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DISCOVER "CHINA'S TERRACOTTA WARRIORS" AT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM WITH MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SAN FRANCISCO

Exclusive Travel Package with Special Amenities to View Landmark U.S. Exhibition from One of the Greatest Archaeological Discoveries in Modern History

Hong Kong, 8 February 2013 – Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco is delighted to offer guests access to the prestigious new exhibition "China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy," on view at San Francisco's Asian Art Museum from February 22 through May 27, 2013. This rare U.S. exhibition, organized by the Asian Art Museum in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts, the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Relics Bureau and Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Centre, People's Republic of China, will publicly showcase Emperor Qin Shihuang's (259-210BC) attempts to conquer death and achieve immortality.

The unique exhibition features 120 exceptional objects from the great tomb complex of China's First Emperor Qin Shihuang, including 8 life-size Terracotta Warriors and 2 horses. Captivating the world since its discovery in 1974, the First Emperor's tomb complex is one of the largest burial sites ever constructed, taking 700,000 labourers nearly 40 years to build. Perhaps most impressive are the estimated 8,000 terracotta figures excavated to date including warriors of all ranks, acrobats, musicians, and horses.

To celebrate the exhibition opening, Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco is delighted to offer the "*Terracotta Warriors*" travel package, featuring luxurious accommodation, a keepsake about the exhibit, and special access to the exhibition at the Asian Art Museum. The "*Terracotta Warriors*" package includes:

- Luxurious accommodation for one night
- Two VIP admission tickets to the Asian Art Museum and *China's Terracotta*Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy
- Official exhibition catalogue featuring information about the First Emperor and his burial complex



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Rates for the one-night "*Terracotta Warriors*" package begin at USD 545 and are valid from February 22 through May 12, 2013. Rates are based upon a one-night stay, are exclusive of tax, and are subject to availability and change. Additional room nights may be available at prevailing rates. For reservations or more information, please call +1 800 622 0404 or visit www.mandarinoriental.com/sanfrancisco

Exhibition Credit

China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy is organized by the Asian Art Museum (AAM) in partnership with the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA), the Shaanxi Provincial Cultural Relics Bureau and Shaanxi Cultural Heritage Promotion Centre, People's Republic of China. The exhibition is curated by Liu Yang, head of the Asian Art Department and curator of Chinese art at the MIA. The AAM's presentation is curated by Li He, associate curator of Chinese art. The exhibition is accompanied by an extensive catalogue featuring essays by Liu Yang and other leading scholars, plus a full schedule of exhibition related public programs.

About the Asian Art Museum

The Asian Art Museum – Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renown collection of more than 18,000 Asian Art treasures spanning 6000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life, while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking. For more information, please contact +1 (415) 581-3500 or visit www.asianart.org

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ranked among the world's top hotels by leading authorities. Features include *Institutional Investor's* 'World's Best Hotels 2012', *Conde Nast Traveler* Readers Choice Awards 2012 'Top 25 Hotels in N. California', *Travel* + *Leisure* 'World's Best Hotels' Awards 2011, *U.S. News & World Report's* 'Hotels in the USA', and is one of *Andrew Harper's Hideaway Report's* 2011 'Top 20 City Hotels in the World'.

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