

## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, BARCELONA LAUNCHES “PICASSO’S KITCHEN BARCELONA EXPERIENCE” ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

**Hong Kong, 6 July 2018** – [Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona](#) is offering guests an opportunity to discover Pablo Picasso’s life as a young painter in Barcelona with its new luxury accommodation offer. Among other benefits, guests booking the hotel’s [Picasso’s Kitchen Barcelona Experience](#) will receive VIP passes to the Picasso Museum’s insightful *Picasso’s Kitchen* exhibition, which reveals the importance of food and cooking in the Spanish painter’s work.

Available until 30 September, the *Picasso’s Kitchen Barcelona Experience* accommodation package includes a walking tour of locations associated with Picasso and special dishes and cocktails at the hotel inspired by his life and work. The young Picasso studied art in Barcelona and began his painting career there at the turn of the twentieth century, before moving to France.

Starting at the hotel, the walking tour will head to La Ribera and the Gothic Quarter, where Picasso spent much of his younger years, and will include visits to Quatre Gats restaurant which Picasso frequented, the art school where he studied and Carrer Avinyó, the inspiration for his painting *Les Femmes d’Alá (Olympia)*. The tour culminates with an exclusive VIP visit to the *Picasso’s Kitchen* exhibition at the Picasso Museum.

The food theme continues back at the hotel, where gastronomic advisor, seven-Michelin star Chef Carme Ruscalleda, has created a Picasso-inspired *Salmorejo* at Blanc restaurant. Made with bread and tomatoes, the dish is a classic of southern Spain, where Picasso was born, and appears on Blanc’s menu as *Homenaje a Picasso*.

At two-Michelin star Moments, Chef Raül Balam is presenting diners with *Pigmentos Picassianos* petit fours, which can be found on both the *al a carte* and tasting menus. Mixologists at Banker’s Bar are celebrating the painter by inventing a new cocktail named *1.623 KM “Ruta Picassiana de Mougins a Málaga”* which is the number of kilometers

separating the cities where Picasso was born and died (Malaga to Mougins). The cocktail is blue in colour to represent his Blue Period.

Priced from EUR 2,500 for two people, [\*Picasso's Kitchen Barcelona Experience\*](#) includes:

- Two nights' accommodation in a luxurious room or suite (minimum two-night stay)
- Full daily breakfast served in the privacy of guest's room or hotel restaurant
- Special cava welcome
- Dinner or lunch at Blanc restaurant with wine pairing, including special *Homenaje a Picasso* dish dedicated to Picasso
- Special 1.623 KM "*Ruta Picassiana de Mougins a Málaga*" cocktail dedicated to Picasso at Banker's Bar
- Two-hour walking tour with private guide from the hotel to Picasso Museum, while discovering Picasso's favourite places along the way
- VIP visit to *Picasso's Kitchen* exhibition at Picasso Museum
- Late check-out upon availability

For reservations, please visit [www.mandarinoriental.com](http://www.mandarinoriental.com).

#### **About the Picasso's Kitchen exhibition.**

The main subject of this exhibition is the theme of food and cooking in the broadest sense- As a subject that is ever-present in Picasso's work, in this exhibition it is considered for the first time.

Almost 180 works of art from museums and private institutions and collections from around the world offer a chronological visit through the life and work of Picasso, enabling us to perceive the artist from a fresh perspective.

This exhibition is part of the "Picasso-Méditerranée" project, an initiative of the Musée national Picasso-Paris.

This exhibition features the special collaboration of chef Ferrán Adrià , enlivening a dialogue between Picasso's creative process and contemporary culinary creation.

### **About the Picasso Museum**

Opened 50 years ago, the Picasso Museum was the world's first art gallery dedicated wholly to Pablo Picasso's work. Revealing Picasso's relationship with the Catalan city and his development as an artist there during his younger years, the museum's extensive collection of paintings, drawings and engravings includes his *Las Meninas* pictures, the only complete series of his works to be found anywhere in the world.

Located within an exceptional architectural space, a set of five Catalan Gothic style buildings, the museum houses a library with a wide range of documentary material about Picasso and the art of his times. The museum also runs educational programmes and involves the local community through a series of outreach projects.

### **About Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona**

[Mandarin Oriental Barcelona](#) is an exclusive hotel situated right on Barcelona's Passeig de Gràcia. The property has 120 bedrooms and suites with an exquisite and elegant interior design by Patricia Urquiola. Its carefully considered gastronomic offering currently consists of two restaurants: [Blanc](#) restaurant and the signature restaurant [Moments](#), providing neo-traditional Catalan cuisine under the auspices of the multi-Michelin starred chef Carme Ruscalleda. Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona appeals as a meeting point for guests and local residents alike, and offers enticing spaces such as the [Mimosa garden](#), the [Terrat](#) with exceptional panoramic views and the [Banker's Bar](#), with its extensive cocktail menu and a cosmopolitan atmosphere. Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona also has a 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> over the Mandarin Oriental, Barcelona also has a 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> [Spa](#) where guests can enjoy an innovative range of holistic treatments. Facilities include a 12 metre long, heated swimming pool, eight treatment rooms and steam baths infused with essential essences.

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

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