

Announcing Aman Kyoto

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Nestled in the verdant foothills of the symbolic mountain of Hidari Daimonji, Aman Kyoto is a place of untold beauty, where small jizo statues sit contentedly among the yamamomiji maples. The resort perfectly tempers privacy, relaxation and rejuvenation with the vibrancy of Japan's ancient Imperial capital, home to 17 Unesco World Heritage Sites. Aman Kyoto is an architectural masterclass in eschewing the obvious while embracing the subtle – a picture frame for a location that is as peaceful as it is otherworldly.

A remarkable setting, inseparable from the city's artistic soul

Aman Kyoto represents the fruition of a beautiful landscape first conceived as the garden of a textile museum. Whimsical stone pathways curve gently along the forest floor, and stone slabs blanketed in moss serve as the foundations for the resort's sensitive architecture. The secluded grounds are part of what was an artistic community that gave rise to the revered Rinpa school of painting some 400 years ago, and are within easy reach of Kyoto's most important sites, including the stunning golden temple, Kinkakuji.



An inspired take on the ryokan inn, flawless in its simplicity

Aman Kyoto's latticed pavilions are a contemporary homage to the traditional Japanese Ryokan inn, strikingly minimalist in their geometry, and each serving as a window onto their spectacular natural surroundings. The interiors are spacious and light-filled – ingeniously crafted to foster peace, relaxation and contemplation at every turn. The intimate scale of the pavilions and their considered placement within the garden respects, on one hand the simplicity and appropriateness of traditional Japanese architecture, while on the other allows these contemporary buildings to exist and breathe with the landscape, as if it had been contemplated.



A celebration of the unique culinary traditions of Japan

Aman Kyoto's signature Restaurant in the Dining Pavilion will be a landmark addition to one of Japan's most celebrated gastronomical regions. Showcasing the unique culinary tradition of Japanese haute cuisine, multi-course dining experiences will make use of the finest hand-picked local produce. The convivial Living Pavilion with its central fireplace and glass doors opening onto an ornate garden terrace will be no less inspired. Serving home-cooked Kyoto obanzai style cuisine throughout the day, guests can also enjoy afternoon tea and reserve bamboo picnic hampers to be enjoyed al fresco in the garden or forest glades.



A new spa experience, rooted in Japan's ancient wellness practices

The fresh spring water that flows near Aman Kyoto is central to the philosophy at the resort's Aman Spa. Traditional *onsen* bathing facilities deliver relaxation and healing in their purest forms, while dovetailing with a range of treatments that tap into Japan's plentiful natural apothecary - including Kyoto green tea, Tanba *Kuromame* black beans, local sake, cold-pressed Camellia oil, and Kyoto silk cocoon.

