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JK ROWLING has confirmed her elevation to the global jetset by booking a summer holiday in the Hamptons, the billionaires' playground off the New York coast.

The Harry Potter author is expected to spend two weeks next month with her family at the Long Island resort, in a mansion believed to cost at least £ 30,000 a week. Visitors to the area include Sir Paul McCartney, Sarah Jessica Parker, the Sex and the City actress, and Calvin Klein, the designer.

The house has seven bedrooms, 11 bathrooms, a gym, sauna, swimming pool, tennis court and three acres of land.

"She will be able to disappear," said Gary DePersia, a local estate agent. "There are so many stars here that being famous just becomes totally normal. You're not surprised when you see Paris Hilton out shopping."

Rowling, 40, who started her career in a chilly, one-bedroom, £ 70-a-week flat in Edinburgh, decided to take the holiday to fit in with a charity book-reading in August in New York. She was invited to the event by Stephen King, the horror novelist and Hamptons resident, and by John Irving, the novelist.

Fans will pay up to \$1,000 (£ 540) to hear authors read from their best known works, with money going to the Haven Foundation, a charity for artists who have suffered accidents or illnesses, and Medecins Sans Frontieres, the international medical charity.

Rowling said: "This was a great opportunity to raise money for two great, important causes, read to American fans for the first time in six years and get to meet and read alongside Stephen King and John Irving.

"Stephen pretended to be in suspense about my answer, but frankly, this was easily one of the most enticing propositions ever put to me in an envelope."

The event will be held in Manhattan's Radio City Music Hall, a two-hour drive from Rowling's holiday mansion.

One 72-year-old resident, near where Rowling will rent her house, has seen hundreds of celebrities since she opened a shop in 1980. She said: "It would take a lot to surprise us, I admit. But my grandson loves Harry Potter, so she's very welcome here. I hope she has a lovely time."

For locals, it is the Atlantic ocean that holds the biggest attraction. Rowling will spend the holiday with her husband Neil Murray, an anaesthetist; her eldest daughter Jessica, 13; son David, 3; and Mackenzie, their baby girl.

Many wealthy owners leave during the summer and rent out their properties to cash in on the demand.

Rowling's celebrity neighbours in the Hamptons include Roy Scheider, who starred in Jaws; Kurt Vonnegut, the author; Robert De Niro, the actor; Jerry Seinfeld, the comedian, Donna Karan, the designer, and Sean "Diddy" Combs, the rapper.

Rowling, who is ranked 122nd with a fortune of £ 520m in The Sunday Times Rich List, owns four properties in Britain, including a £ 1.5m mansion in Edinburgh and a £ 4.5m house in Kensington, central London. She is working on her seventh and final Potter novel.

Rowling's spokeswoman declined to comment on her holiday arrangements, saying: "She is going to America for these two charity nights and a personal trip."