

# news release

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## **MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK INTRODUCES A BESPOKE PRIVATE JOURNEY TO THE ORIENTAL EDEN OF THE EAST**

**Hong Kong, 23 October 2014** – [Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok](#) is delighted to introduce ‘Oriental Eden of the East’, an exclusive package that offers discerning travellers an unparalleled private journey to explore Thailand’s idyllic islands in superlative luxury. The ten-night package includes four nights luxurious accommodation at Bangkok’s legendary *La Grande Dame* and a six-night private cruise onboard *Geisha*, [an ultra luxurious exploration yacht](#), around the Koh Chang Archipelago in the Gulf of Thailand, also known as the Oriental Eden of the East.

Guests start their journey on the banks of the majestic Chao Phraya River with a two-night stay in an [Authors’ Suite](#) at Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok. These suites are tributes to some of the great literary figures that have stayed at the hotel over the years, including Graham Greene, Norman Mailer, John Le Carre, Barbara Cartland and Wilbur Smith.

Here a carefully curated collection of experiences lets guests savour the hotel’s legendary service, from Champagne Afternoon Tea in the elegant surroundings of the historic [Authors’ Lounge](#), to a trip back in time with a new permanent exhibition called ‘The Oriental Journey’ which showcases an extraordinary collection of memorabilia and photographs, which chronicle the hotel’s 140-year history.

Home to nine [outstanding restaurants and bars](#), Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok is the city’s premier gourmet destination. The ‘Oriental Eden of the East’ package includes daily breakfast at Riverside Terrace; a sumptuous seafood buffet lunch at Lord Jim’s; an international barbecue buffet at Riverside Terrace; fine dining at Le Normandie, one of Asia’s best loved French restaurants; and a private Chef’s Table experience at Sala Rim Naam. Budding chefs will delight in a cooking class at The Oriental Thai Cooking School, the first Thai cooking school in Bangkok.

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At [The Oriental Spa](#), guests will be pampered with two unique signature spa treatments each, as well as a luxurious and results-oriented signature facial treatment from [QMS Medicosmetics](#), experts in the field of aging, collagen technology and regeneration.

Guests can also explore the cultural riches and local life along Bangkok's fascinating canal maze with a private klong tour.

Other luxury touches include fast track service at Suvarnabhumi Airport (BKK) and airport transfers with a chauffeur driven BMW 7 series.

On the third day, after a short flight to Trat Airport (TDX), guests embark the 32-metre customized *Geisha*, with styling that is reminiscent of a New York loft, scattered with fine art and rare objects by some of the world's best contemporary designers that splendidly reveal the privileged *art de vivre* of her French owners.

Offering 400 square metres of living space on three decks with three guest cabins, *Geisha* is ideal for a private holiday for up to six guests. The 200 square metre main deck features indoor and outdoor living and dining areas, a piano bar and library. The master cabin with an en-suite bathroom and walk-in closet is located on the top deck with stunning 180 degrees views through floor-to-ceiling windows. A 60 square metre flying bridge offers guests the perfect respite to lie back on the sun-kissed deck and relish the ocean breezes.

The owners, Eric and Marie Poisson, are the onboard hosts and ensure tailor made experiences to please every whim, from dining to entertainment and excursions. Eric, a music lover, art collector and former curator of the famed *Musée Matisse* who once owned the prestigious *Château de Gairaut* on the French Riviera, is a consummate chef and a student of Alain Ducasse, Roger Vergé and Joël Robuchon. Marie is a former antique dealer, classical pianist and a student of the Reiki Institute.

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For Eric and Marie, being aboard *Geisha* is living a dream come true. “It is our passion, and one that we love to share with fellow travellers. Exploring this beautiful part of the world while enjoying the good life through, art, music, food and wine is a wonderful and exciting adventure, that uplifts mind, body and spirit,” says Eric.

The Mu Koh Chang Marine Park is home to some of the most picturesque islands in Thailand, with a magical underwater world, uninhabited desert islands and quaint fishing villages to explore. Other activities and excursions on offer include big game fishing, net fishing, massages and other healing treatments by Marie, and cooking classes by Eric.

At the end of this once-in-a-lifetime journey through this aquatic Garden of Eden, guests will return to Bangkok for a two-night stay at the legendary *La Grande Dame*.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok’s ‘Oriental Eden of the East’ exclusive package is valid from 1 November 2014 to 30 April 2015. Rates start from USD 45,000 based on two sharing. For more information or to make a reservation, please email [Mobkk-Sales@mohg.com](mailto:Mobkk-Sales@mohg.com) or contact +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.

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