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Mandarin Oriental to make Caribbean debut this fall

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Mandarin Oriental, Canouan will be the group's first Caribbean property. Image courtesy of Mandarin Oriental

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Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is rebranding and managing a hotel on Canouan Island in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, marking the hotelier's entry into the Caribbean.

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The resort, which will become Mandarin Oriental, Canouan in November, provides a secluded getaway for guests while also allowing them access to outdoor activities such as sailing and fishing. This year, Mandarin Oriental has announced plans to bring its brand to new destinations, including South America, Australia and Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Coming to Canouan

Mandarin Oriental, Canouan is located on Godahl Beach on the east coast of the five-square-mile island.

Given the isolated nature of the property, the hotel owns private jets that will shuttle guests to the resort from Barbados, St. Lucia and other Caribbean locations. Consumers can also charter a yacht or take a regularly scheduled flight.

The 26 suites and 12 villas have ocean views. Villas, which have three to four bedrooms, come with a private pool.

Guests can partake in activities such as golfing on the 18-hole course designed by Jim Fazio, hiking or playing tennis.



Golf course of The Pink Sands Club, being rebranded to the Mandarin Oriental property. Image credit: Leading Hotels of the World

Taking advantage of its ocean adjacent location, the hotel's spa and health club includes two overwater treatment cabanas that guests access by boat.

"We are delighted to be introducing the Mandarin Oriental brand to the Caribbean, and to be bringing the group's legendary service and quality standards to the beautiful island of Canouan," said James Riley, group chief executive of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group, in a statement. "We look forward to introducing guests to what we believe will become the Caribbean's most exclusive luxury getaway."

In addition to the resort, Mandarin Oriental is opening branded residences that will be situated near to the hotel. These are slated to be available in 2020.

Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is also expanding its brand into Australia with plans for its first property in the country. The company has inked a management contract for a hotel and residences within a mixed-use tower in Melbourne being developed by Landream ([see story](#)).

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