

# 2019 HOLIDAY SEASON

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## HOLIDAY CHEER

We are so pleased you have decided to visit Mandarin Oriental, Boston during this very special time of year. Located in the heart of historic Back Bay, we invite you to enjoy our festive events, seasonal dining, stress-relieving spa and a location just steps from Boston's best shopping.

During your stay, I also invite you to explore the beautifully decorated Back Bay by joining me for a scenic three-mile jog on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We will depart from the hotel lobby at 6:30am and all paces are welcome. I also welcome you to join me for cocktails and conversation at Bar Boulud on Thursday evenings from 5pm to 6pm so that you can share details of your experiences at the hotel and in Boston. Our dedicated colleagues, along with our four-legged Ambassadors of Pet-Relations, golden retrievers Bonnie and Tara, are here to make your holiday season unforgettable. We hope that you will let us know if there is anything we can do to make your stay more delightful. We also encourage you to #sharemyMOment at #MOBoston during your stay.

Sincerely,

Philipp C. Knuepfer  
General Manager





## AROUND TOWN

### *November*

Boston Bruins Games  
Throughout November  
TD Garden

Boston Celtics Games  
Throughout November  
TD Garden

New England Patriots Games  
Throughout November  
Gillette Stadium

Boston Symphony Orchestra  
Throughout November  
Symphony Hall

Come from Away  
November 5 to 17  
Citizens Bank Opera House

Trans-Siberian Orchestra  
November 13 to 23  
SNHU Arena

Elton John  
November 15  
TD Garden

Holiday Tree Lighting & Frog  
Pond Skating Spectacular  
November 21  
Boston Common

Tree Lighting  
November 25  
Copley Square

Boston Ballet -  
The Nutcracker  
November 29 to December 29  
Citizens Bank Opera House

### *December*

Boston Bruins Games  
Throughout December  
TD Garden

Boston Celtics Games  
Throughout December  
TD Garden

New England Patriots Games  
Throughout December  
Gillette Stadium

Dolly Parton's  
Smoky Mountain Christmas  
December 3 to 29  
Emerson Colonial Theater

2019 Holiday Pops  
December 4 to 31  
Symphony Hall

SoWa Winter Festival  
December 6 to 8  
460 + 500 Harrison Ave.

A Christmas Carol  
December 6 to 22  
North Shore Music Theatre

CraftBoston Holiday  
2019 Show  
December 13 to 15  
Hynes Convention Center

Blue Man Group  
December 14 to 31  
Charles Playhouse

Urban Nutcracker  
December 19 to 28  
Shubert Theatre





## CONCIERGE PICKS

By Corey Lopez

The rhythm of the holiday season begins when I light my first winter candle—probably way too early—and gradually unfolds as we start to set the scene in our home and watch as it reveals itself around the city. Lights and garland are hung, holiday music is played and cherished ornaments are unpacked. After that, there is no escaping the magic that surrounds us and we are drawn in and marvel at the wonder of the season.

I love taking my three children to see the tree lighting in Boston Common, which takes place on December 5 this year. We also enjoy going to the Boston Pops Holiday show for children. The music is fantastic and the children's performances are matinees which allows families time to enjoy an early dinner afterwards. Taking an afternoon to go ice skating on Frog Pond in Boston Common is also a must. They offer lessons for beginners, which are very helpful with three small ones in tow who are all just learning. For a night out without the kids, we enjoy a date night at one of the amazing restaurants in Boston's South End. Sample appetizers and drinks at Boston Chops and then take a short walk to visit the SoWa Holiday Market where you can shop from 130 of the region's best vendors and savor a winter cocktail or seasonal craft brew.

Winter is also a great time to immerse yourself in Boston Sports as the Boston Bruins, Boston Celtics and New England Patriots are all playing. Catching a game live, or at one of our many sports bars, is always a fun way to spend a winter day. The Fours is the local fan favorite!

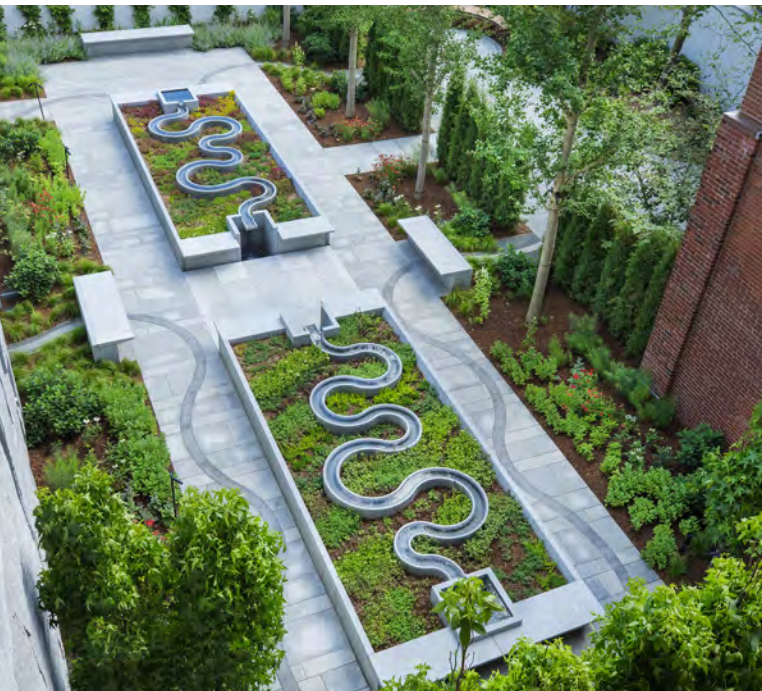
Please don't hesitate to ask Corey and the rest of our Concierge Team, Jenn, Michelle and Kim, to assist with securing tickets to a game at TD Garden or any of the other countless shows, events and concerts the city has to offer this holiday season.



## NEW WING OPENS AT PEABODY ESSEX MUSEUM

The Peabody Essex Museum (PEM) in Salem, Massachusetts—one of the oldest and fastest-growing museums in the country—has just opened its new wing! New and renovated galleries offer a fresh look at PEM's extraordinary collections of art and culture from around the world, including Maritime, Asian Export Art and Fashion and Design. Immersive contemporary artworks are placed in dialogue with historic objects and PEM's galleries are designed to heighten feelings of surprise, wonder, delight and reflection. PEM also has one of the largest architecture collections of any art museum in the country and visitors are encouraged to explore its properties, including Yin Yu Tang, a Qing Dynasty Chinese house that was carefully relocated to the museum's campus in 2003.

Did you know that Mandarin Oriental, Boston's signature hotel fan is located at the Peabody Essex Museum? Our fan, created in the 1850's, is crafted from lacquer sticks, hand-painted paper leaf, gold and brass. Highlighting Boston's close association with the golden era of China Trade, the fan depicts the city of Whampoa, a port city on the banks of China's Pearl River well known to Boston merchants.



## #IMAFAN OF BOSTON AND THE BRUINS

Meet our Doorman, Jean Brouillette. Did you know that he is the Boston Bruins biggest fan? Sixteen years ago, he moved to Boston at the pinnacle of Boston hockey. His story is quite unique, because he didn't just move cities or states because of his passion for the Bruins, he moved countries! In 2003, he left Montreal to become a Bostonian and has never looked back.

While Jean was growing up in Montreal, he followed the team during a fantastic era for the Bruins, 1988 to 1995 and loved to watch Canadian Ray Bourque. He has an unmatched admiration for Bourque since he is part of a select group of athletes who represented Boston for at least 20 years.

"Those guys meant business," says Jean. "Professional and skilled. No wonder why they were adored by Bruins Nation."

Jean is enjoying the fact that hockey season is here again and he expects the team to be rock solid on every front this year. He has been collecting Bruins memorabilia for over 30 years, so has an impressive collection that he is always in need of more room to showcase.

"I love to gather all my friends at my very own sports bar nestled in Holbrook, Massachusetts. It is a sanctuary dedicated to the Bruins glory starting from the 80's to 2011 when the Bruins won the Stanley Cup. It's called The Bear's Lair and I created it two years ago in my home."

Thanks to his profession as a Doorman, Jean made a connection that provided him with the opportunity to meet the "Silver Dream"! A day he will never forget.

This hockey season you will find him cheering on the team at TD Garden whenever he can and he always welcomes guests and visitors to strike up a conversation with him about the Bs when they arrive at the hotel. He says "Don't be shy, I have an open door policy."







## THE SOUND OF BOSTON

Berklee, just down the street from Mandarin Oriental, Boston, is the preeminent institute of contemporary music and the performing arts, offering undergraduate and graduate degree programs at its campuses in Boston, Massachusetts, and Valencia, Spain, and through its award-winning distance learning program, Berklee Online. Dedicated to nurturing the creative and career potential of the world's most inspired artists, Berklee's commitment to arts education is reflected in the work of its students, faculty, and alumni—hundreds of whom have been recognized with Grammy, Tony, Oscar and Emmy Awards.

At Berklee College of Music and Boston Conservatory at Berklee, students explore interdisciplinary approaches to music, dance, theater, business, technology and more. With students and alumni from more than 100 nations and educational partners across the world, they are forging new connections among art forms, musical traditions and technologies to build a dynamic and inclusive global arts community.

### *Fall Event Highlights:*


- Aida Cuevas Meets Berklee  
November 14 – Berklee Performance Center
- Shrek the Musical  
November 14 to 17 – Boston Conservatory Theater
- Singers Showcase: A Night at the Opera – The Music of Queen  
December 5 - Berklee Performance Center
- Glory Denied  
December 5, 7 or 8 - Boston Conservatory Theater
- Berklee Global Jazz Institute Celebrates Charlie Parker  
December 13 - Berklee Performance Center

The Fall Concert Series presents performances from the school's amazing artists throughout Greater Boston. For a schedule of performances and shows, please contact our Concierge Team.



## MEET MOBI

We are pleased to welcome MOBI to the Mandarin Oriental, Boston Team.

Our dedicated colleagues, along with MOBI, are here to make your stay a truly unforgettable experience, so please do not hesitate to let us know if there is anything that we can assist you with. You are welcome to send a  WhatsApp message to +1 (617) 535 8888 with any requests.

If MOBI comes to your guestroom, you will receive a phone call to ask for your assistance in opening the door.

You also have a chance to win a two-night stay with an amenity personally delivered by MOBI! In order to enter the contest, capture a photo of yourself with MOBI and then follow @mo\_boston on Instagram. Post your photo on Instagram and tag #MOBBoston and #MOBI. All entries will be added into a raffle and a winner will be randomly selected on December 31.





## LOBBY LOUNGE

### *Fall Harvest Afternoon Tea*

Until November 29, 2019

Served daily from 1pm to 5pm

Enjoy autumnal flavors at Mandarin Oriental, Boston's seasonal Fall Harvest Afternoon Tea. The tea includes a glass of champagne, a selection of aromatic teas and a variety of sweet and savory items in-keeping with the teas theme. Cozy up near the fireplace, or make yourself comfortable on one of the sofas, the choice is yours. Priced at USD 78 exclusive.

## #MOGIVESBACK



### *Santa's Workshop Afternoon Tea*

November 30 to December 30, 2019

Served Daily from 1pm to 5pm

This holiday season, bring your family to experience our Santa's Workshop Afternoon Tea. Children will enjoy crafts and weekend singalongs while parents savor champagne, aromatic teas, savory bites and sweet treats. Santa will make appearances for family photo opportunities on Saturdays and a children's tea menu will be available. The hotel also encourages attendees to bring a toy or game to donate to its charity partner, Franciscan Children's. Guests who bring a donation will enjoy a decadent chocolate fountain bar in addition to their Afternoon Tea. Priced at USD 88 for adults and USD 48 for children exclusive.





**BAR BOULUD**  
BOSTON

Throughout the holidays, the culinary team will pull out all the stops to ensure an unforgettable festive season at Bar Boulud Boston.

*Thanksgiving Three-Course  
Prix Fixe Menu*

November 28 from 12noon to 9pm  
USD 98 per person plus  
USD 52 for optional wine parings

*Christmas Eve Three-Course  
Prix Fixe Dinner Menu*

December 24 from 5pm to 10pm  
USD 98 per person plus  
USD 52 for optional wine parings

*Christmas Day Buffet Brunch*

December 25 from 11:30am to 3:30pm  
USD 98 per adult and USD 49 per child age  
6 to 11. Children 5 and under are complimentary.

*Christmas Day Three-Course  
Prix Fixe Dinner Menu*

December 25 from 5pm to 10pm  
USD 98 per person plus  
USD 52 for optional wine parings.

A children's a la carte menu will  
be available throughout the holiday season.



## Uncorked

### PANIER PROMOTION

Honoring a tradition that began at the original Bar Boulud in New York, our Sommelier Jaimie Puckett selects a special wine from a different region to pour by the glass from a large format bottle each month. The selections wouldn't ordinarily be offered by the glass, so it is an excellent opportunity to sample some unique wines.

### WINE DINNER SERIES

#### *Tolaini/Banville Wine Dinner*

November 13 from 7pm to 10pm

Join us for an evening of Italian fare, accompanied by wines from Tuscany. Owner and wine producer Lia Tolaini Banville will guide you through her family's wines, paired with a delicious four-course dinner.

#### *Roederer Champagne Dinner*

December 12 from 7pm to 10pm

What better way to toast the holiday season than to sip on bubbly with Bar Boulud Sommelier Jaimie Puckett, Louis Roederer Ambassador Devin McGarry and Bar Boulud Executive Chef Ethan Koelbel as they host a festive four-course menu paired with the Louis Roederer Champagnes.



**BAR BOULUD**  
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Aspiring bakers and pastry enthusiasts of all ages are invited to join Executive Pastry Chef Ryan Pike for a variety of festive baking classes. Participants will receive an apron and spoon to use in the class and take home with them along with their baked goods.

*Children's Holiday Pie Decorating Classes*

November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 1pm to 2pm

Learn how to work with chocolate decorations on chocolate cream pies with a graham cracker crust, as well as work with pie dough to create shapes to decorate pumpkin pies.

*Family Bûche de Noël Decorating Classes*

December 7, 14 and 21 from 1pm to 2pm

Participants will learn how to make the iconic French Christmas dessert and will be given a pre-rolled yule log to decorate with ideas and inspiration provided by Chef Pike.

For reservations or more information, please call +1 (617) 535 8800 or email [barbouludboston@mohg.com](mailto:barbouludboston@mohg.com).



*Holiday Feasts to Go*

Celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas with a feast that includes all the trimmings. These sumptuous spreads will be prepared, packaged and ready for curbside pick-up by our talented team of culinary professionals led by Executive Banquet Chef Robert Angelo Junior. Select from a Whole Roasted Turkey, Honey Glazed Ham or Prime Beef Rib Eye with delicious sides for four to six people, available for USD 298. Additional side dishes are available for USD 18 each. All prices exclude tax.

Gobble to Go is available for pick-up on November 28 between 10am and 2:30pm. Orders will be accepted through 6pm on November 26.

All the Trimmings is available for pick-up on December 24 or 25 between 10am and 2:30pm. Orders will be accepted through 6pm on December 22.

Orders can be placed by calling +1 (617) 535 8887 or email [mobos-sales@mohg.com](mailto:mobos-sales@mohg.com).



## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BOSTON

Bring in the New Year in style at Mandarin Oriental, Boston.

### *Dining at Bar Boulud*

New Year's Eve Five-Course Prix Fixe Dinner Menu

1<sup>ST</sup> SEATING - 5pm to 7pm

USD 168 per person plus USD 98 for optional wine pairings

2<sup>ND</sup> SEATING - 7pm to 10pm

USD 238 per person plus USD 98 for optional wine pairings

### *The Lobby Party*

The hotel Lobby will be transformed for a night of glitz and glamor and guests can dance the night away to the sounds of two of Boston's top DJ's, The DiMare Brothers. All guests will receive a glass of Champagne and a party favor upon arrival and a Midnight Snack Buffet will be served.

#### SILVER

USD 98 per person

Access to Lobby Party

#### GOLD

USD 288 per person

Five-Course Prix Fixe Dinner at Bar Boulud  
and access to Lobby Party

#### PLATINUM 4, PLATINUM 6 AND PLATINUM 8

USD 688 / USD 888 / USD 1,088

Access to Lobby Party, reserved table seating for 4, 6 or 8  
respectively, one party snack bento box at table and  
one bottle of Champagne. Bottle service available at table.



## THE SPA AT MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BOSTON

As Massachusetts' only Five-Star spa, The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Boston offers a holistic approach to wellness, blending modern techniques with Eastern therapies to revitalize mind, body and spirit.

### *Amenities*

Heat & Water Experiences  
Relaxation Lounge  
Spa Boutique  
Fitness Center  
Spa Treatment Suites

## SEASONAL SPA SPECIALTIES

### *Silent Night*

December 11, 2019

For those looking for a peaceful retreat or digital detox during the hectic holiday season, The Spa will host their annual *Silent Night* event from 5pm to 5:45pm. Guests can join a complimentary silent journaling and intention setting class, followed by a silent Reiki experience in a specially-created wellness sanctuary. Guests will enjoy an evening of total relaxation and contemplation with a unique sensory experience created by disconnecting from the outside world.

### *Mandarin Oriental Gift Cards*

Seeking the perfect gift for your world traveler? Mandarin Oriental Gift Cards can be used at Mandarin Oriental hotels worldwide, making them the ideal gift for your fan of travel. This holiday season purchase a gift card valued at minimum USD 1,000 at The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Boston and receive a complimentary luxury spa gift. Be the bearer of sweet dreams, divine dining or nurturing spa treatments. Valid from November 1 to December 25, 2019.



## WELLNESS DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Mandarin Oriental, Boston invites guests to de-stress and unwind during the hectic holiday season with its new *Wellness During the Holidays* package. Guests are encouraged to disengage from technology and relax during a calming and soothing respite from the stress and demands of a constantly connected, digital lifestyle.

During their stay, guests will visit The Spa for a 1 hour and 20-minute *Digital Wellness Escape* treatment where they will power-down their phones, removing all technological distractions. A concentrated massage to digitally strained areas of the shoulders, neck, head and eyes, this treatment begins with a cleansing foot ritual that uses the powerful properties of the Shungite stone to shield the body from electromagnetic radiation. Tourmaline gemstones are placed in the palms and on the solar plexus, while a trigger point massage is performed on the hands and feet, completing this digitally detoxifying experience. Shungite is a stone containing Fullerenes, which work to neutralize negative energy and exposure to harmful radiation from mobile devices. Guests will receive a phone sleeping bag and healthy lifestyle tips upon their departure.

The package also includes a private Meditation and Himalayan Singing Bowl Therapy session, a wellness-themed welcome amenity and an Aromatherapy Associates Relax and Sleep Kit for use at home. The package is available from November 1 to December 30, 2019, is based on double occupancy and must be booked minimum 12 days prior to arrival. For reservations or more information, please call +1 (617) 535 8800 or email [mobos-reservations@mohg.com](mailto:mobos-reservations@mohg.com).





## WELLNESS CALENDAR

The Fitness Center is located on the fourth floor and is available 24-hours a day. Private personal training, yoga and Pilates are available upon request. Please call +1 (617) 535 8820 for more information.

### *Monday*

- #MOBoston Running Club with our General Manager. All paces are welcome. Meet in the Lobby at 6:30am.
- Lululemon Run Club at 6:30pm. Meet at the store in the Prudential Center.

### *Tuesday*

- Vinyasa Flow Yoga from 7am to 8am. Meet in the Lobby.

### *Wednesday*

- #MOBoston Running Club with our General Manager. All paces are welcome. Meet in the Lobby at 6:30am.

### *Thursday*

- Sound Bathing with Himalayan Singing Bowls in the Lobby from 5:30pm to 6pm.

### *Friday*

- #MOBoston Running Club with our General Manager. All paces are welcome. Meet in the Lobby at 6:30am.

### *Saturday*

- In Your Element Spa Diagnostic Experience in the Lobby from 11:30am to 12noon.

### *Sunday*

- Yoga at Lululemon from 10am to 11am on November 3 and 17 and December 1 and 15. Meet at the store in the Prudential Center.



## SUSTAINABLE LINENS EQUAL SWEETER DREAMS

Have you ever wondered who makes our luxurious hotel linens as you slip between the sheets at bedtime? Mandarin Oriental, Boston's luxury line of bed and bath linen is provided by Quivera Hospitality and is used at over 25 other Mandarin Oriental hotels around the world.

Founded in 2000 with a commitment to offering the finest linen to the world's best luxury hotels, the quality of Quivera's product begins with the exclusive use of 100% USA PIMA yarn in their bed linen and RS Combed Piles in their bath linen. State of the art Air Jet Looms plus proprietary eco-friendly finishing techniques provide a product that is unsurpassed in the Industry.

In addition to a commitment to excellence, Quivera also shares a commitment to sustainability with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group. All plastics used in the company's production are now biodegradable and, where possible, plastic is no longer used. They have recently developed a moisture repellent shipping carton that eliminates the need to pack each individual item in a plastic bag. A first in the industry, and in keeping with Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's commitment to be single-use plastic free by the end of 2021.

Michael Painter, Founder and President of Quivera Hospitality, feels strongly that the company's key to success is its commitment to quality. Michael comes from an extensive background in textiles, with a Bachelor of Science in Engineering and an MBA from the prestigious Darden Business School, University of Virginia.



"The quality of our products is perhaps our largest eco-friendly contribution," says Painter. "Our utilization of 100% USA Pima yarns and enhanced production techniques give our products a life expectancy that is double the industry average. This enables our production facility to significantly reduce our chemical, water and electricity usage. We are planet conscience and that is built into the DNA of our company."

The quality of their product is evidenced by the endorsement by industry testing stalwart LTC of London and certification by BSCI, Sedex (SMETA), Oeko-Tex, ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 for Social Compliance and Eco-Friendly production and finally, the world renowned SGS.







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