



Bhutan, Kate revisits her white broderie anglaise peplum (above and below), first worn in London on the 2012 Jubilee Tour. This time, she teams it with a necklace given to her by Queen Elizabeth II. There was a new outfit for her trip to the Taj Mahal, a blue-and-white dress (below right) by Indian designer Naeem Khan, and earrings (right) Kate bought in Bhutan the day before.



TEAM KATE

The small but trusted band of women who help make the Duchess of Cambridge a fashion leader



Natasha Archer (above left), Kate's PA and unofficial stylist, the Duchess's hairdresser Amanda Cook Tucker (top right) and Sophie Agnew (above right), assistant to Kate's private secretary, help unload in Assam

Ensuring that the Duchess of Cambridge never looks less than picture-perfect is her behind-the-scenes "glam squad".

Team Kate, as they have become known, has made certain that she has shone every step of the way.

Key to the group are Natasha Archer, Kate's PA and unofficial stylist, and hairdresser Amanda Cook Tucker, who have been spotted ahead of every stop, working in tandem to retouch Kate's hair and make-up and tweak her outfit.

They cut glamorous figures themselves as they touched down in Assam last week, walking the red carpet laden with luggage and suit covers – the Duke of Cambridge's in red and blue and the Duchess's black with white trim.

Natasha, known affectionately at Kensington Palace as Tash, has proved an indispensable addition to the team since she joined the royal couple's staff more than three years ago. Her attention to detail and flair have been put to good use with Team Kate and she has been helping the mum of two remodel her style, steering her towards the likes of designers Jenny Packham and Alice Temperley as well as on-trend high-street labels.

"Initially, Kate was a reluctant fashion icon but now she enjoys it," a source close to Natasha has said.

online and calls in hundreds of dresses to try on. And she has persuaded Kate to take more risks."

It was Natasha who suggested customising the Anita Dongre Rajasthan-inspired dress that Kate wore to visit some of Mumbai's most deprived areas – and choosing a local designer won the Duchess brownie points with her hosts.

Natasha has been a near-constant presence at Kate's side since the birth of Prince George, along with hairdresser Amanda, who has been cutting the hair of Princes William and Harry since they were children.

She was one of a handful of people to attend Kate at St Mary's Hospital in London after she gave birth to George – she met the new Prince before Kate's parents.

While Kate uses other hair stylists – she was spotted visiting Richard Ward, who colours her hair, before leaving for India – she regards Amanda as a trusted friend. William and Kate are said to be covering Amanda's estimated £300-a-day bill for the tour privately.

Also spotted carrying bags from the plane in India was Sophie Agnew, the PA to the Duchess's private secretary Rebecca Deacon.

Rebecca previously worked for Prince Harry's charity Sentebale and is in charge of ensuring that the tour goes without a hitch.