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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, SAN FRANCISCO INVITES GUESTS TO TOAST LUXURY

From Vineyards to a Brewery, Special Packages Offer Variety for Drink Connoisseurs

Hong Kong, 10 June 2013 - <u>Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco</u> is delighted to announce a new *Toast to Luxury* package combining a two-night stay in San Francisco with chauffeured service to a choice of wine, gin, and beer tastings. Wine connoisseurs can experience the finest vineyards of Sonoma County or Napa Valley, or choose to imbibe in a variety of the Bay Area's finest drinks as selected by the hotel's in-house expert Wine Director, Ms. Nicole Kosta.

The package can be personalized and provides each guest with <u>luxurious accommodations</u> at Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco including daily breakfast for two in the comfort of a guest room or in the signature restaurant, <u>Brasserie S&P</u>. Chauffeur services from Encore Livery will whisk guests to their selected destinations for a full day of discovery and tastings.

The Toast to Luxury package starts at USD 1,525 and consists of:

- Two nights stay in a luxurious guestroom
- Daily breakfast for two
- Eight hours of chauffeur services provided by Encore Livery
- A choice of tastings in Sonoma County, Napa Valley, or in the Bay Area as pre-selected by Wine Director Nicole Kosta at an additional cost

Guests can select a trip to enjoy the world-class Sonoma wine region. Package includes:

- A morning walk in the organic gardens of <u>Medlock Ames Winery</u> along the olive orchard to the vineyards of the Alexander Valley's most beautiful estate to a seated tasting of five wines.
- Savor Bordeaux-style <u>Capture Wines</u> in a flight tailored to the guests' palates and cellar needs at the owner's historic Victorian home.

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• A fun and educational tour of <u>Red Car Winery</u> production facility and cellar with tastes including limited production reserve wines of cool-climate Chardonnay, Pinot Noir, and Syrah.

Alternatively, guests can also select a trip to Napa Valley, one of the world's premier wine regions. Package includes:

- A private tasting and tour at the historic <u>Ehlers Estate Winery</u> in the heart of the St. Helena Appellation where guests can taste the signature *Cabernet Sauvignon 1886* and other highlights from their portfolio elegantly paired with local artisan chocolate truffles. These are bold, authentic, terroir-driven wines where 100% of the vineyards are certified organic and biodynamic.
- A classic experience at <u>ZD Wines</u> of several current vintage and reserve wines with a private guided tour through the cellar and an exclusive sampling of soon to be released wine maturing in the barrel. Each visit includes a tasting at the private patio garden with artisan cheese selections and an opportunity to taste rare wines from ZD's extensive collection.
- A choice between an elegant art gallery tour or an educational vineyard tour at <u>Hess</u> <u>Collection</u>, tucked at the base of Mount Veeder, to taste premium wines perfectly paired with house made artisan charcuterie collection.

For a unique opportunity to hold three distinct glasses in one day, guests can choose to take the Bay Area journey. Package includes:

• A "Beer for Breakfast" tasting of six local beers on tap with <u>Brasserie S&P</u>'s sommeliers paired with breakfast favorites prepared by Executive Chef Adam Mali.

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- A guided tasting tour of <u>St. George Spirits</u> Artisan Distillers located in Alameda to help guests learn how to approach and appreciate spirits. Guests can see exactly what goes into crafting the spirits. Each tasting includes a selection of artisanal gins, whiskey, bourbon, vodka, absinthe, rum, brandies, and liqueurs all made onsite.
- A private tour with winemaker John Fones of the facilities and cellars of San Francisco's <u>Cellars 33 Winery</u>

Toast to Luxury package is valid now through 2 September 2013, must be booked 72 hours in advance, and tastings cannot be substituted. For reservations and further details, please contact the hotel at +1 800 622 0404, or visit Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's online reservation service at <u>www.mandarinoriental.com/sanfrancisco</u>.

About Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco

The 158-room Mandarin Oriental, San Francisco is located in the heart of the city and offers unparalleled panoramic views of the bay and beyond from the top 11 floors of San Francisco's third tallest building, 345 California Center. Having recently completed an extensive refurbishment during its 25th Anniversary year with the addition of *Brasserie S&P* restaurant and bar, and an 8,000 square foot <u>Spa and Fitness Center</u>, the hotel is consistently ranked among the world's top hotels by leading authorities. Features include *Conde Nast Traveler* 'Hot List' 2013 and Readers Choice Awards 2012 'Top 25 Hotels in N. California', *Institutional Investor's* 'World's Best Hotels 2012', *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'. For reservations or more information, please call +1 800 622 0404 or visit www.mandarinoriental.com/sanfrancisco

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