# news release

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## MANDARIN ORIENTAL, MARRAKECH OFFERS A BERBER EXPERIENCE AND GOURMET DINING FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Hong Kong, 1 December 2015 - With the spirit of Christmas in the air, <u>Mandarin Oriental</u>, <u>Marrakech</u> is offering guests several opportunities to enjoy the festive season. Guests can book the exciting *Berber Experience* accommodation <u>package</u> that enables them to indulge in the beauty of the Atlas Mountains, and Berber culture and traditions. Also available are celebratory gourmet meals at Mes'Lalla and the hotel's open kitchen restaurant, and special children's activities.

The *Berber Experience* is priced from EUR1,175 based on double occupancy, and includes:

- Full daily buffet breakfast served in our restaurant
- One, five-course tasting dinner by our celebrated local chef, Meryem Cherkaoui, for two people, including non-alcoholic beverages
- Two-hour Berber inspired *Mour Akouch* Spa treatments
- Berber villages visit, including traditional lunch for two served in a Berber Home
- Half-day biking tour of the Medina or the Palmeraie for two persons
- High speed internet access
- Round trip transfer from Marrakech Menara Airport
- Fast Track through the Airport
- Minimum two-night stay

The Berber Experience is available all year round, subject to availability.

#### Mes'Lalla and open kitchen restaurant

As a couple, or with friends and family, epicureans can enjoy delicious gourmet meals at Mes'Lalla and the hotel's open kitchen restaurant between 24 December 2015 and 1 January 2016. Each night at Mes'Lalla, guests will be able to discover a gourmet Christmas menu of foie gras, lobster, capon and Yule Log, signed by Chef Meryem Cherkaoui.

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For New Year's Eve, a special dinner show is offered, with guests able to choose between two menus of fine delicacies. At Mes'Lalla, dishes that revisit Moroccan cuisine, such as blue lobster, and beef or truffle tagine, will be served. In the open kitchen restaurant, Chef Nicolas Warot's refined French recipes, including Langoustine tartare yuzu, foie gras royal duck, and chestnut soup with orange zest, will be prepared for guests.

New Year's Eve dinner-show (two starters, two main courses, two desserts and dancing) starts from MAD2,800 per person.

In addition, musical evenings and a tailor-made programme of children's activities will be held over the festive period. Special Christmas children's activities will include treasure hunts, mini-yoga courses and cooking classes where they can make their first couscous.

Reservations can be made through Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's on-line reservations service at <u>www.mandarinoriental.com</u> or by contacting the reservations office at Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech on +212 5 24 29 88 88 / <u>momrk-reservations@mohg.com</u>.

#### About Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech

Mandarin Oriental, Marrakech is set among 20 hectares of landscaped gardens filled with the scent of 100,000 roses, with the snow-capped Atlas Mountains providing a stunning backdrop. Located just 10 minutes' drive from the heart of the city and the historic Medina, the hotel offers 54 private villas inspired by Berber and Andalusian-Arabic influences, all with secluded walled gardens, swimming pools and hot tubs, extensive areas for sunbathing and shaded alfresco dining. A further <u>nine spectacular suites</u>, seven with their own rooftop plunge pool, feature panoramic vistas of the gardens and the surrounding countryside. There are a variety of <u>exceptional restaurants and bars</u>, and a <u>world-class spa</u> offering the Group's renowned signature treatments as well as treatments inspired by Moroccan traditions. The luxury experience is completed by the group's unparalleled service, allied to the best traditions and hospitality of the Moroccan Kingdom.



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### **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, 47 hotels representing 11,000 rooms in 25 countries, with 21 hotels in Asia, 10 in The Americas and 16 in Europe, Middle East and North Africa. In addition, the Group operates or has under development, 17 *Residences at Mandarin Oriental* connected to its properties.

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