

## Izumo Oyashiro (Izumo Grand Shrine)

### Overview

Izumo Oyashiro, or Izumo Grand Shrine, is one of the most important shrines in Japan, described in Japan's oldest existing historical chronicles. The shrine figures centrally in stories of the creation of the Japanese nation. The shrine buildings are excellent examples of Japan's oldest Shinto architecture, and its natural setting is home to a variety of unique birds, plants, and trees. Izumo Oyashiro offers visitors an opportunity to enjoy not only history, architecture, and spiritual culture, but nature abundance as well.