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IMMERSE YOURSELF IN CULTURE: MANDARIN ORIENTAL UNVEILS A CURATED COLLECTION OF NEW EXPERIENCES AT ITS HOTELS AND RESORTS



Hong Kong, 4 September 2023 – [Mandarin Oriental](#) invites guests to immerse themselves in culture with curated experiences available to book through select properties across three continents.

These new experiences give Fans access to culture in a truly immersive and personalised manner, enriching their travels and fostering a profound sense of cultural appreciation and understanding. Guests will be able to engage with the destination's local communities and traditions in an authentic and meaningful way through hands-on workshops, bespoke tours, and exclusive activities, leaving them with memories that extend beyond the duration of their stay.

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A selection of some of the cultural experiences available to book exclusively through Mandarin Oriental include:

Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum

Nestled in the picturesque haven of Bodrum, Mandarin Oriental, Bodrum offers a unique blend of cultural immersion through its bespoke offerings. Among these, the Cooking Class and Turkish Ceramic Workshop in the charming village of Sirince stands out as one of the most captivating. As the Aegean coastline serves as a backdrop, guests are invited to unravel the heritage and secrets of Turkish cuisine under the guidance of skilled chefs. Through a hands-on cooking session, they learn to prepare authentic dishes abounding in local ingredients and flavours. Following this, guests will be taken to the Turkish Ceramic Workshop where they will explore their artistic inclinations, crafting intricate pottery pieces inspired by centuries-old techniques. This harmonious marriage of culinary exploration and creative expression encapsulates the essence of Bodrum's cultural richness.

Mandarin Oriental, Doha

Discover Msheireb Downtown, Doha

Guests can explore the new lifestyle and cultural heart of Doha, Msheireb Downtown, with this complimentary and private experience led by Mandarin Oriental Doha's expert concierge team. Guests will learn about the traditions of the historic neighbourhood and be taken on a journey into the heart of Qatari heritage, but also experience the modern innovation of this exciting destination.

The Craftmanship of Antique Carpets

Take a trip through Mughal Indian and Persian Carpet history with a personalised and complimentary tour of The Carpet Cellar, guided by its team of experts. This rare collection has some of the finest examples of carpets and textiles produced for the elite of the Mughal empire and offers a fascinating insight into the diverse history, types, patterns, and colours of

this incredible display of cultural artistry. Guests are welcomed with a fragrant Kashmiri Saffron Tea known as ‘Kahwa’ made with a traditional blend of cardamom and infused with cloves, cinnamon and saffron.

Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul

Gallery and Museum Tours

Art and culture enthusiasts will adore Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul’s bespoke tours of the capital’s very best galleries and museums. From local talent to internationally renowned masters, guests will uncover Istanbul’s rich creative scene and delve into the diverse narratives that shape the city’s cultural tapestry, fostering a deeper connection to its history, creativity, and soul.

A Journey Through the History of Turkish Art

Guests can embark on a journey through the history of Turkish art with this bespoke tour, offered exclusively to guests of Mandarin Oriental, Istanbul. Participants can peer inside the minds of Sultan Suleiman and Rustem Pasha at the Ottoman-era Rustem Pasha Mosque, which is adorned in emblematic Iznik tiles, and learn about the symbolic history of Turkish carpets at the Carpet Museum. They can even try their hand at creating something for themselves, with a dedicated carpet-making or Ottoman miniature-painting workshop.

Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London

Behind The Scenes at Kensington Palace

As the royal residence of TRH The Prince and Princess of Wales, Kensington Palace, located on the edge of Hyde Park, is high on the list for visitors to London with an interest in history, the Royal Family, gardens and architecture. Guests partaking in this experience will gain exclusive access to Kensington Palace on a privately guided tour and are given the full ‘Royal’ experience with options to arrive by horse and carriage. When it’s time for a break, a picnic basket full of classic British treats including sandwiches, cakes, and scones awaits.

Five Senses of Belgravia

Belgravia is one of London's most charming and desirable addresses and is also conveniently located just moments away from Mandarin Oriental Hyde Park, London. On the Five Senses of Belgravia experience, guests will be led by an expert guide who will take them on an immersive tour along the elegant streets of the unique neighbourhood to discover its history and hidden gems. Through the lens of the five senses, each stop along the tour provokes a different sense, creating a multi-dimensional cultural exploration of this elegant enclave.

Mandarin Oriental, Milan

Discovering the Poldi Pezzoli Museum

Explore one of Milan's richest art collections, located within a stately 19th -century mansion just a few steps from Mandarin Oriental, Milan. This private experience led by the Museum Director or Curator will guide guests on tour through the collection of meticulous cultural treasures including Renaissance paintings by Sandro Botticelli, Piero della Francesca and Andrea Mantegna. The tour will also showcase the most fascinating private collection of netsuke, Oriental art, clocks, and watches. For an even more memorable experience, the museum can be privatised for the entire visit.

Mandarin Oriental, Guangzhou

How To Train Your Dragon Boat

In the heart of Guangzhou's picturesque waterways lies the 1978 Cultural Creative Town and Rowing Club where guests can learn to row a dragon boat with 2010 Asian Games gold medallist, Zhang Guo Lin. As they paddle in sync with their team, guests will learn that the dragon boat's legacy dates back centuries, rooted in ancient rituals to ward off misfortune and celebrate the unity of a community. After guests have completed the course, they can explore the famous Leander Club and take a walk to the 1978 Cultural Creative Town to explore its heritage trail, Dragon Boat Museum, art galleries, independent shops, and boutiques.

Mandarin Oriental, Taipei

Xiao Long Bao Making Class

Mandarin Oriental Taipei offers guests an exclusive culinary opportunity with its Xiao Long Bao making class. Xiao Long Bao are a must-try for any visitor to Taiwan, and are famed for their thin, tender skin encasing a filling of meat, seafood, or vegetables in a rich broth. During the 90-minute class, guests will learn the artistry of crafting these delicate, soupy dumplings under the guidance of the hotel's Chef de Cuisine of Ya Ge, the Chinese restaurant awarded by the Michelin Guide with a one-star rating since 2018. They will then enjoy their creations as part of a set dinner menu.

Mandarin Oriental, Tokyo

Washi Paper Making

Guests can immerse themselves in the ancient art of washi paper making with this captivating experience at Ozuwashi's serene studio in Tokyo. Steeped in history and tradition, this studio offers a unique opportunity to witness the meticulous craftsmanship behind Japan's cherished washi paper. Under the guidance of skilled artisans, guests will learn to transform raw materials like mulberry fibres into delicate sheets of washi, using time-honoured techniques passed down through generations. After the class, guests will take home the washi paper they have created.

Gora Kadan Onsen Day Trip

Take a reprieve from the bustling streets of Tokyo and embark on a rejuvenating journey to Gora Kadan, a serene and luxurious onsen retreat nestled in the heart of Hakone. Just a stone's throw away from the city, this day trip offers a tranquil respite from the urban hustle. Guests immerse themselves in the therapeutic waters of natural hot springs, surrounded by lush landscapes and picturesque views of Mount Fuji. Gora Kadan seamlessly blends traditional Japanese elegance with modern comforts, providing a holistic experience for body and mind.

For more information and reservations, please visit [our website](#).



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About Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is the award-winning owner and operator of some of the world's most luxurious hotels, resorts and residences. Having grown from its Asian roots into a global brand, the Group now operates 37 hotels and nine residences in 25 countries and territories, with each property reflecting the Group's oriental heritage, local culture and unique design. Mandarin Oriental has a strong pipeline of hotels and residences under development, and is a member of the Jardine Matheson Group.

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