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**Rendezvous Merry Hotel Shanghai Launches Summer Shoppers' Paradise Package**

The Rendezvous Merry Hotel in Shanghai has launched a unique package designed for the most discerning shopaholic that provides a great accommodation deal with a local's guide to the best shopping outlets.

The Hotel's 'Sensational Shanghai' Shopping & Tour Package includes a 20 per cent discount on the best available rate, complimentary full buffet breakfast, complimentary broadband access, 20 per cent discount on all food during the length of the stay\*, complimentary room upgrade (if available), late 3pm checkout and of course, the insider's shopping guide.

The self-guided shopping tour is like a very detailed Lonely Planet Guide compiled by local shopaholics. Available from the Concierge, it includes ideas, directions and tips on where to shop, eat and drink, how to bargain, where to find ATMs, what to order where, and many other secrets of the city.

Some tour highlights and tips include:

- The **Shanghai Soft Spinning Material Market**, is the best place to have clothes expertly and inexpensively tailor-made. Staff at most stalls speak English and they are the masters of copying so shoppers should take their favourite garment or a picture there to be identically made.
- At the **Yu Yuan Gardens** the hand made craft market is perfect for Chinese antiques and souvenirs, but bargaining is a must, so the aim is to get the vendor down to at least half-price. The Gardens are also famous for the pork dumpling soup shop, but be prepared for a long line and be careful when eating as it is always very hot.
- **The Bund** and the **Huang Pu River** are beautiful by day, but pay the spot a visit at night and have a cocktail on the deck at the New Heights Restaurant. The prices are reasonable and the view of all the lights in the area is breathtaking.
- The **Shanghai Hong Qiao Datong Yang Market** is not frequented by tourists so prices are cheaper and everything is done by grades, so if the price of a handbag is too expensive, ask for a lower grade. As the grades go down, so does the quality and price.

The 'Sensational Shanghai' Shopping deal is available from CNY480 or approximately AUS\$95 per night and is on offer from 1 June to 31 December 2009\*\*. With flights to Shanghai as low as \$1,025 return from Sydney (including taxes) it is an offer not to be missed. This is also an ideal time to use up some frequent flyer points and jet off from winter to the exotic orient.

Superbly located in the heart of cosmopolitan Shanghai, the Rendezvous Merry Hotel is the ideal place to relax in style and comfort. Rendezvous Merry Hotel Shanghai is a 4-star international hotel with a collection of 342 elegant rooms and suites and extensive facilities

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including a fitness centre, spa, sauna, massage centre, beauty salon and business centre as well as a range of entertainment options, bars and restaurants. The hotel offers convenient access to public transport, and is a short, inexpensive taxi ride to many major attractions.

\* 20% discount not valid at 'all you can eat' buffets, banquets, meetings and events or with other promotions.

\*\* Offer only valid for a minimum of four nights' consecutive stay. First 50 reservations get a complimentary upgrade to an Executive Suite.

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