

## Itsukushima Shrine



Itsukushima Shrine dates from 593 and a classically beautiful building in superb combination with a man-made structure and its natural surroundings. The shrine's present form dates from 1168, when it was rebuilt under the patronage of Taira no Kiyomori, head of the doomed Heike clan. The shrine and its torii gate are unique for being built over water. The shrine complex consists of multiple buildings, including a prayer hall,

main hall and a noh theater stage, which are connected with each other by boardwalks and are all supported by pillars above the sea. The Treasure House just outside the main shrine complex, has an unimpressive collection of relics and swords.

