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Ishiyamadera Temple – Main Hall

National Treasure

[A.D.1096]

The Main Hall of Ishiyamadera Temple is a building with a hip, gabled roof made using many layers of bark from Japanese cypress trees. The hall is characterized by its kakezukuri (suspended structure) style of architecture, which is built over a cliff. While the building was once burned down in 1078, it was later reconstructed in 1096. The current main hall is the same as the one reconstructed in 1096, and is the oldest building in Shiga Prefecture.