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MANDARIN ORIENTAL BOSPHERUS, ISTANBUL: COSMOPOLITAN DESIGN FOR A COSMOPOLITAN CITY

What better place for [Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul](#) – a modern, sophisticated homage to Istanbul and its spectacular waterway – to be than on its shoreline. Istanbul has everything. From history and mystery to character and intrigue, it's full of the joys of life.

The design of Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul reflects the essence of this great city. Bespoke materials and features throughout the hotel surprise and charm guests, allowing them to savour the city's rich and layered heritage, with an eye to an equally rich and colourful future.

The hotel's timeless low-rise architecture is inspired by the overall Bosphorus architecture of palaces, yalis and mansions. It features a marble-clad facade in French-Portuguese cream-coloured Massengis stone, and a typical Ottoman-style roof.

The hotel's interior is by New York's Tihany Design. The spacious lobby opens into an impressive, modern, sunlit space with carefully selected marble flooring, surrounded by three-dimensional decorative wood panels and accessories that create a fluid, wave-like effect to complement the nearby Bosphorus.

Overlooking the city's charming waterfront mansions and a stunning Bosphorus view is the bar, surrounded by bronze pillars and bespoke mesh glass panels resulting in a stunning, sophisticated design. Resembling jewellery boxes, the shop's display windows on the lobby floor exhibit the most distinguished pieces from select brands. Framed with specially designed columns upholstered with leather and metal stitching, the Novikov Lounge Bar showcases liquid bronze painted contemporary metal panels with a wave effect, inspired by Turkish typography, across the front exterior of its bar – reflecting the breezy waves of the Bosphorus.

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Guests will marvel at the hotel's high-ceilinged elegant ballrooms beautifully finished with glass and bronze panels, authentic Turkish fabrics, and glass disc sconces reflecting light from the magnificent chandeliers.

Outdoors and along the waterfront, the hotel blends into a lush and generous enchanted garden designed by Scape, London, with spaces reflecting the Ottoman love for landscape and featuring two outdoor pools as well as private wooden pavilions.

[The Spa at Mandarin Oriental Bosphorus, Istanbul](#) is designed as a grand Zen garden. A circular corridor with glass panels inspired by Gingko leaves leads guests serenely to world-class facilities, while elements of water remain a whispered connection to the Bosphorus.

The Spa's tranquil indoor pool, surrounded by lounge seating and semi-private cabanas, features a backlit ~~onyx~~ ceiling cove inspired by Turkish landscapes. From the pool, guests follow a wood-grain corridor, inlaid with geometric patterns, to three separate hammams.

Upstairs, the guest corridors set a mindful tone with warm woods and textured wall coverings featuring the hotel's Tulip pattern. *Çeşm-i bülbül* pendant lighting and patterned bronze mirrors echo details from the ground floor and carry the design narrative into the guest rooms and suites.

In all rooms, organic textures and patterns and bespoke metal and leather details exude sophistication. In the Presidential Suites, artful features like elegant leather-covered wall panels complement stunning views. The Mandarin Bosphorus Suite shares a similar feel, with sophisticated design and seamless colour palette. In the Naile Sultan Bosphorus Suite, lavender and rose provide accents against a warm, neutral palette. All suites offer breath taking views of the Bosphorus, while rooms enjoy river or garden vistas.

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The largest guest accommodation, and perhaps the most impressive one in the city, is the Royal Bosphorus Suite. From the striking marble entry through intricately detailed wood doorways into the foyer and central hall, guests are drawn first to the living room. The circular space opens onto an expansive outdoor terrace and winter garden overlooking the water. Liquid bronze painted wall panels provide intriguing backdrops to the screened dining area, which features a marble-topped bar, a kitchen and two balconies. The study and master bedroom showcase a prominent piece of art; the spacious master bathroom is a work of art in itself, comprising lounge areas, make-up desk, fully fitted dressing room, two-person rainforest shower, marble walls and flooring, and striking onyx accent wall panels.

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