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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 architecture. The secluded grounds are close to 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.

Location

Aman Kyoto is situated in a secret garden at the foothills of the iconic Hidari Daimonji mountain, in Kyoto's northern Takagamine district. The resort is moments from the centre of Kyoto, and within walking distance of Kinkakuji golden temple.

Getting There

- A two-hour drive or 90-minute express train ride from Kansai International Airport
- A one-hour drive from Osaka International Airport (Itami)
- About 30 minutes by car from Kyoto Station



Accommodation

Aman Kyoto's latticed guest rooms are a contemporary homage to the traditional ryokan inn, strikingly minimalist in their geometry, and each serving as a window onto their natural surroundings. The interiors are spacious and light-filled – ingeniously crafted to foster peace, relaxation and contemplation at every turn.

Guest Rooms

Susuki	60m ²	646ft ²
Nara	60m ²	646ft ²
Kaede	60m ²	646ft ²
Hotaru	60m ²	646ft ²

Suite

Takagamine	165m ²	1,783ft ²
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Pavilion

Washigamine	241m ²	2,594ft ²
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Guest Rooms

- Combined bedroom and living area, featuring natural woods, floor-to-ceiling windows and tatami flooring
- King-size or twin beds
- Traditional *Tokonoma* alcove
- Japanese bath, made of *Hinoki* cypress wood

Susuki

- East-facing rooms close to the Kamiya River
- Located on the ground and first floors, with garden or city views

Nara

- West-facing, ground-floor rooms at the heart of the resort
- Views of stone pathways, evergreen shrubs and maple trees

Kaede

- West-facing, first-floor rooms with views of maple trees and forested hillside

Hotaru

- Secluded west-facing rooms, ensconced on the mountainside
- Located on ground and first floors, with views of the moss-covered garden or forested hillside

Takagamine Suite

- Perched above a stone wall, with views of maple and cedar forests, and Mt. Hieizan
- Traditional tatami-floored room, Western living room, dining room and kitchen area
- Available with one or two en-suite bedrooms
- Traditional futons available

Washigamine Pavilion

- Surrounded by nature in the highest, most secluded area of the resort
- Views over the entire garden and Mt. Hieizan
- Traditional *tatami*-floored room, Western living room, dining room and kitchen area
- Two en-suite bedrooms
- Traditional futons available



The Living Pavilion by Aman

The Living Pavilion by Aman, with its central fireplace and glass doors opening onto a garden terrace, represents the heart of Aman Kyoto. With “Land to Table” being the main concept, the restaurant serves innovative dishes using locally sourced seasonal ingredients. Obanzai, traditional home-cooked Kyoto-style cuisine, afternoon tea and alfresco picnic hampers can also be enjoyed.

- All-day dining
- Innovative cuisine course using local ingredients
- Western and Japanese a la car te, including home-cooked Kyoto-style cuisine
- Afternoon Tea and picnics available
- Pavilion (inside): 28 seats
- Wooden deck (outside): 30 seats

Taka-an

Restaurant Taka-an pays homage to the influential artist and polymath Honami Koetsu, a pivotal figure in the cultural development of Japan’s art scene during the 17th century. Meticulous design, a tranquil atmosphere and remarkable *kaiseki*-style cuisine combine to create a quintessentially Japanese culinary experience. The dishes themselves are akin to works of art, beautifully prepared using the finest locally sourced ingredients.

- Japanese restaurant
- Tasting menu entirely by chef’s recommendation
- Lighting inspired by the *Kyo-wagasa* Kyoto-style umbrella
- Seating for 24, including two semi-private rooms for 6 people each
- 11-seat, solid timber counter



Aman Spa

The natural 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 treatments that tap into Japan's plentiful natural apothecary – including Kyoto green tea, Tamba kuromame black beans, local sake, cold-pressed camellia oil, and Kyoto silk cocoon. The spa's renowned Signature treatments make use of Aman Skincare products, while yoga and mindfulness sessions are available in the gardens.

- Indoor and outdoor onsen bathing
- Three treatment rooms
- Spa lounge
- Retail area
- Breathing and meditation exercises available in the garden

Celebrations & Private Events

The timeworn garden spaces dotted around Aman Kyoto are perfect for outdoor events – from small private dinners and functions, to weddings.

Kerry Hill Garden

- A lush green field in front of the Living Pavilion, ideal for weddings and cocktail parties

Tengamine

- A beautiful outdoor stretch enveloped by maple trees at the top of Aman Kyoto's grand garden staircase, perfect for more exclusive events

Zen

- Located on a hill at the back of the garden. Perfect for BBQs and yoga

Nagomi ▪ Momiji

- Ideal for Afternoon Tea, private picnics and breakfast



Local Attractions

Kinkakuji Temple (The Golden Pavilion)

Kinkakuji is a breathtaking Zen temple overlooking a serene pond. The top two floors of the structure are completely covered in gold leaf – providing one of Japan’s most iconic views. It was first completed in 1397, and is now a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Koetsuji Temple

Honami Koetsu (1558-1637), founder of the Rinpa school of painting, was a master of many arts including calligraphy and the tea ceremony. This temple, first a mausoleum for the Honami family, now represents the Nichiren school of Buddhism.

Joshoji Temple

This temple is famed for its links to Yoshino Tayu, the most beautiful courtesan of the Edo Period (1603-1868). She died aged just 38, but is now immortalized by a striking red gate and an openair tea ceremony held on the second Sunday of every April.

Activities & Experiences

Zen Experiences

Guests of Aman Kyoto can enjoy a range of activities related to the practice of Zen, with resident monks offering expert guidance. Options include morning meditation sessions at a temple, tea ceremonies, calligraphy, and *ikebana* flower arranging.

Hanamachi Experience

Guests can enjoy exclusive access to the ancient tea houses of the geiko and maiko female entertainers, typically only accessible through personal invitation. This is an enchanting experience involving traditional ozashiki games and a dance performance. Guests can extend the day to include dinner.

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