

## Amida-do Hall

The Amida-do Hall is the oldest extant Buddhist structure in the Daisenji Temple complex. The hall collapsed due to landslides in 1529 and was reconstructed in its current location in 1552. The Amida-do was originally used for a Buddhist practice known as *jogyo-zanmai*, in which practitioners circumambulated the hall for ninety days while chanting the name of Amida Buddha. This practice came to an end during the anti-Buddhist legislations of the late nineteenth century, after which the Amida-do became a regular worship hall enshrining the Amida Buddha. The 266 cm-tall wooden Amida image in this hall was carved by the twelfth-century sculptor Ryoen (dates unknown) and is flanked by images of the Kannon bodhisattva of mercy, and the Seishi bodhisattva of strength, wisdom, and power. Both the hall and sculptures are designated Important Cultural Properties.