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STREET VIEW AND INFORMATION WORLD HERITAGE IN JAPAN

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Itsukushima Shirine



THE ARCHITECTURALLY ELEGANT ITSUKUSHIMA SHRINE AND ITS ENTRANCE GATE WERE CONSTRUCTED LIKE A PIER OVER WATER, TO APPEAR AS IF IT IS LEVITATING. RETAINING THE PURITY OF THE SHRINE IS SO PARAMOUNT THAT NO DEATHS OR BIRTHS ARE PERMITTED NEAR THE SHRINE.

2
Hiroshima Peace Memorialuct



THE HIROSHIMA PEACE MEMORIAL (GENBAKU DOME) WAS THE ONLY STRUCTURE LEFT STANDING AFTER THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB EXPLODED ON AUGUST 6, 1945. IT HAS BEEN PRESERVED EXACTLY AS IT WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE EXPLOSION AS A REMINDER OF THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE FORCE EVER CREATED BY MAN. IT IS ALSO A CRY FOR WORLD PEACE AND THE END TO THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3
Himeji-jo castlet



DATING BACK TO 1333, HIMEJI-JO CASTLE WAS BUILT IN THE CENTER OF HIMEJI CITY, ABOUT 50 KILOMETERS WEST OF KOBE. THIS IS THE MOST VISITED CASTLE IN JAPAN AND IS REGARDED AS THE FINEST SURVIVING EXAMPLE OF JAPANESE CASTLE ARCHITECTURE.

Historic Village of Shirakawa-go

ONCE CUT OFF FROM THE WORLD, THE VILLAGES OF SHIRAKAWA-GO ARE TUCKED AWAY IN A MOUNTAINOUS REGION IN JAPAN. THESE VILLAGES ARE NOTABLE FOR THEIR GASSHO-STYLE HOUSES, WHICH ARE CHARACTERIZED BY MULTI-STORIES AND STEEP THATCHED ROOFS.

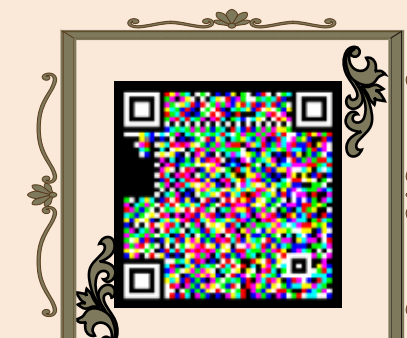


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Tenryuji temple



ESTABLISHED IN 1339 BY SHOGUN ASHIKAGA TAKAUJI, TENRYUJI IS ONE OF THE FIVE GREAT ZEN TEMPLES OF KYOTO.

5
Nishihonganji templet



NISHI HONGANJI WAS BUILT IN 1591 IN KYOTO TO ASSUME THE POSITION OF HEAD TEMPLE FOR THE JODO SHINSHU SECT AFTER THE FORMER HEAD TEMPLE, ISHIYAMA HONGANJI IN OSAKA, HAD BEEN DESTROYED.

6
Nijojo castle



BUILT IN 1603 IN KYOTO, JAPAN, THE NIJO-JO CASTLE WAS THE RESIDENCE OF THE TOKUGAWA SHOGUNS, WHO RULED JAPAN FROM 1603 TO 1868. IT REMAINS AS AN ELEGANT DISPLAY OF ARCHITECTURE AND POWER.

