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Ritz-Carlton opens in Kazakhstan ahead of tourist influx

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Inside the Ritz-Carlton, Astana. Image courtesy of The Ritz-Carlton

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The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company has opened the doors to its first property in Astana, Kazakhstan.

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Part of parent company Marriott International's aggressive expansion plans for this year ([see story](#)), the hotel is situated in Talan Towers, the capital city's first upscale mixed-use development. Astana is increasingly attracting both business and leisure travelers, with the city launching an initiative this summer aimed at putting itself further on the map for tourists.

Growing interest

The Ritz-Carlton, Astana has 157 guest rooms, 32 of which are suites. In addition to these hotel rooms, the property has 27 residences.



Accommodations at the Ritz-Carlton, Astana. Image credit: The Ritz-Carlton

Guests can check into the hotel in privacy from the 14th floor Club Lounge, which will include concierge services

and culinary demonstrations.

Three eateries offer everything from organic cuisine to artful dishes served with a view of the city.

Also included in the services offered is a spa and fitness studio. Within this retreat are a dry and wet sauna and swimming pool.

"Much like the monument it overlooks, The Ritz-Carlton, Astana represents the future of Astana and acknowledges the city's growing power and prominence," said Herv Humler, president and chief operating officer, The Ritz-Carlton Hotel Company, in a statement. "By bringing The Ritz-Carlton's legacy of service together with Kazakhstan's traditional culture of hospitality, our guests will feel truly at home in this city as they experience all that Astana has to offer as it comes into its own."



Astana, Kazakhstan. Image credit: The Ritz-Carlton

Astana is hosting the international exposition this summer, which will bring an estimated 2 million visitors to the city throughout the three-month event. From June to September, more than 115 countries will be showcasing their idea of "Future Energy" at Expo 2017.

Aside from Astana, Ritz-Carlton has a property in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

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