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Ishiyamadera Temple – Tahoto Pagoda Tower

National Treasure

[A.D.1194]

The Tahoto Pagoda Tower of Ishiyamadera Temple is a two-story building with a square lower level and a circular upper level. The tower is said to have been constructed by Minamoto Yoritomo (1147–1199), the first shogun of the Kamakura shogunate, and is the oldest existing two-storied pagoda tower in Japan with an ink inscription dated 1194. A seated statue of the buddha Dainichi, which is a designated important cultural property of Japan, is enshrined within the tower.