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# THE RITZ-CARLTON, KYOTO AWARDED FIVE-STAR RATING FOR THE FIFTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR BY FORBES TRAVEL GUIDE $\sim$ THE RITZ-CARLTON SPA ALSO RECEIVED FOUR-STAR RATING $\sim$

**KYOTO, JAPAN** – **April 28, 2022** – <u>The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto</u> has earned a Forbes Travel Guide Five-Star Rating for 2022, the world's leading travel guide that rates the best in hospitality. The Ritz-Carlton Spa also received a four-star rating in the spa category of the Forbes Travel Guide for the fifth time since 2017.



The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto, which opened on February 7, 2014, celebrates its 8th anniversary this year in a location overlooking the 36 peaks of Higashiyama, along the Kamo River running from north to south in Kyoto. The hotel's exterior and interior design blend in with the Kyoto landscape, and the hotel has provided exceptional service to its guests since its opening.

Forbes Travel Guide was established in 1958 and was the first travel guide in the world to introduce the prestigious 5-star rating system. Expert researchers review and rate luxury hotels, restaurants, and spas around the world based on more than 800 rigorous criteria. With more than 70% of the criteria based on service, the guide consists of standards that measure how well a hotel's staff connects emotionally with guests, and is recognized by the global affluent travel industry as the premier rating for service.

In addition, The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto was recognized this year by "T+L 500", a leading U.S. travel magazine, which selected 500 of the world's hotels for inclusion in the Travel + Leisure T+L 500.

It is an absolute honor to receive the recognition from prestigious organizations such as Forbes and Travel + Leisure. I would like to recognize those who have made this possible, the Ladies and Gentlemen at The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto. These accolades would not have been possible without their relentless commitment to luxury service and genuine care. (Comments by Carlos Tarrero, General Manager, The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto)

## About The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto

Built along the banks of the famous Kamogawa river, in an enviable location favored by Japanese noblemen since the 17th century, The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto offers sublime views of the river, and walking proximity to Gion - where shopping, dining and entertainment await. Often interpreted as a ryokan, this 134-room hotel features an authentic Japanese restaurant Mizuki with its Michelinstarred tempura, teppanyaki and sushi counters, backed by a cascading waterfall. La Locanda provides true Italian fares in an atmospheric ambience, including a 110-years-old repurposed Japanese house- Ebisugawa-tei within its repertoire. Guests can enjoy an array of activities ranging from temple chanting to bicycle tours, zen garden making classes to sake tastings. The Ritz-Carlton Spa offers an extensive menu and features seven intimate treatment rooms, a steam room, dry sauna, a 20-meter swimming pool, and a 24-hour fitness center. Just like a trip to Japan without Kyoto seems incomplete, a stay at The Ritz-Carlton, Kyoto is often on the itinerary of the most affluent visitors to the ancient capital.

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