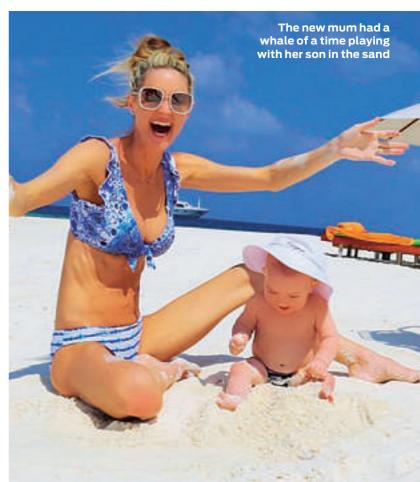
The couple were able to enjoy some downtime thanks to Cooper's older siblings taking on a babysitting role – something Ronan values. 'They adore him.

As soon as he was awake, either Jack, Missy or Ali were there looking after him and taking him for a walk,' he said. This left Ronan and Storm free to enjoy a mini date. 'We went off to play tennis,' he told us. 'It was a small thing, but getting away for an hour, just the two of us, was really lovely.'

The athletic family also enjoyed bike rides — 'They had our names written on the back and we went cycling around the island every day. It was magical,' Ronan recalled — as well as luxury dining experiences, movies under the stars, snorkelling and a trip to the resort's new panoramic lounge, SKY. 'It's an exceptional observatory on the roof where you look through an incredible telescope while drinking cocktails,' Ronan explained.

Looking sensational in a range of bikinis, Storm shared her thoughts on the trip with her Instagram followers. In one caption, she reflected of Cooper: 'He has totally lit up our lives & hearts from the moment he was born.' She simply captioned a shot of the whole family together on a jetty (facing page bottom left) with: 'KEATING.'

Unlike a lot of new parents, the couple didn't have to worry about











Cooper behaving. 'He's got great manners. People came up to us on the flight to say how amazing he was!' proud dad Ronan explained, adding: 'I felt so proud. He's a well-travelled fella — he'd been to 19 countries before he was even born!'

Storm called her husband her 'best friend' and 'whole heart' in another post. They tied the knot in August 2015 after meeting on the set of Australia's *The X Factor* in 2012, where Storm worked as a producer. Irish-born Ronan was a judge on the show following the collapse of his 17-year relationship with Yvonne.

To celebrate the upcoming 25th anniversary of Boyzone, Ronan and his bandmates are set to release a new album and embark on a world tour. His bandmate Shane Lynch is currently in the *Celebrity Big Brother* house, which Ronan accidentally revealed prematurely on Twitter. I jumped the gun with my tweet, but I was excited. I can't wait to see him in there. I reckon he'll win – there's no better man than him,' he told *OK*!.

The dad of four also recently revealed that on top of the tour, he'd love more babies with Storm – it sounds like a very busy year ahead!

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