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 1010.

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.

③ Nankun-sha
Here, Maneki Neko cats invite people and prosperity (left hand) and money and success in business (right hand). 500 yen / figure.

④ Tanekashi-sha
Receive a divine blessing in conceiving children. 1,000 yen / Tanekashi Doll

⑤ Godairiki (5 great powers)
It is said that the prayers will be answered for those who collect three ‘Kasa’, ‘Nobori’, and ‘Yukuri’ stones and keep these as a charm. Buy for collecting stones / 300 yen (sold in the souvenir shop).

⑥ Omokaruishi
Stones which foretell whether one’s prayers will be answered.

⑦ Omoto-sha
Receive a divine blessing for matrimonial happiness and good luck in match-making.

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

ACCESSING SUMIYOSHI TAISHA

OPERATING HOURS
April to September
6am to 5pm
October to March
6:30am to 5pm
Souvenir shop
6am to 5pm. No fixed holidays.
③ Nankun-sha
④ Tanekashi-sha
⑤ Godairiki (5 great powers)
⑦ Omoto-sha
⑧ Ryokasho
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