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The Imperial Hotel, Kyoto Awarded One MICHELIN Key in the MICHELIN Guide's 2026 Hotel Selection

Imperial Hotel, Ltd. is pleased to announce that the Imperial Hotel, Kyoto (Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto) has been awarded One MICHELIN Key in the MICHELIN Guide's 2026 hotel selection, announced on September 18, 2026. This recognition comes just six months after the hotel opened on March 5, 2026, making it the first property in the Imperial Hotel Group to receive a MICHELIN Key.

Complementing the MICHELIN Guide's established restaurant star ratings, MICHELIN Keys recognize hotels and ryokans around the world that offer outstanding stays. In the 2026 selection, a total of 145 properties across Japan were awarded MICHELIN Keys.

The Imperial Hotel, Kyoto incorporates a preserved and thoughtfully adapted portion of Yasaka Kaikan, a nationally registered Tangible Cultural Property located within the grounds of the Gion Kobu Kaburenjo Theater. The luxury hotel blends harmoniously with the area's traditional landscape and culture. This recognition reflects the hotel's remarkable architectural setting, which preserves the building's heritage; the spirit of hospitality cultivated since the Imperial Hotel's founding; and a truly distinctive guest experience rooted in the heart of Kyoto's Gion district.



The MICHELIN Guide's 2026 Hotel Selection