



“Kamakura, Home of the Samurai”

■ Shinto Shrines and Zen Buddhism Temples



① Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine

Relocated to the existing location by Minamoto no Yoritomo in 1180. It was a very important place as the symbolic and spiritual center of the samurai government and as the stage not only for religious activities but also for political and ceremonial purposes.

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③ Egara Tenjinsha Shrine

Worshipped as the god that protects the Kamakura Shogunate together with Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine. The main hall building is thought to date back to the 14th century.

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② Kenchoji Temple

The first ashram dedicated to Zen Buddhism in Japan that was built, receiving a Chinese high Buddhist priest, Rankei Doryu. It made a great contribution as the largest facility for the introduction of Chinese culture to the establishment and development of the samurai culture.

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④ Jufukuji Temple

The first Zen Buddhist temple in Kamakura, which was built on the site of the residence of Minamoto no Yoshitomo, the father of Minamoto no Yoritomo. It is profoundly associated with “Tea”, which is one of the distinctive characteristics of the samurai culture.

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⑤ Zuisenji Temple

A Zen Buddhist temple built by Muso Soseki. Its garden that was created by carving out the mountain is considered to show the complete form of the early Zen Buddhist garden.

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⑥ Engakuji Temple

Built to mourn for the victims who died during the invasion by Mongolia without distinguishing friends and enemies. Together with Kenchoji Temple, it played a big role in the establishment of Zen Buddhism in Japan.

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■ Daibutsu (Great Buddha) of Kamakura and Buddhist temples associated with the Hojo clan



⑦ Daibutsu (Great Buddha) of Kamakura

A bronze seated statue of the Buddha Amida with a height of approximately 11.5m, which was built for the protection of the Kamakura Shogunate and the people. The robust and powerful beauty of art expressed in it shows the powerfulness of the samurai and the samurai culture.

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⑨ Kakuonji Temple

A Buddhist temple built by a regent, Hojo Yoshitoki. Its tranquil religious space shows the characteristics of Kamakura's Buddhist temples' landscapes very well. It was one of the central Buddhist temples in the study of Buddhist teachings in Kamakura.

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⑧ Jokomyoji Temple

A Buddhist temple built by regents, Hojo Tokiyori and Hojo Nagatoki. It was one of the central Buddhist temples in the study of Buddhist teachings in Kamakura. A pictorial drawing that had been inherited in the temple shows the Hojo clan's construction of Buddhist temples very well.

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