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'DISCOVER BANGKOK' WITH BESPOKE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES FROM MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK

Hong Kong, 13 August 2013 – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok</u> is delighted to introduce its *Discover Bangkok* package featuring <u>luxurious accommodation</u> and an a la carte menu of carefully curated experiences in one of the world's most dynamic destinations.

Tailored for first-time visitors and seasoned travelers alike, the *Discover Bangkok* package offers guests an exciting collection of culturally rich adventures ranging from a private tour of the city's ancient temples to an insider's guide of Bangkok's eclectic art galleries.

"Many of our guests tend to come to Bangkok for just a few nights because they wish to fit in as many places as possible during their vacation. They are often anxious about experiencing as much of Bangkok as possible," says General Manager, Amanda Hyndman. "The *Discover Bangkok* package helps guests maximize their time and create an experience that best suits their interests and preferences. This way, guests arrive with an itinerary in place, hit the ground running and are more relaxed knowing the hotel has everything already arranged for them."

The *Discover Bangkok* package starts from USD 1,350 and includes:

- Two nights accommodation
- Daily breakfast al fresco on The Riverside Terrace
- One lunch at Sala Rim Naam, the hotel's popular Thai restaurant
- Round trip BMW limousine airport transfers
- One of the following curated a la carte experiences

Cultural Journey: Includes some of Bangkok's most iconic 'must-sees': Temple of Dawn, Reclining Buddha and an exclusive, guided tour with the resident curator of the Grand Palace's



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Queen Sirikit Museum of Textiles. This journey also includes dinner at the hotel's Riverside Terrace restaurant and a 90-minute Thai massage at the hotel's <u>legendary Oriental Spa</u>.

Heritage Journey: Features a private tour of the Vimanmek Teak Mansion and the famed Jim Thompson house followed by traditional afternoon tea in the hotel's colonial-style <u>Authors'</u> <u>Lounge</u>. A Thai cuisine dinner at the hotel's Sala Rim Naam Thai restaurant and a 90-minute Thai massage at the hotel's Oriental Spa is also included.

Master Chef Journey: Immerse in the art of Thai cooking at the hotel's Thai Cooking School, Bangkok's oldest cooking school, with Chef Narain and a private lesson that ends with a Thai meal cooked by the class. The day finishes with the Oriental Spa's 90-minute Thai massage.

Culinary Journey: This culinary adventure begins with a morning visit to the local market with Thai celebrity chef Chef Vichit Mukura. Guests will select ingredients for dinner that evening at Vichit's *Chef's Table*, located in his custom-made demonstration kitchen in the hotel's Sala Rim Naam restaurant.

Floral Journey: Mandarin Oriental's Floral Director leads a private tour of Bangkok's Flower Market with its intoxicating aromas and exotic flowers, followed by a 90-minute step-by-step floral design class. A 90-minute Thai massage at the Oriental Spa and a three-course set dinner at the hotel's renowned Lord Jim's restaurant is also included.

Wellness & Spa Journey: Immerse in Thai wellness and meditation practices with 90-minutes of yoga and guided mediation with the hotel's yogic healer. The session is followed by the Oriental Spa's 90-minute Signature Treatment that uses a customized blend of essential oils and hot herbal compresses to massage the body into total relaxation. End the day with a set dinner, Spa Cuisine menu at Lord Jim's.



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Artistic Journey: This is an exclusive 'insider tour' of some of Bangkok's most eclectic art galleries including *P Tender Cool, Wrap Studio 54*, the *Lamont Gallery, Serindia* and *H Gallery*. End a busy day of gallery tours with the Oriental Spa's 90-minute Thai massage and a Cantonese dinner at the hotel's art deco-style China House.

The *Discover Bangkok* package is based on two nights accommodation and double occupancy. Additional nights, guests and/or an additional journey may be added at an additional price. This package is based on availability and does not include tax and service charges. The *Discover Bangkok* package is available now through 30 September 2014. For more information, please visit www.mandarinoriental.com/bangkok or call +66 (2) 659 9000.

About Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok

Built in 1876 and ideally located on the banks of the Chao Phraya River, Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok has been an inspiration to a host of world-renowned writers from Joseph Conrad, Somerset Maugham to Wilbur Smith and John Le Carre. Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok boasts an international reputation for splendid service, style and grace and facilities including eight restaurants. The hotel's private teakwood shuttle boats provide daily access to the world famous Thai Cooking School, the hotel's Thai restaurant, the award-winning Oriental Spa and Health Centre located across the River; as well as the nearest skytrain station (SaphanTaksin) and River City Shopping Centre.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts. The Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing over 11,000 rooms in 27 countries, with 19 hotels in Asia, 12 in The Americas and 14 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates, or has under development, 14 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.



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