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CHECK-IN

Beverly Hills based Cheryl Rowley established her interior design practice in 1986. Since then the company has completed hotel projects for Starwood, Four Seasons, and Ritz Carlton. Her fantasy hotel is a Ryokan style inn in the natural hot spring region of Japan.



Name:

Cheryl Rowley

Position:

Principal

Company:

Cheryl Rowley Design

Notable projects:

Hotel Palomar Dallas
Ritz Carlton San Francisco
Jumby Bay Antigua
Hotel Monaco Washington
Four Seasons Philadelphia
Hotel Graciela Burbank
Riverbend Mansion & Spa
Hotel Casa Del Mar

Where are we?

Hakone, Japan.

Who are you sharing your room with?

My loving husband, who never fails to make me laugh out loud.

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

Orchids, steaming jasmine tea and extraordinary chocolates from Jin Patisserie.

Who's at the concierge desk?

A quiet and elegant woman who speaks no English, bows deeply in the traditional Japanese manner and arranges everything that we desire as if she is able to read our minds.

And the owner / manager?

Adrian Zecha; founder of Aman Resorts.

Describe your room...

Clean, minimal, natural. Tatami mats on the floor and shoji screens for privacy. A cotton-stuffed futon covered in the finest Egyptian linens floats in the center of the room. Tables are lacquered and low, the room glows in candlelight.

Who designed it?

Anouska Hempel.

What's the view like?

Shoji screens open onto a private garden filled with bamboo, maple trees and azaleas as a fresh water stream meanders through.

Who are you dining with this evening?

With my previously mentioned loving and very funny husband in our tatami-matted room.

Who's manning the stoves?

No stoves, only the freshest fish in the world prepared by the Master, Masa Takayama.

And what's on the menu?

Sashimi, sushi, fresh fruit and more of those Jin chocolates.

Would you like something to drink with that?

Sake and Beer

What CDs would like in your room?

1. Yo Yo Ma
2. Placido Domingo
3. Sting
4. Ella Fitzgerald
5. Nat King Cole

What's on the movie channel?

No television; only the starry night and the sound of rustling bamboo.

And a book at bedtime?

'Shogun' by James Clavell.

What's in the mini-bar for a night cap?

Hine Antique XO Cognac, 2004.

Would you like a newspaper or magazine in the morning?

Neither, just a quiet walk along the lake shore.

What toiletries would you like to freshen up with in the morning?

Fresh Rice Sake Bath and Fresh Rice Sake Dry Oil.

MULTIPLE CHOICE SECTION:

Full English, continental or something different?

Japanese Breakfast.

Swimming pool, spa or gym?

A good soak in the hot mineral pools followed by a bracing pummelling under a cold waterfall.

Cafetiere / fresh milk, kettle / UHT or room service?

Hot green tea delivered to my room.

Early morning alarm call or late check out?

Wake early to the sound of chirping birds.

Bath, jacuzzi or power shower?

An outdoor shower followed by a hot mineral bath.