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GRAND LAPA MACAU, PREVIOUSLY NAMED AS MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MACAU

Mandarin Oriental, Macau, one of the most elegant and well-known hotels on the Macau peninsula, has been renamed <u>Grand Lapa, Macau</u>, as of 1 August 2009. The hotel continues to be managed by Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group.

Continuing a proud tradition of service excellence and guest satisfaction, Grand Lapa, Macau will retain the welcoming, resort-style atmosphere of the property, together with the range of fine dining restaurants, spa and bars that are already renowned among locals and visitors alike.

Grand Lapa, Macau takes its name from the Lapa district in Lisbon, Portugal. From high atop one of Lisbon's many hills, Lapa commands panoramic views of the Tagus River, and is home to the palatial mansions of many of Portugal's socialites and celebrities. Charming cobblestone streets wind steeply through this historic district, lined with quaint colourful villas and culminating in the beautiful Lapa Palace built in 1870.

True to its namesake, Grand Lapa, Macau features strong Portuguese influences reflected in its impressive lobby, luxurious suites, tantalising menus, soothing spa, and lush Mediterranean style gardens and pool area.

The logo of Grand Lapa, Macau perfectly embodies the fusion of Portuguese and Chinese culture that so epitomises Macau. Inspiration for the logo comes from the simplified Chinese character in the hotel's name, meaning beauty and grace, while at the same time taking the form of a Portuguese-style window, reflecting the exterior style and personality of the hotel. The logo is symbolic of the fact that Macau has historically been a window for cultural and commercial exchange between East and West.

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The window design of the logo can also be seen in one of the greatest treasures of Grand Lapa, Macau, a replica of the magnificent window in the chapel of the Convent of Christ of Tomar, which greets guests as they arrive in the elegant lobby. The original window, carved in stone in 1510, is a Portuguese national treasure and a symbol of Portugal's great Age of Discovery. The replica's intricate carvings took artists 3,650 hours to recreate.

The lobby of Grand Lapa, Macau reflects the harmony of colonial and oriental influences that define Macau and its culture. Chinese craftsmanship combines with Portuguese styling to create a uniquely Macanese ambience, opulent yet welcoming at the same time. From the towering wooden staircase to the baroque style arches over the reception area, to the flourishing sub-tropical greenery, Grand Lapa, Macau lobby leaves guests in no doubt that they have arrived in one of the finest hotels, in one of the most historically significant territories in Asia.

Grand Lapa, Macau offers guests a range of stylish and comfortable accommodation including <u>388 spacious guestrooms and 28 suites</u>. Centrally located, it provides an exclusively relaxing resort-style escape, ideal for families and couples, and just minutes from the Macau Ferry Terminal and downtown Macau.

All the hotel's spacious rooms are decorated in Portuguese fabrics and teak furnishings. The height of luxury at Grand Lapa, Macau can be experienced in the magnificently furnished 2000-square-foot suites, featuring Asian and Macanese themes, Iberian-inspired fabrics and striking antique reproductions.

Complementing the themes of cultural fusion throughout the property are the Grand Lapa Macau's <u>superb dining outlets</u> including Kam Lai Heen Chinese Restaurant, Cafe Bela Vista, NAAM Thai Restaurant and Vasco.

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Entering the inviting, charming surrounds of Cafe Bela Vista, guests are transported back to the splendour of colonial Macau, with classic columns and mosaic floors, sunlit archways and a distinctly homely, Portuguese feel. Guests can savour authentic Macanese and Portuguese cuisine for breakfast, lunch and dinner, and delight in the weekend seafood buffet offering only the freshest catches of the day.

Venturing beyond Macau to the tastes of its Asian neighbours, NAAM Thai Restaurant serves sumptuous Thai delicacies in contemporary yet exotic surrounds. NAAM is the Thai word for water, and accordingly the restaurant overlooks the lush tropical gardens around the swimming pool. The restaurant's centrepiece is a striking water fountain and pond that delights diners with the soothing sounds of splashing water while they feast on delectable Thai cuisine.

Enjoying a leisurely afternoon is something both the Portuguese and Macanese know how to do well, and guests are invited to relax and be pampered in <u>The Spa</u> at Grand Lapa, Macau. Professional therapists will guide guests to a blissful state of rest with the signature Macanese Sangria treatment. An all-natural yoghurt, rice and grape-skin scrub cleanses the skin, followed by a long soak in a red-wine basket Jacuzzi, before the treatment ends with a gentle oil massage, guests all the while sipping on ice cold sangria cocktails.

Grand Lapa, Macau continues the standards of excellence of the only luxury resort hotel on the Macau peninsula, fusing the rich elements of Portuguese, Chinese and Macanese culture and heritage with superb service and world-class facilities. Here, guests can experience an unforgettable holiday.



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About Grand Lapa, Macau

Ideally located near the Macau-Hong Ferry Terminal and Macau International Airport, <u>Grand</u> <u>Lapa, Macau</u> is the only resort hotel set in the city centre that offers superior facilities for both business and leisure travellers. Spread across 15,000 square metres, the <u>416-room</u> hotel boasts <u>three restaurants and a bar</u> presenting international cuisine as well as Asian delights, world-class <u>spa</u>, fitness facilities, a supervised children's centre and a 10-metre rock climbing tower.

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