

### **Turtle and Crane Garden**

Enclosed by temple walls and a fence of split bamboo is a small garden dating to the Edo period (1603–1867). Turtle and Crane Garden is named for two animals that symbolize good fortune and longevity, both of which are represented in the garden. The shape of the pond mimics the wings of a crane, and an island in the pond has been crafted to look like the back of a turtle.

Koi carp swim in the pond, surrounded by carefully raked gravel and mossy knolls. There are also maple trees and a sal tree, which has close connections to Buddhism.