

Press Release

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**Step into the World of the Shogunate:
HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO Introduces A Private Tour of World Heritage Nijo-jo Castle**

Kyoto, Japan – Tapping into the renewed fascination with feudal Japan, sparked by acclaimed television series *Shogun*, [HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO](#) introduces a rare opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the Tokugawa Shoguns with *Shogun's Gateway: A Private Tour of World Heritage Nijo-jo Castle*.

Available exclusively to hotel guests, private morning and evening tours offer tranquil, crowd-free access to the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Led by a dedicated historian, the journey unveils the splendor and symbolism of the Tokugawa era through architectural masterpieces, manicured gardens, and restricted areas rarely seen by visitors, including sections of the Ninomaru-goten Palace and views of the castle's historic kitchen quarters and front garden.

With exclusive entry through the elegant Karamon Gate, the experience reawakens the courtly rituals and quiet power of the Shogunate, set against the peaceful hush of Kyoto's horizon.

**Nijo-jo Castle Private Tour: Morning Tour**

- **Time:** 8:30–9:30AM
- **Capacity:** Up to 8 guests per day
- **Price:** ¥55,000 (approximately \$370 USD) per group | Up to 4 participants, Additional participants: ¥9,000 (approximately \$60 USD) per person.
- **Includes:** Private guided access to the Ninomaru-goten Palace courtyard, Nagaya-mon, kitchen, and front garden.

Nijo-jo Castle Private Tour: Evening Tour

- **Time:** 3:30-5:00PM
- **Capacity:** Up to 8 guests per day
- **Price:** ¥60,000 (approximately \$405 USD) per group | Up to 4 participants, Additional participants: ¥10,000 (approximately \$67) per person.
- **Includes:** Private guided access with exclusive entry to the Yon-no-ma (Fourth Room) of the Ninomaru-goten Palace.

Please note: Access to non-public areas may vary depending on the season.

This blend of cultural reverence and contemporary hospitality underscores HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO's mission to curate exceptional, place-based experiences for the modern traveler where every detail evokes a sense of wonder and heritage.

For reservations and more information, visit <https://www.hotelthemitsui.com/kyoto>.

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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-jo 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, one of just seven in Japan to earn the Michelin Three Key distinction in 2025 for two consecutive years, and named in the World's

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

