



## Big Living in the Big Apple

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Moving to New York City with a 30 million dollar budget? The Penthouse at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel boasts exquisite amenities, jaw-dropping views, 5 star service, and the most exclusive location in the city.

How many times have you come home after a stressful day at the office, only to find your bed turned down, a chilled bottle of champagne on your night stand, and your favorite Miles Davis tunes playing on the stereo? Chances are your answer is never. But, if you happen to own one of the residential penthouses at the Mandarin Oriental Hotel in New York City, this far-fetched scenario can be a reality. Boasting over 8,200 square feet of living space, floor to ceiling windows, a 360 degree panoramic view of Central Park, the Hudson River and the Manhattan Skyline, this extravagant room with a view can be yours at a base price of only \$25 million. These private residences not only come with all the luxuries and amenities found in any high-end New York City penthouse, but also include full access to the 5-star Mandarin Oriental hotel and all its services.

Each residence comes with its own private elevator, which gives you private access to the spa and the 75-foot glass infinity pool. This means you can head down for a dip wearing your tight-fitting Armani swimsuit without having to worry about frightening small children on the way. After working up an appetite in the water, you may feel like a bite to eat. But, wait! You can't miss the last episode of Frasier. Have no fear. You can enjoy a five-star meal in the comforts of your living room with 24-hour room service. And getting tickets to a show after dinner? Leave this to the concierge, who is virtually at your beck and call.

While many fine hotels come standard with room service and a helpful concierge, the

services provided by the Mandarin go above and beyond the norm. After a long business trip, you most likely don't feel like stopping at the grocery store on the way home. And why should you? Just because your fridge was barren when you left, doesn't mean it should be that way when you come back. The Mandarin staff can have your kitchen filled with all your favorite foods before you even step foot inside your swanky pad.

The Mandarin Oriental is located in the newly constructed Time Warner Center at Columbus Circle. This 2.8 million square foot, 1.7 billion dollar complex features a health club, a grocery store, two performance halls, and dozens of high-end retail stores. Aside from convenient entertainment and shopping, the Time Warner Center provides residents of the Mandarin Oriental with highly advanced technology. A wireless phone system allows residents to wander around the shops downstairs without having to hang up on an important business contact or significant other. Additional technological amenities include round the clock surveillance, high speed internet, digital cable, and internal broadcasting systems in each room which allow for easy teleconferencing. Can't make it home for Thanksgiving? Nothing says "I wish I were there" like a live video feed to your loved ones.

This fine slice of New York City living seems to cover all the basic necessities; a breathtaking view, unrivaled service, 5 star dining, and a little 8,200 square foot place you can call home. So, why not step away from reality for a bit? Gather together a group of your 30

wealthiest friends and make a down payment on one of the last two penthouses available at the Mandarin Oriental. It's about time you did something nice for yourself.