



Onrindō

園林堂

A small hall which used to be dedicated to the worship of a Buddhist image. It is said to be empty now. The roofing style is called Hōgyō-zukuri (宝形造) - the roof has the shape of a pyramid and covers the square building.

A pair of tall stone lanterns stands in front of the Onrindō.

Katsura Rikyū

The Katsura Rikyū or Katsura Imperial Palace, also known under the name Katsura Detached Palace has been built for Prince Toshihito in the early Edo period. Since the prince was very well read, the gardens feature many references to the Japanese classic "Tale of the Genji". The architecture and the gardens of the palace are remarkable. There used to be five tea houses in the garden, of which four remain until today. The tea houses and the Old, Middle and New Shoin (drawing room, study room) are exquisite examples of Japanese architecture.



The famous shoin of

Katsura Rikyū

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The garden features a large variety of decorative features like stone lanterns, gates, hand washing basins and different styles of laid paths, stepping stone paths and Japanese garden fences.



Small Stone lantern in front of the Soto-Koshikake, the outer waiting area for guest of the tea house.

石灯籠

Ishi-dōrō

外腰掛

Soto-Koshikake