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A CORONATION CELEBRATION AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL HYDE PARK, LONDON

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London offers Royal Picnics in the Park to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation

Hong Kong, 3 May 2013 -- In celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's coronation, which took place on 2 June 1953, [Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London](#) has created a regal-themed hamper for guests' to enjoy luxury picnics in the park during the English summer.

In tribute to The Queen's famous garden parties, and inspired by the hotel's tranquil location adjacent to Royal Hyde Park, Executive Chef Chris Tombling and his culinary team have created a mouth-watering hamper, filled with the best of British delicacies directly inspired by The Queen's sixty years of reign. The Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park's royal picnic hampers include:

- *Coronation Chicken Salad* with seasonal summer leaves, sour dough bread and Netherend butter; the dish invented for the original banquet to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's coronation
- *Garden Pea Panna Cotta* with poached asparagus and citrus vinaigrette
- *Selection of Finger Sandwiches*; Scottish Smoked Salmon, Cucumber and Dill; Dorset Crab Fondue, Egg and watercress; Ham and Mustard
- *Selection of Traditional Tea Cakes*; Victoria Sponge; Dundee cake
- *Selection of Classic Deserts*; Summer Pudding; Lemon Tart;
- *English Strawberries* with double cream
- *A cheese selection from the British Isles*; Mull cheddar; Colston Basset Stilton and Somerset Brie, Oatcakes and Red Onion and Fig Marmalade
- *House made Elderflower cordial*

Available from 1 June 2013 to start the summer season, the picnics will be priced at GBP 180 for two people.



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For guests' wishing to experience a stay at [Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London](#) throughout June and July, lead-in rates start from GBP 445 + VAT per night, based on two people sharing in one of the hotel's Courtyard King rooms, subject to availability, inclusive of breakfast. Rates include a tailor-made, celebratory 1953 silk, pocket square by British brand Hackett for all dapper gentleman, while ladies will receive a pair of fun, funky and fabulous *Mandarina* ballet pumps in royal red and decorated with white crowns, from the *Mandarina* Crown Collection, designed to coincide with the 2013 Coronation Festival.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park has long had royal routes; Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the late Princess Margaret first learned to dance in the gilded ballroom, while Prince Charles and Princess Anne visited the tearooms as children. More recently, the hotel was the venue for a spectacular gala dinner before the royal marriage of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in 2011.

About Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London

With bustling Knightsbridge on its doorstep and leafy Hyde Park at its rear, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park is London's most prestigious address. Blending sumptuous guestrooms with a world-leading spa and a stylish bar, it is the definitive destination for a luxury escape. And with two award-winning restaurants including Bar Boulud, London and Dinner by Heston Blumenthal, the first London restaurant for one of the UK's most renowned chefs, Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park stands at the culinary centre of the capital.

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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