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Calling all chocolate lovers: Indulge in a Cocoa-cation with Mercure Hotels

For chocolate lovers and mocha-holics, Mercure Hotels is offering the ultimate indulgent getaway to satisfy all your cocoa cravings. Created in celebration of Chocolate Week (10-16 October) and available for the rest of the month, the Mercure 'Cocoa-cation' provides a tantalising treat for all the senses with a choice of pampering chocotherapy spa treatment, indulgent choctail and a delectable dining experience rounded off with a chocolate twist – all from £133.00.

An overnight Cocoa-cation stay at one of 10 stylish Mercure Spa Hotels around the UK includes a heavenly chocotherapy spa treatment. Chocolate is rich in antioxidants, minerals and polyphenols, which help to leave skin softer and smoother, while the uplifting aroma releases endorphins helping us to feel good about ourselves. Any tension will simply melt away as guests choose from the relaxing Chocolate Orange Back Treatment or the pampering Chocolate Orange Hand Treatment both featuring Mercure's unique chocolate orange scrub and the silky-smooth application of warm dark chocolate for a truly blissful experience.

For Cocoa-cation guests, a choctail before dinner stimulates the taste buds with a decadent Chocolate Martini mixed by Mercure's expert bar staff.

Pleasurable dining is one of the hallmarks of Mercure Hotels with menus of freshly prepared, seasonal dishes, featuring locally sourced produce and regional specialities, accompanied by Mercure's signature Grands Vins wine list of high quality regional and international fine wines. A sumptuous three course meal in the hotel restaurant includes a cocoalicious alternative to the traditional cheeseboard with the 'Divine Chocboard' – a heavenly selection of high quality, Fairtrade treats, from Divine Chocolate.

The Cocoa-cation is available from £133.00 for two people for stays between 8th to 31st October 2011, at selected Mercure hotels around the UK. For further details or to book a stay visit mercure.com or call 0871 663 0627.

Notes to editors

The package is available at:

1. Mercure Aberdeen Ardoe House Hotel and Spa
2. Mercure Blackburn Dunkenhalgh Hotel and Spa
3. Mercure Bolton Last Drop Village Hotel and Spa
4. Mercure Bristol Holland House Hotel and Spa
5. Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel and Spa
6. Mercure Coventry Brandon Hall Hotel and Spa
7. Mercure Manchester Norton Grange Hotel and Spa
8. Mercure Hythe Imperial Hotel and Spa
9. Mercure Sheffield St. Paul's Hotel and Spa
10. Mercure Shrewsbury Albrighton Hall Hotel and Spa

*Cocoa-cation guests can choose to exchange their inclusive spa treatment for an upgraded treatment such as a 55 minute Decadent Chocolate Facial (£30.00); 85 minute Divine Hot Chocolate Body Wrap (£55.00) or 55 minute Deluxe Chocolate Hand Treatment (£20.00).

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