

# HOTEL THE MITSUI

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## Press Release

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### **HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO, a Luxury Collection Hotel & Spa, Provides Rare Access to 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 scenery and mild temperatures with a bespoke lineup of cultural experiences, including exclusive temple visits and special access to one of the city's largest festivals.



**Exclusive Temple Visits:** On select days throughout the fall, Kyoto's revered temples offer admission to rare sights:

- **Kiyomizu dera Temple** (Nov. 23, 25, 27, 29, 30 at 6:00am | ¥400,000 per group of 4): This tour offers a tranquil, crowd-free sunrise experience, granting access to areas typically closed to the public, such as the Hozouden lecture hall, home to temple treasures and fixtures designated as Important Cultural Properties.
- **To-ji Temple Night Private Tour** (Nov. 24, 26, 27, 28, Dec. 1 at 8:30pm | ¥400,000 per group of 8): The enchanting nighttime experience at this renowned UNESCO World Heritage Site includes admission to the usually restricted five-story pagoda and the guest house "Koshibo," adorned with paintings by the esteemed Japanese artist Dômoto Inshô.
- **Ho-kyo-ji Temple Private Tour** (Nov. 24, 26, 28, Dec. 1, 2 at 1:00pm | ¥50,000 per person, 10 maximum): The captivating color contrasts at Ho-kyo-ji Temple, a current nunnery, are highlighted by the bold Irohamomiji maples in front of the main hall, standing in striking contrast to the green moss. Normally inaccessible to the public, this tour also includes a guided meditation session to cultivate inner peace. Following this, a resident nun presents a Dharma talk, providing insights into Buddhist principles. The experience concludes with a traditional tea ceremony, a time-honored ritual that promotes mindfulness and contemplation.

**Special Access at the Jidai Festival** (Oct. 22 | 20 Seats | ¥20,000 per person): Coinciding with the anniversary of Kyoto's founding, the Jidai Matsuri, or "Festival of the Ages" features more than 2,000 participants dressed in historical attire, bringing the past back to life. The procession chronologically depicts Japanese history, starting from the Meiji Restoration in 1868 and working backwards to the Heian period from 794-1185. HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO offers guests exclusive reserved seating at the culmination point of the parade near Heian Shrine.

**Kyotamba Partnership** (Oct. 1-Nov. 30): Capturing the essence of autumn with its unique scents and flavors, this collaborative culinary experience at HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO showcases the exquisite tastes and aromas of the nearby Kyotamba region, all while guests enjoy views of the vibrant courtyard.



- **Afternoon Tea** (¥7,100JPY for two drinks or ¥7,700 JPY for unlimited): Sweet and savory treats are featured with ingredients from Kyotamba including a Mont Blanc crafted with sweetened Kyotamba chestnut puree and a Kyotamba Wine and Pear Mousse pastry.
- **Special Dinner** (¥13,700 at FORNI, ¥21,500 at TOKI): Limited-time menus highlight Kyotamba's nutty flavors with dishes starring chestnuts, shimeji mushrooms and Tamba wine.

Autumn fall rates start at ¥203,550JPY for a standard room and ¥ 274,390JPY for a deluxe suite. Autumn programming and all experiences are subject to available. To book a stay or make a reservation, visit [www.hotelthemitsui.com](http://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, recently awarded the highest Three Key hotel distinction by Michelin, is the first of the HOTEL THE MITSUI brand of iconic, ultra-luxury properties, designed to embody and reflect the harmony between the natural environment, the four seasons and the five senses. Located in the heart of Kyoto, adjacent to the legendary Nijo Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the hotel is an idyllic sanctuary honoring ancient Japanese traditions and embodying the legacy and spirit of Kyoto. The hotel is built on a 250-year-old historic site that was once the home of the executive branch of the Mitsui Family, carefully designed to reflect a luxurious ambiance of refined sophistication. The first hotel in Japan to receive a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star rating in the first year of operation, HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is an awe-inspiring feast for the spirit and the senses and a cultural gateway to discover everything Kyoto has to offer.