

The temple gate is like a tunnel of green. In autumn, this too is dyed bright red.

## Yakuju-san Emmei-ji Temple

This temple was supposedly founded in the Heian Period (794–1185) with a stone Buddha statue carved by the great monk Kukai as its central icon. The name *Yakuju-san* (literally “Medicine Tree Mountain”, “mountain” being a suffix used in temple names) is reputed to be a reference to the medicinal herbs growing all around this area. The temple is known as a spot where the autumn leaves are especially beautiful, and it is home to a massive and ancient—reputedly around 1,000 years old—Japanese maple tree called *Yubae Momiji*.

**Data** Wide area map : D-3

Location 492 Kamigaoka  
Tel. 0721-62-2261  
Entry fee Free  
Opening hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Open year round  
Access 12 minutes on foot from “Kamigaoka-guchi” bus stop



The statue of the standing Shakyamuni Buddha, which was built in the Kamakura Period (1185–1333), is known as the “Shakyamuni in the style of Seiryō-ji Temple”.

The beauty of the autumn leaves is famous!



## Akasaka-Kaminoyama-jinja Shrine

This shrine was reputedly built in 767 by the monk Gyoki, and as such has a long and storied history. It was originally combined with Kozen-ji Temple, but during the Meiji Period (1868–1912) the government established Shinto as the state religion and issued laws intended to purge the Buddhist character from Shinto shrines, thus causing this Shrine to become an independent body.

**Data** Wide area map : C-3

Location 1-25-2 Mikanodai  
Entry fee Free  
Time All day  
Open year round  
Access 7 minutes on foot from “Mikanodai-guchi” bus stop

## Hachiman-zan Kozen-ji Temple



The first thing that will catch your eye as you enter the grounds of this temple is the giant lotus pond and the dozens of stone arhat (Buddhist disciple) statues that encircle it. Each and every one of these statues has a different expression, with some humorous faces that will lighten your mood. The lotus flowers are at their most beautiful in July and August.

**Data** Wide area map : C-3

Location 1-25-1 Mikanodai  
Tel. 0721-64-0466  
Entry fee Free  
Opening hours 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Open year round  
Access 7 minutes on foot from “Mikanodai-guchi” bus stop



Let's take a break!

## Makimoto-in: KU-RI Original Buddhist Vegetarian Restaurant

This is a café operated out of the 400-year-old building that served as the kitchens for Kanshin-ji Temple. Here you can enjoy Buddhist cuisine such as traditional “adzuki-chagayu” (rice porridge of bean curd and tea). Dining here is by reservation only, and from the first day of every month you can place your booking up to two months in advance, either by phone or online.

**Data** Wide area map : D-2

Location 475 Teramoto  
Tel. 050-3746-8600  
Website <http://www.kanshinji.com/kuri/>  
Opening hours 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Closed Thursday through Sunday (only open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays)  
Access 2 minutes on foot from “Kanshin-ji” bus stop (inside the Kanshin-ji Temple grounds)



### Column: “What Is Buddhist Cuisine?”

Buddhist cuisine (*shōjin-ryōri* in Japanese) is food aimed at avoiding incitement to worldly desires and killing of living things, based on Buddhist precepts. It is eaten as part of Buddhist training. It is similar to vegetarian cuisine, but with some small differences such as not using vegetables that have a strong odor.

Steamed seasonal dish with dessert and a drink for 2,500 yen (not including tax). It uses carefully selected local-grown vegetables.

