

# Check-In

Andrea DeRosa and Ashley Manhan previously worked for some of the world's top design firms before forming LA-based Avenue Interior Design in 2010. Their ideal hotel stay brings a touch of old Hollywood glamour to the beaches of Madagascar.

Where are we? On a tiny island off the coast of Madagascar, lounging on the beach.

How did you get here? Ideally, in first class on British Airways direct to Madagascar. From there, George Clooney would man the wheel of a classic speedboat taking us to our island de jour.

# Who are you sharing your room with?

Of course we'd be shacking up together

- two wardrobes are always better than
one. Hopefully Rachel Zoe would also be
occupying our suite. She and her entourage
would have us laughing all day long and
looking our best (we wouldn't mind sharing
her suitcase too).

# Is there anything you would like waiting for you in your room on arrival?

A masseuse, champagne, fresh flowers, new swimsuits by Mara Hoffman or Zimmermann.

Who's at the concierge desk? Sam Nazarian.

And the owner / manager? Ian Schrager.

# Describe the hotel building, your room and the view...

The hotel would be a charming bungalow, something reminiscent of Chateau Marmont, very relaxed, with a bit of old Hollywood and lots of lush vegetation to conceal everyone's coming and goings. The room should have as much outdoor space as indoor space including a great balcony with the best oceanfront view.

#### Who designed it?

Tony Duquette and Karl Lagerfeld.

# What's the restaurant / bar like?

The restaurant would be mostly outdoor, very casual and comfortable with the best food on the island. The all white interior would be moody and illuminated by candlelight (think Pa Cri on St. Barts).

### Who are you dining with this evening?

- 1. Lady Gaga
- 2. Journalist and author Anderson Cooper
- 3. Mary-Kate & Ashley Olsen
- 4. TV host Andy Cohen
- 5. Jeff Koons

Who's manning the stoves? Nancy Silverton

# And what's on the menu?

Starter: A classic cheese plate of nuts, figs, honey and *prosciutto toscano* with a freshly baked baguette

Main: Homemade pasta (anything or preferably, everything) to start followed by short rib braised in red wine with leeks served over a bed of Parmesan polenta.

Dessert: Butterscotch budino with sea salt (à

la Mozza) and cappuccino ice cream (à la Dan

Would you like something to drink with that? Ice cold sparkling water, red wine and limoncello to round out the evening.

### What music is on the iPod on your inroom docking station?

The Rolling Stones, Janet Jackson and Jay-Z.

### What's on the movie channel?

- 1. Pretty Woman
- 2. Vicky Christina Barcelona
- 3. Any of Wes Anderson's films
- 4. Casino
- 5. Something's Gotta Give

And a book at bedtime? We prefer a magazine, Vogue or Vanity Fair.

What's in the mini-bar for a night cap? Something sweet or salty in a tiny package!

Would you like a newspaper or magazine in the morning? Get us to the beach!

That's where we'll be scouring this month's magazines.

What toiletries would you like to freshen up with? Anything by Bliss or Kate Somerville for Andrea, Skinceuticals for Ashley.