

Resort style living at Cartier Place Suite Hotel & Residences

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A resort-type lifestyle is perfect for retired residents at the family-owned and operated Cartier Place Suite Hotel & Residences. Living in the new suites, which were opened in a private complex of the hotel, they not only enjoy an innovative retirement resort with its own exclusive facilities, but also benefit from all the convenient amenities of an excellent hotel in Ottawa.

Some of the first residents to move into the retirement suites nearly two years ago already knew the popular down-town area very well and liked the central location. After visiting the suites, they were attracted even more by the concept of the complex being attached to a hotel and knew that it was the perfect place for them.

A couple who were among the first residents were impressed by the fact that they did not feel like they were living in a retirement community because interesting people of all different ages came into the hotel and they loved being surrounded by friendly and helpful staff. Having a vast range of hotel services available was another bonus, which added to their desire for an easy, low-maintenance lifestyle.

An important factor for many Cartier Place residents is being close to many of the city's amenities and attractions. They can walk to the restaurants on Elgin Street where they can shop for just about everything they need, and they can enjoy scenic strolls along the canal. For the days when they don't feel like going outside, all of the 72 one-bedroom suites have full kitchens, and the hotel dining room caters to a variety of meal-plan arrangements.

The independent nature of the lifestyle at Cartier Place is a big attraction for residents who do not need the full services of a traditional retirement residence and don't want a nursing home atmosphere. And they have the option of using the hotel services and facilities when it suits them and this valuable aspect of freedom and choice is appreciated by all residents.

Cartier Place really offers residents a resort type lifestyle combined with the peace and quiet of a retirement complex that is located in a separate building on the canal side of the hotel. In addition, they can make full use of the hotel's indoor pool, whirlpool, sauna and fitness room or socialize in their own residents' lounge. Other advantages include round-the-clock guest services, 24 hour on-call medical service and hotel security, as well as optional meal plans and daily housekeeping.

When it comes to activities and social interaction, residents can enjoy the sophisticated buzz of the hotel environment and participate in activities organized by their own designated residence manager. The hotel also boasts of having the only natural backyard area in a residential city setting. In the landscaped garden patio, residents can plan a BBQ and play shuffle board.

In the separate hotel wing, which houses six suites on each of the twelve floors, the renovated and refurbished one-bedroom suites offer one-level living with a spacious layout. Each suite consists of a well-equipped kitchen and an open design living and dining area with a private balcony. Every bathroom is finished with ceramic flooring and attractive fixtures including safety features such as grab bars. Bedrooms are bright and airy with plenty of well-organized closet space.

The Cartier Suite has 520 square feet of living space and is suited to either single or double occupancy. The 465 square-foot Rideau Suite offers a slighter smaller bedroom, kitchen and bathroom. Both suites are available furnished or unfurnished, and include linens and towels. Monthly rental fees include all utilities (air conditioning, hydro and water), cable TV, an emergency response system, plus a choice of housekeeping services and meal plan packages. Retirement residents also have access to personal laundry facilities, indoor parking and a dedicated locker storage area for their exclusive use.

For more information or to arrange an appointment to view the senior suites, call 1-866-414-0998 or 613- 236-5000 ext. 3109. The Cartier Place Suite Hotel & Residences is located at 180 Cooper Street in Ottawa.

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