

Kinkakuji Temple

Second only to Mt Fuji as Japan's most famous sight, Hokusai Rokuonji Temple is better known as Kinkakuji Temple, or the Golden Pavilion, because of its dazzling gold-covered main hall, that seems to float above the surrounding pond.

The three-storied pavilion is covered in gold leaf on the second and third floors and features a bronze phoenix with a gilt impression on top of the roof. The mirror-like reflection of the temple in the pond is extremely photogenic, especially when the maple trees are ablaze in autumn. Their temple is an impressive feat.

It is one of the historic monuments of ancient Kyoto, designated as a UNESCO Cultural Heritage site.

