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Where are you?

New Zealand, a country we haven't yet been to.

How did you get there?

Teleporter. We spend a lot of time travelling and sometimes it would be nice to be teleported to a destination instead of taking long-haul flight.

Who is there to greet you on arrival?

Someone who is welcoming yet unobtrusive. They know when to assist and when to leave us to explore.

And who's at the concierge desk?

We're millennials, so as long as we have Wi-Fi and plenty of Apps, we rarely ask a concierge for help. We're much more likely to get recommendations from the bartender.

Who are you sharing your room with?

Our beloved family.

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

Chilled champagne, coffee and chocolates.

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

The room has panoramic views of the landscape, where we can observe mountains, sea, sun and endless sky. Interiors are elegant, yet comfortable, and are so well planned that we take photos of

every detail. They make us ask: "Why didn't we create such beautiful interiors!" The hotel itself is grand, but not pretentious, built and designed with high quality materials and finishes. There are a variety of different public spaces and community zones that we wish to explore.

Who designed it?

Wes Anderson. The characters from his movies inhabit the hotel, and Wes himself is not only the architect, but also a director of this amusement.

What's the restaurant and bar like?

The restaurant has delicious cuisine, distinguished interiors, subdued lighting, and a relaxing atmosphere. The space is organised in a way that you can escape to a quiet corner and people-watch. The essential for any bar is a sociable and charismatic barman – they should make you want to stay longer.

Who are you dining with this evening?

Wes Anderson; Japanese architect Tadao Ando; designer India Mahdavi; and graffiti artist Banksy.

Who's manning the stoves?

A young, unknown chef who is ambitious and has curated their own menu.

And what's on the menu?

Seafood, since we are by the sea.

Would you like something to drink with that?

Red wine.

What's on your nightstand at bedtime?

Our reliable assistant – a laptop. As even in the most wonderful hotel in the world we can't put our work and passion aside.

Would you like a newspaper or magazine in the morning?

No thanks, we prefer to check the internet for news.

What toiletries would you like to freshen up with?

We need many things, but our kit is compact. Travelling all the time, we have a special beauty case that we keep only for travelling.

Early morning alarm call or late check out?

Late check-out.

Bath or power shower?

We have different opinions. A shower for Olga, and a bath for Irina.

Full English, continental or something different?

We prefer breakfast a la carte, perhaps it does not have many variations, but it is special.

Swimming pool, spa or gym?

Swimming pool.

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