GUIDE TO THE SHRINE GROUNDS

① Honden 'Sumiyoshi-zukuri' (National Treasure)

This architectural style dates from the 5th century. The current main shrine hall was built in 1810.



3 Nankun-sha

Here, Maneki Neko cats invite people and prosperity (left hand) and money and success in business (right hand). 500 ven/figure



5 Godairiki (5 great powers)

It is said that the prayers will be answered for those who collect three '抗(Go)', '大(Dai)', and '执(Riki)' stones and keep these as a charm. Bag for collecting stones / 300 yen (sold at the souvenir shop)



(7) Omoto-sha

Receive a divine blessing for matrimonial happiness and good luck in match-making.



2 Sorihashi Bridge

An emblem of Sumiyoshi Taisha, this bridge is also called 'Taikobashi' (drum bridge) from the reflection it casts on the water's surface.



(4) Tanekashi-sha

Receive a divine blessing in conceiving children.

1000 yen/Tanekashi Doll



6 Omokaruishi

Stones which foretell whether one's prayers will be answered.



OPERATING HOURS

April to September

♦6am to 5pm

October to March

♦6:30am to 5pm

Souvenir shop

♦9am to 5pm. No fixed holidays.

3Nankun-sha

4 Tanekashi-sha

5 Godairiki (5 great powers)

♦~4pm

ABOUT SUMIYOSHI TAISHA

One of Japan's most renowned shrines, Sumiyoshi Taisha was founded in 211 and is the head of approximately 2,300 Sumiyoshi shrines throughout Japan. At the beginning of each year, more than 2 million worshippers visit the shrine to pray for health and prosperity in the coming year. Encompassed by natural beauty, the shrine grounds overflow with spiritual spots offering a profound sense of history, such as the Sorihashi arched bridge (Taikobashi) - an emblem of Sumiyoshi Taisha - sacred trees over 1,000 years old, numerous cultural properties, and the Honden Main Shrine Hall, which is a designated national treasure. Sumiyoshi Taisha also carries a popular souvenir shop offering various charms for good fortune, safety in childbirth, and luck in love and work as well as the shrine's own original folding fan.

MAIN FESTIVALS

Sumiyoshi
Matsuri
7/30 to 8/1

Otaue Shinji (Rice-planting Ritual)

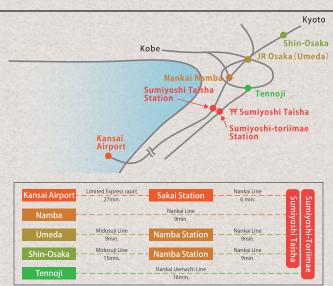
6/14 13:00 to 15:00

Various lively rituals are performed at this grand festival which concludes Osaka's summer festival season. (*Gate closing times are extended to 10pm)

This rice-planting ritual carries on in the practices of ancient times.

It has been designated as an Important Intangible Folk Cultural Property of Iapan.

ACCESSING SUMIYOSHI TAISHA

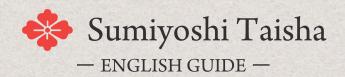


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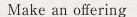


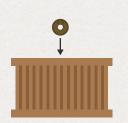






— How to Worship —





Bow twice



Clap your hands twice



Bow once

