

## Amano-san Kongo-ji Temple

This temple was founded in the Nara Period (710-794) by Gyoki, the venerable monk responsible for the Great Buddha statue in Nara. It is also known as the hallowed ground at which Kukai, the founder of Koya-san and one of the fathers of Japanese Buddhism, studied. The landscape, a valley tucked between several mountains, is dotted with structures that have changed little since the medieval period, and stepping in here is like taking a journey back into the past. The temple grounds house a large number of National Treasures and Important Cultural Properties, and the two-storied pagoda and main hall in particular are must-sees!

<b>Data</b>	Wide area map : B-3
Location	996 Amano-cho
Tel.	0721-52-2046
Entry fee	Garan hall 200 yen for adults, 100 yen for children (ages 7-12) Honbo hall 400 yen for adults, 200 yen for children (ages 7-12)
Opening hours	Combined ticket (adults only) 500 yen 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Open year round
Access	1 minute on foot from "Amano-san" bus stop

The *Jikido* (dining hall) was built in the early Muromachi Period (14<sup>th</sup> century), and in the Nanbokucho Period (1336-1392) served as a temporary palace for Emperor Go-Murakami.



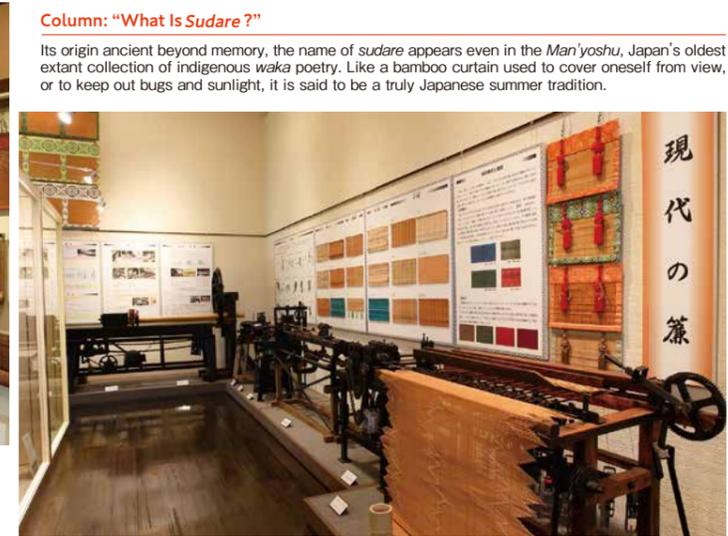
The tower gate (*romon*) exudes an aura of pomp and circumstance. Two Buddha statues designated as an Important Cultural Property stand inside. See page 14 for more information.

The Buddha statue in the main Hall is a National Treasure. See page 13 for more information.

## Sudare Museum

Recognized as a Japanese national traditional craft, Kawachinagano's unique *sudare* art form is the theme of this museum. The museum houses works of *sudare* that are hard to come by in Japan or abroad and possess tremendous historical value, as well as old precious tools, machinery, documents, pictures and more. Advance booking is required to make a visit here.

<b>Data</b>	Wide area map : B-3
Location	1014-1 Amano-cho
Tel.	0721-53-1336 *All visits must be arranged in advance
Entry fee	Free
Opening hours	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed	Irregular vacation days (please contact them directly)
Access	Immediately accessible on foot from "Amano-san" bus stop



### Column: "What Is Sudare?"

Its origin ancient beyond memory, the name of *sudare* appears even in the *Man'yoshu*, Japan's oldest extant collection of indigenous *waka* poetry. Like a bamboo curtain used to cover oneself from view, or to keep out bugs and sunlight, it is said to be a truly Japanese summer tradition.

Learn more about the history of *sudare*, said to have originate in China more than 2,000 years ago, and experience *sudare* in all sorts of shapes and designs.

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## Kansai Cycle Sports Center

A theme park based around bicycles is a rare thing even in Japan. In this space of more than 10,000 square meters, you can see all sorts of unique bicycles and there is no shortage of attraction where you can put your foot to the pedal. There are also various restaurants.

<b>Data</b>	Wide area map : B-3
Location	1304 Amano-cho
Tel.	0721-54-3101
Opening hours	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. weekdays, 9:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays (depends on the season)
Entry fee	800 yen for adults (over 13), 500 yen for children (aged 3-12), 400 yen for seniors (over 60), FREE for children under 3. (Bicycles themselves are ridden at an additional charge.)
Closed	Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a public holiday); irregular holidays in January and December
Access	Immediately accessible on foot from "Cycle Center" bus stop



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