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Iwai Shrine – Main Sanctuary

Designated Tangible Cultural Property of Shiga Prefecture

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The Main Sanctuary of Iwai Shrine is a building with a nagare-zukuri style gabled roof made using many layers of bark from Japanese cypress trees, and is surrounded by a wall and a front gate. The sanctuary is also considered to be relatively large in comparison to other shrine buildings. The shrine is known to have been constructed in 1266, making it a valuable example of shrine architecture from the Kamakura period [1185–1333]. While some wood was added later on, the original wood used to construct the sanctuary remains mostly intact to this day.