

Explore 60-hectare of magnificent grounds that consists of natural scenery from the four seasons

Experience Zen

in the stillness surrounded by deep greenness



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One-Day Zen Temple Experience

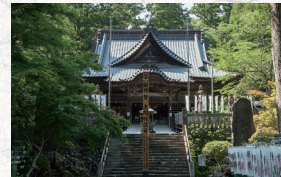
(Zazen • Shakyo or Shabutsu • Shojin Ryori)

A calming Zen experience including *zazen*, *shakyo* (or *shabutsu*), and *shojin ryori* — all with English interpretation. Enjoy peaceful moments with a monk and deepen your understanding of Zen through clear and friendly explanations.

Zen Temple Lodging Experience

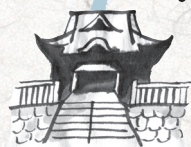
(Accommodation • Zazen • Shakyo or Shabutsu • Shojin Ryori)

Stay overnight at a peaceful mountain temple and enjoy a relaxing introduction to Zen. This plan includes accommodation, *zazen*, *shakyo* (or *shabutsu*), and *shojin ryori* — all with English interpretation. Limited to one private group per day, this experience offers a calm retreat where you can experience temple life and enjoy a traditional vegetarian meal.



Hansobo Shinden

半僧坊真殿
Hansobo Shinden worships the tutelary god Hansobo Daigongen.



Rakan no Niwa

らかんの庭
This garden was constructed at the wish of Priest Setsugan during the Edo Period (1751-1764) in commemoration of the founder Mumongensenji (son of the Emperor Godaigo) who worshiped the Gohyaku rakan (five hundred arhats) at Tendaisan Hokoji during his training in China.



Hondo 本堂

Construction of this main temple was begun in the Meiji 38th year (1905) and concluded in the Taisho 7th year (1918). The building consist of a 32 meter width front gate and is 27 meter in depth. This is one of preminent buildings in the Tokai area.



Shourou 鐘楼



Shakkyo

石橋
The arhats on the bridge can be seen as either 4 or 5. This is one of Houkouji misteries.



Gohyaku Rakan

五百羅漢



Akamon 赤門

(Red Gate)



Sanju no To

三重の塔
This three-storied pagoda was built in 1923 during the Taisho period donated by Gendo Yamaguchi (Kyoto) at the wish of Eijyu Mamiya, who was the head priest at that time.



Kihai-kyo

亀背橋



Shichison Bosatsudo

七尊菩薩堂
Shichison Bosatsudo is a Chinjudo (guardian god hall) which enshrined seven gods together and was built in 1401. Its space is structured with a 90cm width of front gate and is 150cm in depth. It has a kokerabuki (very thin wood boards) style roof as its roofing method and is the oldest existing building in the prefecture.



Enmei Hansosugi

延命半僧杉
This tree stump is from a tree which lived for over 130 years after being carbonizing during the large scale fire of Okuyama in Meiji 14-th year (1881). It still continued to grow even after the fire damage.



Kuromon 黒門

(Black Gate)

Zazen (Zen meditation)

Experience the essence of Zen through seated meditation — a practice of quieting the mind and reflecting on oneself. Even beginners can join with confidence, as a resident monk will offer gentle, detailed guidance on posture, breathing, and mindset.



Shakyo & Shabutsu

(Sutra Transcription / Buddha Image Tracing)

Calm your mind by copying sutras or tracing Buddha images. Each work reflects your state of mind at that moment. Your finished piece can be blessed and left as an offering at the temple or taken home as a keepsake.



Houkouji Shojin Unaju



Honzen Ryori (Full-course haute cuisine)

Shojin Ryori

A traditional vegetarian cuisine for Buddhist monks made with natural seasonal ingredients. It excludes meat, fish, and strong-flavored vegetables like garlic or onions. Houkouji's special vegetarian *unaju* (eel-style rice bowl) can also be reserved on the day of your visit.

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