

These are pictures of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Japan.
 Do you like it?
 Why / Why not?



Here are some adjectives you can use to describe a hotel or a hotel room.
 Which ones would you use to describe the Ritz-Carlton?

STANDARD	LUXURIOUS	CHEAP
DIRTY	EXPENSIVE	COMFORTABLE
ELEGANT	CLEAN	SPLENDID

Read the first paragraph and answer the questions

1. Where is the hotel?
2. How many Ritz Carlton hotels are there in Japan?
3. When does it open?

THE RITZ-CARLTON NIKKO

The new luxury resort fit for royalty is located in a part of Japan where people have holidayed for decades

Located a few hours north of Tokyo inside Nikko National Park is The Ritz-Carlton Nikko. The new 94-key property is the fifth Ritz-Carlton in the country and boasts commanding views of the nearby Lake Chuzenji and Mount Nantai, considered sacred by the Japanese. The hotel will start welcoming guests from this summer.

The new luxury resort marries a restrained Japanese aesthetic with clean Western architectural styles, and the result is a modern building that is totally suited to its beautiful surroundings. The property has plenty of open and airy spaces from which to enjoy the settings, whether it is the gorgeous summer weather or the views of the lake and Mount Nantai. The lobby benefits from architecture designed to make

the most of natural light and is adorned with beautiful hand-painted timber panels salvaged from the 120-year-old building that previously stood here. Stone and iron sculptures and curated artwork add character to the property's community spaces.

The spacious guest rooms, nine luxury suites and The Ritz-Carlton Suite feature natural wood and stone décor that make for a light and bright look. Inspired by traditional Japanese homes, the rooms have private balconies and outdoor lounge areas resembling the engawa veranda, a key feature of Japanese architecture. The bathrooms are decked out in stone with a deep-soaking bath and a shower overlooking a Zen rock garden.

The Ritz-Carlton Nikko has two restaurants, one serving

authentic Japanese cuisine, the other Western. They are both helmed by executive chef Shingo Hayasaka, a magician with fresh local ingredients. The same seasonal produce also finds its way into the innovative cocktails served at the property's ultra chic bar. Take your meals at the beautifully-appointed restaurants or get the hotel to pack you a picnic to enjoy on the lakeside terrace with stunning views of the highlands.

You can relax with a book at the library lounge or explore the wonderful outdoors. The hotel is a shout away from nearby hiking trails. You can take them to the nearby 97m-high Kegon Falls and the richly decorated Shinto shrines and Buddhist temples that are World Heritage Sites.

In the winter you can enjoy the snow covered vistas of

Nikko from the comfort of the resort's onsen hot-spring baths. The baths, both outdoor and indoor, are filled with therapeutic sulfuric waters from the nearby Yumoto Onsen, making The Ritz-Carlton Nikko the first hotel to offer an authentic Japanese hot-spring experience. The property also has a full-service contemporary spa.

This part of Japan, long favoured by Japanese royalty, now has a luxury resort suited to this fabled location.

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Read paragraphs #4 and #5 and select the correct option.

If there is no information, assume you can't do it.

- 1) Can you have dinner at the hotel?
- 2) Can you go clubbing inside the hotel?
- 3) Can you go on a safari?
- 4) Can you visit the temples nearby?
- 5) Can you go to the gym?