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Ishiyamadera Temple – East Great Gate

Important Cultural Property

[A.D.1190]

The East Great Gate of Ishiyamadera Temple is an eight-pillar gate that has a hip-and-gable roof with ceramic tiles set in a wave pattern, and two Nio statues that are enshrined on either side of its front entrance. The current gate is said to have been constructed in 1190, but underwent extensive renovations during the Keicho period [1596-1615]. Thus, the gate features very characteristic décor observed in Keicho period architecture. The bracket system underneath the roof's eaves are characterized by the absence of tail rafters, except at the corners.