## news release

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# ENJOY A CULTURAL EXTRAVAGANZA, THE $6^{\mathrm{TH}}$ MARRAKECH BIENNALE, WITH MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MARRAKECH

**Hong Kong, 11 February 2016 -** Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is providing VIP passes and tours for guests visiting the Marrakech Biennale. Aside from offering an opportunity to discover the modern side of Marrakech, the citywide contemporary arts festival, held between 24 February and 3 May 2016, will enable guests to explore its cultural heritage, because much of it will be held in the city's historic buildings.

By booking the <u>VIP Biennale Art Break</u> package at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech, guests will receive luxury accommodation at the hotel and experience a rare and personal insight to the Biennale, with VIP passes for unpublished visits to exhibitions, studios and monuments, guided tours, invites to private parties and opportunities to meet participating artists.

Located only a few minutes from the Medina, Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech provides easy access to the city's main attractions, while remaining a tranquil oasis surrounded by 20 hectares of its own lush gardens, where guests can enjoy a <u>luxurious stay</u> in a comfortable Berber inspired villa or suite.

The <u>VIP Biennale Art Break</u> is priced from EUR 850 for a suite and EUR 1,250 for a villa based on double occupancy, and includes:

- Accommodation in a Suite or a Villa for three nights
- Full daily buffet breakfast served in the <u>restaurant</u>
- Complimentary high speed internet access
- Round trip transfer from Marrakech Menara Airport
- Fast Track service at Marrakech Menara Airport
- Marrakech Biennale VIP Patron's Pass for two\*
- Special tour of the Biennale exhibition with the Assistant Curator
- Private tour of an artist's studio or historic monuments, such as Dar El Bacha and Pasha El Glaoui's palaces
- Invites to private VIP parties attended by the artists (depending on stay dates)



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The *VIP Biennale Art Break* is available for minimum stays of three nights from 24 February to 3 May 2016.

\*For guests staying during the first week of the event (between 24 - 28 February 2016), an additional exclusive invitation to the Biennale opening events and Curator's Talk is available.

Reservations can be made online at <a href="www.mandarinoriental.com">www.mandarinoriental.com</a> or by contacting the reservations department at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech on +212 5 24 29 88 88 / <a href="momrk-reservations@mohg.com">momrk-reservations@mohg.com</a>.

#### **About the Marrakech Biennale**

First held in 2004, The Marrakech Biennale is an internationally recognized cultural event that celebrates contemporary art with a thriving programme of performances, exhibitions, films, seminars, lectures and more. During Marrakech Biennale 2016, artists and professionals from around the world will exhibit their works in different historical locations across the city to celebrate all forms of art.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech

Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set among 20 hectares of landscaped gardens filled with the scent of 100,000 roses, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Located just 10 minutes' drive from the heart of the city and the historic Medina, the hotel offers 54 private villas inspired by Berber and Andalusian-Arabic influences, all with secluded walled gardens, swimming pools and hot tubs, extensive areas for sunbathing and shaded alfresco dining. A further nine spectacular suites, seven with their own rooftop plunge pool, feature panoramic vistas of the gardens and the surrounding countryside. There are a variety of exceptional restaurants and bars, and a world-class spa offering the Group's renowned signature treatments as well as treatments inspired by Moroccan traditions. The luxury experience is completed by the group's unparalleled service, allied to the best traditions and hospitality of the Moroccan Kingdom.



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

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