

Press Release

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HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa, Invites Guests to Explore Famed Japanese Cultural Attractions Amidst the Autumn Foliage

Kyoto, Japan – [HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa](#), invites guests to embrace the enchanting beauty of Kyoto's autumn landscape and mild temperatures with a bespoke lineup of cultural immersions, including private temple visits and access to areas typically closed to the public, and a seasonal Afternoon tea highlighting local flavors.



Exclusive Temple Visits: On select days throughout the fall, Kyoto's revered temples offer hotel guests exclusive admission to deepen their connection to and appreciation of Japan's distinct heritage:

- **Byodoin Temple Early Morning Private Tour** (Nov. 26, Dec. 3 and Dec. 4 at 7:00 am | ¥400,000 per group, 8 maximum): This tour offers a tranquil, crowd-free experience as guests are guided through Phoenix Hall and The Hoshokan Museum, with special access to the Jodoin Yorin-an Shoin Residence.
- **Toji Temple Night Private Tour** (Nov. 28, 29 and 30 at 9:00 pm | ¥400,000 per group, 8 maximum): The enchanting nighttime experience at this renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site includes entry to the otherwise restricted five-story pagoda and imperial guest house "Shosibo," adorned with paintings by the famed Japanese artist Insho Domoto.
- **Kiyomizu-dera Temple Early Morning Private Tour** (Nov. 25, 27 Dec 3 at 6:30 am | ¥400,000 per group): Guided by Kiyomizu-dera monk Shoin Onishi, guests explore restricted areas of the National Treasure Main Hall and the Treasure Hall in the Great Lecture Hall to view Japanese cultural treasures. The tour will conclude with a private dialogue in Joju-in, overlooking the "Moon Garden" and stunning fall foliage.



Kyotamba Afternoon Tea (Oct. 1 - Nov. 30 | ¥8,800, includes free-flow beverages: three original mocktails, over 20 kinds of TWG teas and more): Capturing the essence of autumn with its unique scents and flavors, this culinary experience presented at THE GARDEN BAR showcases the exquisite tastes and aromas of the nearby Kyotamba region, as guests take in vibrant courtyard views. Afternoon tea selections feature sweet and savory treats crafted with ingredients from Kyotamba, including Roasted Kyo Chestnut & Ice Cream, Kyotamba Chestnut Mont Blanc, and Kyotamba-yaki Grill.

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Autumn fall rates start at ¥ 177,100 (approximately \$1,198 USD) for a standard room and ¥ 256,795 (approximately \$1,738 USD) for a deluxe suite. Autumn programming and all experiences are subject to availability.

To book a stay or make a reservation, visit www.hotelthemitsui.com or call +75 468 3100.

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ABOUT HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa:

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is the first of the HOTEL THE MITSUI brand of iconic, ultra-luxury properties, designed to reflect the harmony between the four seasons and five senses. Located in the heart of Kyoto adjacent to the legendary Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the 160-room hotel features three restaurants, including the innovative TOKI; Thermal Spring sourced from an on-site natural spring; and a modern tea ceremony alcove. Built on a 250-year-old historic site that was once the home of the executive branch of the Mitsui Family, the hotel presents an ambiance of refined sophistication and serves as a cultural gateway to discover Kyoto. The first Japanese hotel to receive a Five Star rating from Forbes Travel Guide in its opening year's inspection—and maintain it for four consecutive years—is also featured on Condé Nast Traveler's 2024 Gold List, and is the only Kyoto property, and one of just six in Japan, to earn the Michelin Three Key distinction in 2024.

The brand's new property, HOTEL THE MITSUI HAKONE, will open in late 2026, featuring 126 rooms, each with its own natural hot springs.

