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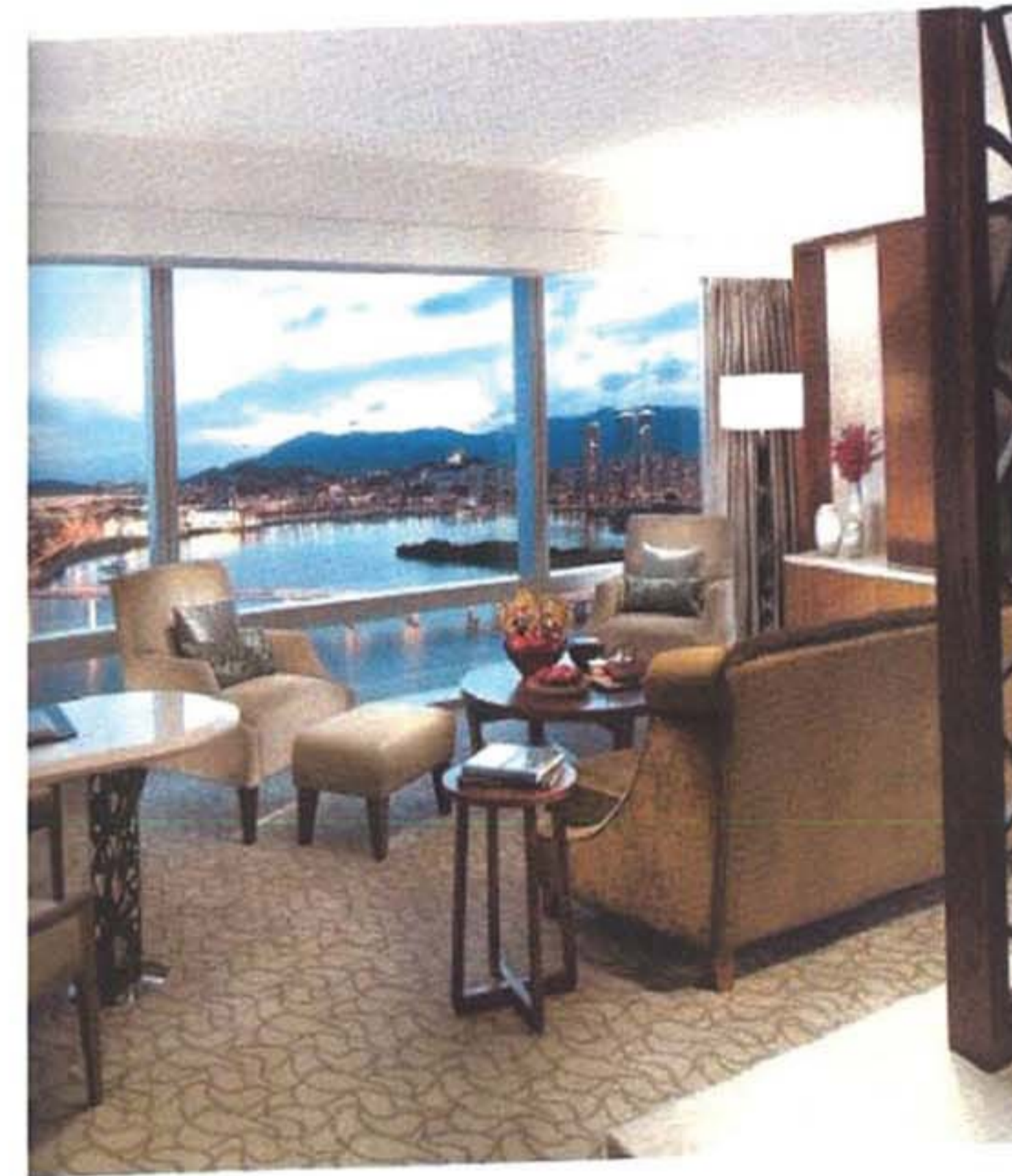
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## MANDARIN ORIENTAL MACAU

You wake up and throw back the curtains, to be greeted with panoramic views of the South China Sea, and down below the city of Macau begins its day as the entertainment capital of Asia. The Mandarin Oriental Macau reflects the very essence of the former Portuguese colony and it blends stylish chic modernity with subtle inspirations from the territory's European heritage. Quite simply, it's now the premier property on the Macau Peninsula and a luxurious base to explore this fascinating place. If you could sum up the Mandarin Oriental Macau in one word, it would be sexy. All rooms are beautifully appointed with the best of everything, the bathrooms are simply fantastic and the Panorama Suites take hotel living to new heights. With floor to ceiling windows on the highest floors, the views out across the Macau sky reveals either Nam Van Lake or Macau Bay and at the end of a day you can soak in a decadent window-side tub and watch the lights of Macau illuminate the landscape. If you feel inclined to leave the hotel, it's only walking distance to the historical district, the major casinos and the ferry terminal to Hong Kong. *PH*

*Why you'll love it:* Impeccable service which goes way beyond a five star rating, stunning views and everything that's worth seeing in Macau is only a short walk away. [www.mandarinoriental.com/macau](http://www.mandarinoriental.com/macau)



## THE SERAI, INDIA

You're sitting out on a deck as the sun drops low against the desert landscape and within minutes the sky turns a bright yellow against the sand. For the next half hour the palette moves from yellow to orange, red and purple, with some outrageous hues in between. The Serai, near Jaisalmer in Rajasthan is unique in that it's a luxury desert camp with just 21 large canvas tents set on one hundred acres in the Great Thar Desert. If you love being at one with the wilderness in peaceful and sumptuous surroundings then this is the type of place that will completely change the way you think of luxurious getaways. An intimate dining tent serves the finest local delicacies and western offerings and for that never-to-forget experience guests can arrange to dine anywhere on the estate - a romantic dinner for two under the bright desert stars is not something you get to do every day. For honeymooners and romantics, the luxury tented suites have plunge pools in a private courtyard and the Royal Suite has its own spa, plunge pool, day bed, dining areas and private butler. The service standards are impeccable at the Serai and it's an ideal base to explore the fabled tenth century desert kingdom of Jaisalmer, including the amazing Jaisalmer Fort with its intricately carved Jain temples. *PH*

*Why you'll love it:* This is a complete departure from the tropical island-type getaway that typifies many 'romantic' destinations - instead it's something of a throwback to the British Raj, with gin and tonik instead of pina colodas. [www.the-serai.com](http://www.the-serai.com)

