

The Royalton Retirement Residence in Kanata

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The Royalton Retirement Residence is an affordable, luxury seniors' property that stands apart from typical Kanata retirement residences. Designed and managed like a fine hotel, it has grandeur and elegance yet a warm, home-like atmosphere.

The distinction continues with generous amenities and a wide range of services.

Residents can join qualified instructors for an exercise or aqua-fitness class without even leaving the property. They can swim in the pool, relax in a cedar spa or Jacuzzi, or unwind with a beauty treatment at the salon. There's a movie theatre where they can watch a range of movies each week, or book it and invite friends to a private screening of a favourite film.

Residents can log on to the Internet in the library or meet family members for cocktails in the lounge. There's an endless supply of entertainment and activities to suit every taste.

Royalton resident Gisele Pinard couldn't agree more: "Since my arrival at the Royalton I have enjoyed such a wide range of programming and services; the exercise program, craft sessions, special outings, musical entertainment and invited artists and guests are always a treat," he says.

The same exceptional standards apply to the suites. There are 20 different styles, featuring solid hardwood flooring, fully carpeted bedrooms, walk-in showers with comfort seating, and kitchenettes with stainless steel fridges, wood cabinetry and electric stoves.

The entire residence is inviting, comfortable, safe and designed for luxury living. All areas are wheelchair accessible and 24-hour concierge services, as well as emergency life pendants, are provided.

The greatest difference between the Royalton and other local retirement residences is the people. Staff members are professionally trained and attentive to the needs of residents. From the recreation director, who ensures that each week is full of enjoyable activities, to the executive chef who creates gourmet meals specific to residents' tastes, they care about the small details of each day and they cater to individual needs. The concierge knows everyone by name.

To put it simply, Royalton residents are treated like family.

Says General Manager Tracey Dixon: “It is very important that a building is beautiful but staff and the environment inside are what make the property a home. Management and staff believe that caring for residents is not a job but a lifestyle.”

Although high quality usually comes with a raised premium, the Royalton strives to be price sensitive and cost competitive. There are suites to suit a range of budgets.

“When you work out how much you spend each week on bus fares, theatre tickets and hiring people to shovel snow, you’ve got a lot more to put towards retirement living than you’d think,” says Marketing Manager Cindy Drury. “A gym membership in Kanata, for example, can cost over \$40 a month, not to mention the money you spend travelling to and from, but at the Royalton we have amenities like a pool, gym, Jacuzzi and sauna on-site for no extra charge.”

With the money residents save from on-site amenities, they may even consider upgrading to a larger suite. After all, guests are always welcome in this home-like environment.

Resident K. Rae Carswell sums it up, when she says: “At the end of a day away with my children or friends, I look forward to coming home – to my extended family at the Royalton.”

To find out more about the Royalton lifestyle, experience it first-hand at the Royalton Grand Opening Celebration on March 18. The event begins at 1 p.m. and includes guided tours of the property, a cocktail reception, door prizes and live entertainment.

For more information please call Cindy Drury at (613) 592 6426 or visit www.theroyaltonresidence.com.

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