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Artistic Metamorphosis





A suite at Le Royal Monceau. Rooms and suites at Le Royal Monceau draw inspiration from the office of André Malraux who liked to surround himself by objects, books or letters that moved him. Photo: Philippe Garcia/LaSocieteAnonyme.

Following a two year transformation by renowned French designer Philippe Starck, the magnificent Raffles Paris – Le Royal Monceau has been unveiled.

With luxurious new interiors, an artistic and exuberant mood, Raffles Paris is once again the favoured meeting point for artists, intellectuals and a new generation of travellers.

Art is the corner stone of Raffles Paris – Le Royal Monceau and guests can look forward to exhibitions, a contemporary bookstore with television screens beaming live feeds from auctions and an Art Concierge, a first among hotels in Paris.

The devotion to art extends to all 149 rooms and suites where photographs from the hotel's collection and an acoustic guitar are part of the décor. Guestrooms, reminiscent of the 1940s and 50s, offer sophisticated residency in an elegant setting and feature mirrored dressing rooms in the style of fitting rooms in haute couture boutiques.

Throughout the hotel, original works of art specially commissioned for Raffles Paris – Le Royal Monceau are displayed to enrich the ambience.

The aim of the curator Hervé Mikaeloff is quite simple, to establish Raffles Paris - Le Royal Monceau as a space where art and culture co-exist, and to ensure the hotel becomes a cultural landmark. Mikaeloff will continuously cultivate a dynamic roster of artists to bring into Le Royal Monceau, always balancing the project's overall consistency and harmony with the direction and variation of artwork.

Located in close proximity to the couture boutiques and luxury specialty stores of Champs Elysees and the iconic Arc de Triomphe, the hotel is a gourmand's dream with five exquisite restaurants and bars and in early 2011, Raffles Paris - Le Royal Monceau will open a luxurious new spa occupying 1,500 square meters.

To discover more about Raffles Paris - Le Royal Monceau, visit www.raffles.com/paris



Cocktails at Le Bar Long are reminiscent of the sparkle of society parties from the 1930s. Photo: Philippe Garcia/LaSociétéAnonyme



Works of art can be found throughout Raffles Paris - Le Royal Monceau, such as the oversized teapot sculpture installation by Portuguese artist Joana Vasconcelos in the garden. Photo : Harald Gottschalk/LaSociétéAnonyme

Raffles Debuts in Saudi Arabia



Suite interiors at Raffles Makkah Palace

With great pride, Raffles Hotels & Resorts has opened its first property in Saudi Arabia. Located in Makkah, the holiest city on earth for approximately 1.6 billion Muslims, Raffles Makkah Palace is located in the spectacular new Abraj Al Bait complex, a seven-tower community adjoining the Masjid Al Haram - or Grand Mosque - and the Ka'aba.

Mr. Mohammad Arkobi, Vice President and Managing Director for Fairmont Raffles Hotels International - Makkah, says that Raffles Makkah Palace will provide guests of the Holy City with a unique hospitality experience, attaining new levels of personal service in Saudi Arabia.

Raffles Makkah Palace is an extremely discreet, yet highly refined residential sanctuary, featuring 211 suites with breathtaking views of the Grand Mosque and Kaaba. The round-the-clock Raffles Butler Service anticipates every need.

Residents of Raffles Makkah Palace will discover unrivalled dining options at the four world class restaurants. Business travellers are catered for with a superbly equipped business center and state-of-the-art meeting and conference rooms.

Experience the very best of Middle Eastern hospitality at Raffles Makkah Palace.

Raffles Praslin – Paradise Found



Embark on a helicopter flight to capture the full beauty of Praslin and nearby Curieuse Island (pictured)

Photo: Seychelles Tourism Board/
Raymond Sahuquet

Tucked away in idyllic seclusion, nestled amongst a verdant tropical landscape and dramatic granite formations, the recently unveiled Raffles Praslin Seychelles offers intimate residential ambience in an unparalleled luxury resort.

Raffles Praslin is located on the beautiful north eastern tip of Praslin, the second largest granite island in the Seychelles - an island country of 115 islands set in the Indian Ocean.

The resort enjoys direct beachfront access on Anse Takamaka, with a 500-meter long stretch of soft white sand and crystalline blue sea, ideal for swimming and a variety of water sports such as snorkelling, scuba diving, canoeing and kayaking, sailing and more.



The legendary Vallée de Mai, rich with primeval beauty.
Photo: Seychelles Tourism Board/Raymond Sahuquet

The legendary Vallée de Mai, one of the two UNESCO World Heritage Sites in the Seychelles, is an attraction not to be missed. The magnificent Coco de Mer palms found only on Praslin and Curieuse islands, grow wild in glorious abundance here, bearing fruit to the largest seeds in the world. Other endemic plants and animal species such as the rare Seychelles Black Parrot can also be discovered at Vallée de Mai - once believed to be the original site of Eden.

On Praslin Island, the Raffles team is on hand to assist with the planning of the most exclusive private dining experiences at any imaginable locations on the island or in the privacy of the resort. Savour a gastronomic adventure atop the granite boulders or a family picnic on the pristine beaches, the varied landscape of the island offers countless outdoor dining options.



Take in stunning views while enjoying long leisurely soaks.

For more details on Raffles Praslin,
visit www.affles.com/praslin



Painting Dubai Red



Modern Chinese interiors and stunning views set the dynamic mood at Red Lounge.Terrace; (far left) the award-winning Noble House



Cool cocktails, chilled beats and spectacular views over the Dubai skyline - the arrival of the sensually smooth RED Lounge.Terrace at Raffles Dubai has shaken up Dubai's social scene.

Set at the peak of Raffles Dubai's iconic pyramid adjacent to the award-winning Noble House restaurant, RED Lounge.Terrace is where the city's most fascinating people connect.

Casual bites of exquisite dim sum including Foie Gras and Chicken Siew Mai are served in a sophisticated, dynamic setting in Dubai's first über-modern Chinese lounge. Late night supper complements intriguing cocktails - experience

the Desert Healer and the signature RED T, a tantalizing blend of Chinese wine, red berries, basil, lime and select mystery ingredients.

Raffles Dubai is located in the heart of one of the world's most exotic cities and with a panoramic, breathtaking setting, glamorous people, RED Lounge.Terrace is quickly becoming the hottest destination in town.

Tianjin Pampering



(Clockwise from top left) The spa has the requisite facilities be it for quiet relaxation or vigorous workouts

As the first luxury European concept spa in Tianjin, the spa at Raffles Tianjin offers a sophisticated array of wellness facilities specifically tailored for discerning business and leisure travellers.

Located on the 6th and 7th floor of Raffles Tianjin, the recently opened spa offers the finest European treatments in lavishly equipped spa treatment suites. A state-of-the-art fitness center, exercise studio and rejuvenating indoor pool and Jacuzzi completes the wellness experience. The spa features ten multi-functional and custom-designed spa suites offering a range of treatments including body massage, body scrubs and wraps, facials, manicures and pedicures.

The Signature Traditional Chinese Massage is one of the most requested massages. With deep tissue manipulation, this massage stimulates a harmonious flow of qi. Skillful hand techniques massage the soft tissue, acupressure directly enhances the flow of chi and manipulation techniques realign tired and aching muscles.

The spa at Raffles Tianjin also provides two relaxation lounges for residents to experience foot reflexology massage as well as manicure and pedicure treatments in ultimate comfort.



Hutong Highlights at Raffles Beijing



East 33 takes its name from the hotel's address, 33 East Chang An Avenue, and is renowned for its extravagant seafood weekend dinners

A truly unique experience awaits diners at Raffles Beijing Hotel's dynamic all-day dining restaurant.

In a fitting tribute to the ancient city of Beijing, the interior design of East 33 is a contemporary interpretation of typical Chinese "hutong" homes.

One third of the space at East 33 has been dedicated to an open kitchen which represents the centre or courtyard of the traditional hutong homes where communal activities take place. The seats surrounding the open kitchen represent the various families in a hutong.

The restaurant's decor is inspired by colours found in hutongs: soft grey stone clay tiled walls and floors in Italian marble and warm hard wood timber slats with Red Alicante marble mosaic inlay, selectively used to accent the touch of colours commonly associated with traditional Chinese art.

The eclectic antique Chinese furniture creates a harmony of East and West, blending traditional with contemporary. Chinese screen doors, antique oil lamps, pickle and vinegar jars have been carefully sourced from markets to be displayed as functionable accessories.

East 33 is renowned for the extravagant seafood weekend dinners on Friday and Saturday evenings. Residents can experience a magnificent seafood buffet featuring Boston lobsters, sushi and sashimi, Alaskan king crab, freshly shucked imported oysters, mussels and clams.



Raffles Tianjin – one of China’s Best New Hotels



Raffles Tianjin features luxurious oversized rooms with an air of sophistication and residential comfort

Although Raffles Tianjin only opened its doors in March this year, the city’s tallest penthouse hotel has already been recognized as a destination of unprecedented luxury.

In the 2010 China Travel Awards, Travel + Leisure China, the Chinese edition of the prestigious Travel + Leisure Magazine has named Raffles Tianjin one of China’s Best New Hotels.

Raffles Tianjin also has refined banquet and meeting facilities including the Raffles Grand Ballroom and discreet, professional staff to ensure every event is memorable.

Conveniently set in the heart of the business and retail districts, Raffles Tianjin features 116 oversized rooms and suites, exceptional dining options from CitySpace and S6U - the spectacular rooftop bar and restaurant - to the sophisticated Qing Palace Chinese restaurant.

Gastronomic Experience Celebrates Sixteen Years



(From left) Chef Philip Howard, Chef Gilles Goujon and Chef Gérald Passédat

The “Grand Old Dame” as Raffles Hotel is affectionally known, is not only one of Singapore’s most loved icons, she is also the host of the prestigious Raffles Hotel Wine, Food & Arts Experience – a glittering annual event featuring luminaries from the culinary world and prestigious wineries.

The 2011 Raffles Hotel Wine, Food and Arts Experience is the 16th anniversary of the event, and will be conducted from January 26 to 30, 2011.

The gastronomic maestros that will grace the famed dining rooms of Raffles Hotel include Michelin Star Chefs – Chef Gérald Passédat of seafront Le Petit Nice, France; Chef Gilles Goujon, owner of the charming l’Auberge du Vieux Puits, Fontjoncouse, France; and Chef Philip Howard of The Square, London, United Kingdom.

World-renowned vintages will also be lavishly showcased throughout the five day experience – including Château Margaux and Château d’Yquem from Bordeaux, France; and Champagne Salon Blanc de Blancs from Côte des Blancs, Champagne, France.

To secure a reservation or for more information on the 16th Raffles Hotel Wine, Food and Arts Experience, call Raffles Hotel Singapore on +65 6412 1263 or visit www.rhwfae.com

Magical Memories

Guests will arrive at Siem Reap International Airport in style to be greeted by a private butler. A BMW stretch limousine will whisk them to the Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor, to sip Champagne on the sprawling terrace with views of the verdant inner gardens and swimming pool inspired by the royal baths of Angkor.

The exclusive sojourn includes a three-night stay in one of just two exquisite villas set in the historic hotel's private gardens and unique excursions including:

- A thirty-minute Champagne balloon flight over the ancient temples.
- An adventure sightseeing trip in a 1950s Jeep, accompanied by a private guide.
- Champagne breakfast in a jungle temple.
- Rejuvenating Amrita Grand Indulgence for two at the renowned RafflesAmrita Spa.
- An inspiring visit to a local children's home or Artisan's Centre.

A truly unforgettable grand finale awaits - a gala dinner prepared and served by the tranquil moonlit pool. Raffles Grand Hotel d'Angkor will present the lady guest with a magnificent bespoke Eric Raisina dress. The Madagascar-born, Cambodian-based designer's stunning fashion and haute textiles have graced the runways of Yves Saint Laurent and Christian Lacroix. The gentleman will be presented with a Panama, also with the hotel's compliments.

For reservations, email siemreap@raffles.com



The unforgettable Valentine's experience includes romantic excursions and a bespoke Eric Raisina dress for the lady guest.

The Mekong Sessions in Phnom Penh



For over thirteen years, Raffles Hotel Le Royal Phnom Penh has been supporting art and cultural pursuits. In conjunction with the National Archives of Cambodia, the hotel has recently established a gallery of historical photos in the Writers Bar, contributed by foreign correspondents who were based in Phnom Penh in the 1970s.

In 2011, Raffles Hotel Le Royal Phnom Penh will be proudly supporting The Mekong Sessions – a unique series of concerts to assist worthy causes in the dynamic city of Phnom Penh.

For updates on The Mekong Sessions, visit www.themekongsessions.com

Raffles Welcomes New General Manager



Mr. Peter French, General Manager, Raffles Dubai

With over forty years of international luxury hospitality experience, Mr. Peter French brings a wealth of knowledge to further enhance Raffles Dubai's reputation as one of the world's leading luxury hotels.

A British native, Mr. French is a seasoned and accomplished hotelier and has been General Manager of hotels in Bangkok, New York, London and Hong Kong.

Mr. French embraces the new opportunity at Raffles Dubai. "I feel very honoured to be part of such an iconic, award winning property well known for its heartfelt and gracious service and cultured luxury. I look forward to continuing the ongoing success of this well-established brand."

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