



## PALACE HOTEL TOKYO

### Palace Hotel Tokyo Unveils Sumo and Kabuki Additions to its “Palatial Pursuits”

*Dine with sumo wrestlers or uncover Japan’s performing art with a Kabuki expert*

TOKYO, Japan (June 10, 2015) – [Palace Hotel Tokyo](#) is rolling out the mat and pulling back the curtain on up close and personal experiences with sumo wrestlers and Kabuki performance artists this summer.

With [Grappling Tokyo](#) and [Unmasking Tokyo](#), which have been created in exclusive partnership with TOKI, the hotel is deepening its already considerable Palatial Pursuits portfolio of bespoke guest experiences.

In the [wrestling package](#), the hotel’s handpicked docent leads guests on a behind-the-scenes look at Japan’s beloved national sport. During three annual tournaments held in Tokyo (January, May and September), a one-time sports broadcaster and current sumo sports writer and announcer accompanies guests to the all-day spectacle at the hallowed Kokugikan arena and complements the event itself with a visit to the arena’s museum. Rates start at JPY 500,000 for a two-night stay.

In the two weeks leading up to each sumo season, hotel guests can plunge even more deeply into the sport’s culture with an [expert-accompanied private tour of a sumo wrestling training stable](#) and the chance to chat over a lunch of traditional *chanko nabe*, a hearty stew eaten by wrestlers to add to their bulk, prepared by the wrestlers themselves. Rates start at JPY 627,000 for a two-night stay.

In the [Kabuki package](#), the well-known, but not always well-understood ancient stage tradition is demystified. The package includes tickets to a performance at the Kabuki-za theater, a mecca for the art form, which recently reopened after a major restoration.

Moreover, ‘Unmasking’ guests will sit down to a pre-performance lunch with a local Kabuki journalist and commentator who will introduce the stage art before the curtain is raised. Post-show, a backstage meet and greet or even a dinner with members of the cast and crew can potentially be arranged, along with the chance to be dressed in a Kabuki costume. The package is available year-round, with rates starting at JPY 458,000 for a two-night stay.

The latest Palatial Pursuits join four bespoke experiences that highlight [the best in Japanese arts and culture](#). Highlights from the hotel’s current collection include:

- Customized [gastronomic tours](#), ranging from a sampling of Tokyo’s popular *b-kyu gurume* (literally “B-grade gourmet”) casual eats with a local food writer to touring the world’s largest fish market and one of the city’s famous *depachika* (department store food hall) with a multifaceted guide who is a chef, sommelier and book author.
- Full- and half-day [art excursions](#) led by one of the city’s leading art connoisseurs.
- A [romantic getaway](#) that features an *akoya* pearl, the most coveted of cultured pearls, as a keepsake.
- A two- or four-hour private session with a Japanese etiquette expert, providing a window on the subtle nuances of the country’s [customs and manners](#).





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Each Pursuit can be requested individually or booked as part of a stay package. Guests also have the option to request general tour guides in lieu of the expert guides for the [sumo](#) and [Kabuki](#) experiences. The general sumo and Kabuki packages are available year-round. Prices and experiences vary accordingly and all are based on availability. Rates quoted are based on double occupancy and exclude taxes and service charge.

For more information, please visit: [www.en.palacehoteltokyo.com/special-offers](http://www.en.palacehoteltokyo.com/special-offers)

### **ABOUT PALACE HOTEL TOKYO**

Opened in May 2012, [Palace Hotel Tokyo](#) commands some of the city's most exclusive real estate. As heir to a legacy going back more than half a century as one of the city's most iconic properties, the hotel remains committed to offering Japanese hospitality at its finest.

As the anchor to a USD 1.2 billion mixed-use development built entirely from the ground-up, the 290-room hotel features 10 distinctive restaurants & bars – including Michelin-starred French fine dining, exquisite Japanese and an Old World-style cigar & martini bar – an evian SPA and incomparable views of the city's much-loved Imperial Palace gardens.

Drawing deeply from the country's history, culture and art, the award-winning hotel redefines luxury in Japan with sophistication and authenticity, and presents guests with the most bespoke cultural experiences to be had in Tokyo.

Located at 1-1-1 Marunouchi, the hotel is a 10-minute walk from landmark Tokyo Station and mere steps away from Marunouchi Naka Dori, one of Tokyo's most posh shopping and dining destinations.

### **ABOUT TOKI**

Launched in 2014, [TOKI](#) specializes in introducing travelers to unforgettable cultural experiences when in Tokyo. With exclusive access to Japan's finest artisans and cultural houses, TOKI features only the best of the best of every imaginable experience to be had, ensuring travelers that the time entrusted to them becomes once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

The wide range of activities offered include experiencing the sacred Japanese tea ceremony at Tokyo's most exclusive cultural heritage tea house, private cooking lessons at Michelin-starred eateries by world-class sushi chefs and visiting the private residences and ateliers of renowned artisans, among others.

For more information, please visit [www.toki.tokyo](http://www.toki.tokyo).



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