



SONGKRAN CELEBRATIONS AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BANGKOK



SONGKRAN TRADITION WELL PRESERVED

Songkran, the Thai New Year will be celebrated from April 13 to 15. According to tradition the Songkran festival is considered as a joyful family reunion and Thais who live and work in other cities will return home to visit their parents.

It is the perfect time of year for family members to spend quality time together on activities such as dining, touring and visiting temples for Thai New Year's blessings. This period includes 13th April as National Senior Citizen's Day and 14th April as National Family Day.

This year the Oriental Family would be honoured to be selected as the location for your family to celebrate and preserve this enriched tradition. Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok has arranged traditional activities connected to the Songkran festival and Thai culture ensuring you can fully participate in this world-renowned tradition. We hope that our younger guests will be fascinated with choices of Thai-inspired activities which they might not have experienced before, and that they will collect lifelong memories of their Songkran festival at Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok.

WATER POURING CEREMONY FROM 13 - 15 APRIL 2021

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok preserves the tradition and arranges a Water Pouring Ceremony, called Rod Nam Dam Hua in Thai, offering your family members the perfect way to express the gratitude and respect to parents and senior members of the family at Riverside Terrace with a magnificent view of Chao Phraya river as the background. According to Thai tradition, this exercise will strengthen the bond and harmony within the family. Junior members will take this opportunity to express their respect and also apologise to the seniors if they have made any mistakes in the past year. Seniors will take this opportunity to wish their children or grandchildren the best for the New Year.

The ceremony will take place from 1 pm - 3 pm, 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm at Riverside Terrace.



SONGKRAN SEAFOOD BUFFET DINNER FROM 13 - 15 APRIL 2021

Since the Songkran holiday is dedicated to family reunions, Riverside Terrace will offer a spectacular seafood buffet featuring premium seafood combined with Thai and western specialities. There is no better place to treat your family than Riverside Terrace where there is something for everyone. Enjoy delectable cuisine, while enjoying conversation with your family as the sun sets across the Chao Phraya river.

- THB 3,200++ per person for adult
- THB 2,100++ per person for child (6-12 years old)

Exclusively enjoy “2 for 1” offer when you stay with us during this Songkran festival.

ALMS OFFERING CEREMONY ON 14 APRIL 2021

In Thailand the morning ritual of giving alms to monks, known as “Tak Bart” in Thai, has a long tradition. This practice has been a part of Thai culture for centuries. Although it persists in cities, it is far more prevalent nowadays in the countryside.

Mandarin Oriental, Bangkok invites guests to participate in the “Tak Bart” ritual and enjoy a truly authentic local experience. Simple yet meaningful, the act of giving alms is a heartwarming way to start a Thai New Year.

The merit-making ritual will take place on **Wednesday 14 April at 7.30 am** on the lawn in front of The Authors’ Wing. If you wish to take part in this morning ritual, we would like to provide you with some useful tips. Appropriate attire is required as a gesture of respect. Women should wear a blouse or shirt with sleeves, and trousers or a skirt covering their knees, while men should wear trousers. If you wish to donate money to monks for their health care, education or temple repairs, please advise our colleagues in advance so they can prepare an envelope for you. According to Buddhist precepts, monks are forbidden from touching banknotes.

The hotel’s culinary team will prepare food as offerings with our compliments. Please contact our Concierge team for reservations at least one day in advance.



THAI-INSPIRED ACTIVITIES

	Tuesday 13 April	Wednesday 14 April	Thursday 15 April
7.30 am		Alms offering to monks on the lawn at The Authors’ Wing	
1.00 pm	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace
2.30 pm	Herbal ball making at Joseph Conrad	Jasmine garland in stick making at Joseph Conrad	
3.30 pm	Lotus leaves folding at Joseph Conrad	Fun time with popular activities from childhood’s memories at Regency Room	
4.00 pm	Fun time with popular activities from childhood’s memories at Regency Room		
5.30 pm	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace	Water pouring ceremony at Riverside Terrace

