## news release

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# EXPERIENCE A NIGHT AT THE OPERA WITH MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA

**Hong Kong, 15 September 2014** – <u>Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona</u>, is delighted to offer a new Opera Package for the season 2014-2015 which includes luxurious accommodation at one of the hotel's <u>exclusive new suites</u>.

Created for music and cultural lovers, this special two-night programme includes luxury accommodation in one of the hotel's exclusive suites with butler service, combined with a private experience at the prestigious Opera House, *Gran Teatre del Liceu*. Guests will have VIP seats, a private tour to discover the secrets of the theatre, a glass of Champagne in the most ancient private Club in Spain *Circulo del Liceo*, plus a cold dinner served in the restaurant of the club, which is usually only accessible to members. At the end of the performance, guests will be escorted backstage to the artists' dressing rooms to meet with the singers.

The private tour starts at the elegant Renaissance styled *Vestibul del Teatre* and continues along the *Hall of Mirrors*, that has been a meeting place for the Catalan bourgeoisie for many years. Champagne and dinner will be served in the *Cercle of Liceu*, founded in 1847, which is a private English-style club with a unique artistic heritage. After the performance, the experience will end with a special backstage visit.

The performance itself takes place in the Sala de Concerts, which is an exact replica of the magnificent original hall designed by architect Miquel Roca in 1847.

From September 2014 to June 2015, guests will be able to choose between a variety of unique and acclaimed opera performances and have access to the best seats:

Il Barbieri di Siviglia from Giochino Rossini; La Traviate from Giuseppe Verdi; Maria Stuarda from Gaetano Donizetti; Norma from Vicenzo Bellini; Carmen from Georges Bizet;
I Due Foscari from Giuseppe Verdi; Cosi Fan Tutte from W.A. Mozart and Don Pasquale from Gaetano Donizetti



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Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona's Opera package is valid from **15 September 2014 to 27 June 2015**. Rates start from EUR 5.700 based on two sharing and include:

- Two nights luxury accommodation in one of the hotel's exclusive suites
- Butler service during the stay
- Daily continental breakfast for two persons served in-room or buffet breakfast for two at the restaurant
- VIP welcome amenity and a bottle of Cava upon arrival
- Private guided visit at Gran Teatre del Liceu with dinner and two VIP tickets
- Private transfer from/to the Opera House

For reservations call Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona at + (34) 93 151 88 88 or visit www.mandarinoriental.com

#### About Gran Teatre del Liceu Barcelona

The Gran Teatre del Liceu stands in the centre of Barcelona's bustling Rambla, the iconic promenade in the Old Quarter, which has retained its leading role and colourful personality over the years. Barcelona's opera house, the Gran Teatre del Liceu, was founded on the Rambla in 1847 and has continued over the years to fulfil its role as a culture and arts centre and one of the symbols of the city.

Works by Catalan composers such as Pedrell, Granados, Morera, Pahissa, Vives, Toldrà, Montsalvatge and Gerhard have been staged at the Liceu. Some of the best voices of all time – foremost among them the Catalan singers Victoria de los Ángeles, Montserrat Caballé, Jaume Aragall and Josep Carreras – have been heard there too, and the finest conductors and operatic stage directors have worked there.

Sets by traditional Catalan designers - Soler i Rovirosa, Vilomara, Junyent, Alarma, Mestres Cabanes, and by avant-garde artists - including Bakst, Picasso, Cocteau and Miró have adorned the Liceu's stage.



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### About The Circulo del Liceo

The Circulo del Liceo (The Opera House Club) is a private club designed in the English style, with a unique artistic heritage. It offers a series of elegant salons, a conference room, library, restaurant and many other services in an iconic building of the city of Barcelona, which the Circulo shares with the Gran Teatro del Liceu. Inaugurated in 1847, the Circulo remains to this day a point of reference for the social and cultural life of Barcelona and Catalonia.

The exuberant Art Nouveau decoration is complemented by a significant collection of artistic works, many of which are without equal in the city for their importance and excellent state of preservation.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona

Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona is an elegant, contemporary hotel in the heart of the avantgarde city's celebrated Passeig de Gràcia. Located in a renovated mid-20th century building, the hotel offers exceptional services and facilities including an award-winning spa, innovative dining at <u>Blanc Brasserie & Gastrobar</u> and two Michelin-starred dining at <u>Moments</u> by Carme Ruscalleda, within an exquisite interior created by world renowned Spanish designer Patricia Urquiola.

#### **About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group**

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 45 hotels representing close to 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, ten in The Americas and 15 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 13 Residences at Mandarin Oriental connected to its properties.

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