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The Living Pavilion by Aman offers relaxed all-day dining, with elegant interiors arranged around a central fireplace, a spacious terrace and serene forest views. Based on the land-to-table concept, its menu reflects the changing seasons with innovative borderless cuisine and homecooked Kyoto-style dishes. Open for lunch and dinner, Taka-An serves a constantly changing menu of exquisite kaiseki cuisine exploring the legacy of iconic artist and founder of the Rinpa school of painting, Hon'ami Koetsu.

Aman Kyoto's 26 latticed Guest Rooms, Suites and Pavilions pay contemporary homage to the traditional Japanese ryokan inn, strikingly minimalist in their geometry while framing spectacular natural surroundings. Starting at 60 square metres, interiors are spacious and light-filled, ingeniously crafted to foster peace, relaxation and contemplation at every turn.

Set in tranquil garden, the resort's Aman Spa presents a wellness offering defined by nature in every way. Mineral-rich waters feed traditional onsen, while a range of treatments tap into Japan's plentiful natural apothecary. Both the elegant spa reception area and the relaxation lounge claim mesmerising forest views, as do three spacious treatment rooms.

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Aman Kyoto is situated in the district of Takagamine in Kyoto's north, surrounded by a 32-hectare forest, in the heart of a secret garden. This tranquil green space represents the fruition of a beautiful landscape, first conceived as the garden of a textile museum. Resting at the foot of Mount Hidari Daimonji, the property is a stone's throw from Kyoto's golden Kinkaku-ji Temple and 16 other Unesco World Heritage Sites. The resort is nonetheless a secluded world apart: moss-covered boulders glow emerald-like in the lush undergrowth, winding footpaths link tranquil forest glades, and streams provide a soothing soundtrack broken only by bird-song.

Approximately two hours by car from Kansai International Airport and 30 minutes from Kyoto Station, the resort is ideally placed for exploring the ancient temples, traditional teahouses and exquisite gardens of Kyoto. Known for its elusive geiko and maiko – the gracious custodians of Japan's revered art of hospitality – Kyoto was Japan's capital for over 1,000 years and its heritage is apparent at every turn. Remaining true to the roots of its historic setting, Aman Kyoto was designed by Kerry Hill as a contemporary yet authentic sanctuary paying homage to the traditional Japanese ryokan inn. Ryokan have existed since the eighth century, typically in scenic rural areas with onsen – hot spring bathing facilities.

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