

news release

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YOUR GOURMET GENEVA, EXPERIENCE THE BEST LOCAL MARKET IN TOWN AND A PRIVATE COOKING CLASS WITH MANDARIN ORIENTAL, GENEVA'S EXECUTIVE CHEF

Hong Kong, 11 June 2015 - [Mandarin Oriental, Geneva](#) is offering a one-of-a-kind experience for gourmands who wish to discover the secrets of Geneva's renowned culinary scene. Guests will be able to enjoy a private cooking class performed by the hotel's Executive Chef, Yoann Le Bihan, and starting with a morning visit to Geneva's most famous local market to get the ingredients, followed by a visit to the city's most noble and eclectic wine shop to select the ideal vintage to go along with the cooked menu.

Switzerland is the land of the world's best chocolates and cheeses and, ranked as the country's top gastronomic city, Geneva is home to many food and wine local artisans whose products are of invaluable quality. After being welcomed by Champagne in-suite, guests will meet Executive Chef Yoann Le Bihan who will personally accompany them to gourmet market, [Halle de Rive](#), the home of Geneva's best local ingredients. Guests will be able to interact with the producers, taste some of their unique products, choose the ingredients with the Chef for the two-course menu and even discover the back-of-the-scene premises where meat is being received and prepared.

Back at the hotel, guests will then meet Chief Sommelier, Fabien Mene, who will guide them to the city's best wine shop [Lavinia](#), situated just two minutes by foot from the hotel, for a private discovery of Geneva's wine treasures and to select the ideal vintage to go along with the meal to be cooked. Once back at the hotel, Chef Yoann will commence the exclusive private cooking class followed by lunch on the guests' suite terrace, with breath-taking panoramic views over the city.

Priced from CHF 895 per night and valid until 31 October 2015, the '*Your Gourmet Geneva, our Chef's Secrets*' package includes:

- Luxurious accommodation in a Premier River View room, Mandarin room or a signature suite

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- Buffet breakfast for two at Café Calla or in the privacy of your room/suite
- A bottle of Champagne and Swiss chocolate amenity
- Private round-trip transfers to Halle de Rive
- One-hour visit of Halle de Rive with Chef Yoann to choose the food ingredients
- 30 minutes visit of Lavinia with Chief Sommelier Fabien to select the wine
- Two-hour private cooking class by Chef Yoann
- Two-course gourmet lunch with wine pairing and plated dessert
- Late check-out until 4pm

Reservations can be made by contacting the reservations office at Mandarin Oriental, Geneva on +41 22 909 00 01 / mogva-reservations@mohg.com or by visiting the hotel's website www.mandarinoriental.com/geneva. Rooms are subject to availability and terms and conditions apply. This offer is not available on Sundays and the cooking class is available only for lunch. Owing to summer holidays, the private guided visits of Halle de Rive and Lavinia are subject to availability.

About Mandarin Oriental, Geneva

A living example of Swiss hotel tradition at its very best, Mandarin Oriental, Geneva has a superb location on the River Rhône, located within the heart of the city's shopping, historic and business districts. Following an extensive refurbishment completed in March 2013, the hotel features 189 elegant and spacious rooms and suites, with many suites enjoying private terraces with supreme views of the river, Old Town and snow-capped mountains. Michelin starred dining; unparalleled service and luxury make it the ideal choice for discerning travelers.

About Halle de Rive and Lavinia

Halle de Rive, a flagship for Geneva's finest gastronomy and synonym of gourmet cuisine. In addition to reflecting local traditions, it is situated in the heart of Geneva, near the lake, in the Rive district. Its secret is made of 23 of the best specialized producers in one single place and

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entirely devoted to the “bien-vivre” and “bien-manger” (living and eating well). Exceptional fresh products, selected with the highest know-how, and tailor-made advices can be found at Halle de Rive, in order for visitors to enjoy an unforgettable dining experience. This year, Halle de Rive is celebrating its 45 years of culinary excellence for epicurean visitors.

Relying on its expertise and passionate work, Lavinia offers the largest range of carefully selected wines and spirits in Geneva and beyond: it consists in 2300 bottles, 150 swiss wines reflecting the diversity and richness of local soil, and 2000 wines from 15 other origins, all of this since nine years. Lavinia complements its offerings with a wine bar and restaurant concept, vintages by the glass and home-made specialties by the Chef.

About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from a well-respected Asian hotel company into a global brand, the Group now operates, or has under development, 44 hotels representing almost 11,000 rooms in 24 countries, with 20 hotels in Asia, nine in The Americas and 15 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 15 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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