

HOTEL THE MITSUI

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HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO Launches Family Mystery Adventure in Collaboration with Kyoto University Puzzle Group Hard Nuts

Interactive hotel-wide experience invites families to solve clues and uncover the legend of the Dawn Blade



Kyoto, Japan – [HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO](#), located adjacent to Nijō Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, reveals a new family-friendly mystery experience beginning July 15, 2026. Titled “Hotel Mystery Adventure: The Phantom Wolf and the Legend of the Dawn Blade,” the interactive program invites guests to explore the hotel through a puzzle-solving journey created in collaboration with Kyoto University’s puzzle production group, Hard Nuts.

Designed for families with children aged 6 to 15, the experience transforms the hotel into the setting for a mystery adventure inspired by legend and discovery. Participants follow clues hidden throughout the property, using an old diary to decode messages, uncover secrets and protect a treasured artifact – the Dawn Blade – from the elusive Phantom Thief Wolf.

The program combines storytelling, puzzle-solving and exploration, offering guests a distinctive way to engage with the hotel while enjoying a shared family activity.

Hotel Mystery Adventure: The Phantom Wolf and the Legend of the Dawn Blade

Languages: Japanese and English

Recommended Ages: 6 to 15

Contents: Mystery-solving kit, branded water bottle and reusable bag

Duration: Approximately 2 hours

Price: JPY 6,000 per set, including tax

For more information, visit: https://www.hotelthemitsui.com/en/kyoto/news/nazo_en/

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Guest Information

- *Kits are available exclusively to hotel and restaurant guests, and may be collected at Reception and THE SHOP. Availability may be limited during peak periods.
- *Advance reservations are not required.
- *Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times.
- *Guests are encouraged to enjoy the activity during daylight hours.
- *The hotel is not responsible for accidents, injuries, property damage, theft or other incidents that may occur during the experience.
- *Transfer or resale of the mystery-solving kit is strictly prohibited.
- *Lost kits or contents cannot be replaced.
- *To preserve the enjoyment of future guests, participants are asked not to share program details or solutions online or on social media.



About Hard Nuts – Kyoto University Puzzle Creation Group:

“Hard Nuts” is a puzzle and mystery creation group primarily composed of students from Kyoto University. Founded in 2015 by members of the university’s medical faculty, the group has since produced a wide range of original puzzle-solving events and corporate collaborations, not only across the Kansai region but throughout Japan. The name “Hard Nuts” derives from the English phrase “hard nut,” reflecting the group’s belief that even the most challenging puzzles become deeply rewarding solved, revealing an exciting and memorable experience within.

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

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO is the first property under the HOTEL THE MITSUI ultra-luxury hospitality brand. 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 Spa 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.

HOTEL THE MITSUI KYOTO was the first property in Japan to earn a Forbes Travel Guide Five Star rating in its opening year inspection and has retained that distinction for five consecutive years; in 2026, its Spa also achieved Five Star status and its commitment to sustainable practices was recognized with the VERIFIED™ Responsible Hospitality badge. In the same year, the hotel was honored as an inaugural recipient of the Condé Nast Traveler’s Triple Crown. The property also stands as the only hotel in Kyoto to receive the Michelin Three Key distinction.

HOTEL THE MITSUI HAKONE is scheduled to open in 2026 and will feature 126 rooms, each with its own natural hot spring.

