

# 平等院

Byodoin



雲中供養菩薩像 (国宝)  
Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds (national treasure)

Byodoin Temple was built by the Regent, Fujiwara no Yorimichi, by rebuilding the villa of Michinaga, his father in 1052. In 1053, the following year, Amidado (Amitabha Hall) was built, where Amitabha Tathagata is enshrined, and is now called Hoo-do (Phoenix Hall). It is an elegant and ornate structure, in the image of the Palace in Jodo, depicted in Buddhist scriptures. The garden has been designated a National Historic Site and Place of Scenic Beauty incorporating the Jodo style of "borrowed landscape" or classic Heian period garden that includes, well-groomed wave sand patterns, flat bridge and arched bridge now improved around the Hoo-do (Phoenix Hall).

In addition, in Byodoin Temple, many cultural artifacts have been passed down from the Heian Period, including the Painting of Dissent of Amitabha in Yamato-e style, a temple bell, and a pair of phoenix statues. In particular, the 52 bodies of Unchu Kuyo Bosatsu (Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds) are the only surviving Buddha statues from the 11th century carved of a free but delicate nature, riding in the clouds and playing a variety of musical instruments.

Byodoin Temple is designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of the "Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto."

# 鳳凰堂

Phoenix Hall

Phoenix Hall, modeled after the palace in the Land of Happiness, features unique architecture and consists of the Chudo (central hall), left and right wing corridors, and a tail corridor. Inside, there is a collection of Pure Land (Jodo) Buddhism sect art from the Heian Period, including a seated statue of Amitabha Tathagata, the only existing Buddhist image confirmed to have been made by Jocho, a sculptor representative of the Heian Period. Phoenix Hall is also home to 52 statues of Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds and to wall and door paintings that depict Amida's nine grades of descent.

(At present, 26 statues of Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds are on display at the Hoshokan.)



阿彌陀如來坐像と二重天蓋 (国宝)  
Seated statue of Amitabha Tathagata and the twofold canopy (both national treasures)



English



# 鳳翔館

Byodoin Museum, Hoshokan, exhibits an array of extraordinary temple treasures including the Buddhist Temple-Bell, a pair of phoenix, 26 statues of Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds, a standing statue of an Eleven-Headed Kannon and other Buddhist statues from the Heian period, created before Byodoin Temple was established. There is an exhibition room which recreate color paintings of the inside of the Phoenix Hall and a hall where visitors can watch computer graphics videos produced with the latest digital technology.

エントランス・格子越しに梵鐘 (国宝)  
Museum entrance and Buddhist Temple-Bell (national treasure) behind latticework



鳳凰 (国宝)  
Phoenix (national treasure)



雲中供養菩薩像26軀 (国宝)  
26 statues of Worshipping Bodhisattvas on Clouds (national treasure)

Hoshokan



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- ◆ Open 10:00 am ~ 4:00 pm (L.O.)
- ◆ Closed Tuesdays (changed depending on the season)
- ◆ Menu Uji Matcha (hot/cold)  
Uji Gyokuro (hot/cold)  
Uji Sencha (hot/cold)  
\*We serve Japanese tea only
- ◆ Location On the right side of the exit of Hoshokan Museum



No sketching



No food & drink



No smoking

- The commercial use of photographs taken on Byodoin premises is prohibited. Photography is prohibited in the Phoenix Hall and Hoshokan Museum.
- An additional donation will be collected from those wishing to visit Phoenix Hall.
- Please note that some areas are not accessible by wheelchair.

8:30 am ~ 5:30 pm  
※ Hoshokan Museum: 9:00 am ~ 5:00 pm

### Hours

※ Security Cameras in Use.



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