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## IMPERIAL HOTEL OSAKA

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Imperial Hotel, Osaka offers a variety of products related to the Tenjin Matsuri Festival, one of Japan's three major festivals.  
Wednesday, 24th and Thursday, 25th of July 2024

April 30th, 2024; Osaka, Japan: The Imperial Hotel Osaka will offer a variety of plans related to the Tenjin Matsuri Festival, a summer tradition in Osaka.

Tenjin Matsuri Festival is one of the three major festivals in Japan, a history dating back more than 1,000 years. In the 5th year of the Tenryaku era (951), a sacred spear from a god washed up on the beach. It is said that the festival began when a shrine was set up on the beach where that happened, and the spirit of the god was transferred to the shrine for "Misogi purification".

The festival is now well known as a summer tradition in Osaka. On July 24th, the festival begins with performances of Japanese drums, followed by danjiri dancers and dragon dances. On the 25th, 3,000 people dressed in colorful costumes will march to Tenjin Bridge, and as the evening progresses, boats are lit up and decorated with bonfires, there are mikoshi (portable shrines), and there is a majestic and splendid display on the water. Then the ritual begins. More than one million spectators come every year to watch the display of 3,000 fireworks and a procession of around 100 boats on the Okawa River that flows through the center of Osaka City, where fire and water, light and shadow, silence and movement come together. Enjoy the summer night festival.

The Imperial Hotel Osaka is located on the banks of the Okawa River, a 15-minute walk from Osaka Temmangu Shrine, where the Tenjin Matsuri Festival is held, so visitors can experience the festival up close.

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The Tenjin Matsuri Yomiya Festival will be held on Wednesday July 24th, for which the hotel will offer an Evening Noh Dance Performance Viewing Plan. This will allow guests to enjoy a mystic Noh dance performed on a Noh stage boat floating on the Okawa River in front of the hotel. After viewing the performance, guests can enjoy dinner. The plan also includes seminars (Japanese only) to further enhance the enjoyment of the Tenjin Matsuri Festival, as well as accommodation plans.

Additionally, for the Tenjin Matsuri Honmiya Festival, which takes place on Thursday July 25th, a Worship Boat Procession Plan will be available. That will provide an opportunity to view the climax of the Tenjin Matsuri Festival, which includes a votive fireworks display and the spectacular scene of about 100 boats navigating the Okawa River, all viewed from the comfort of a boat.

The Tenjin Matsuri Festival Accommodation Plan allows you to enjoy dinner at a restaurant or to have a room service dinner and watch the festival from the comfort of your room. In addition, we will also be offering a plan that includes special viewing from the exclusive Imperial Floor Lounge on the 23rd floor, which is available exclusively to guests staying in an Imperial Floor Suite or a Junior Suite.

The various plans allow you to experience the Tenjin Matsuri Festival in full and up close.

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Tenjin Matsuri Festival Boat Procession and Votive Fireworks Display



The view from the lounge included as part of the special accommodation plan (Image)