

Jūjiin (Subtemple of Engyōji)

Jūjiin originally occupied expansive grounds to the west of the Founder's Hall (Kaisandō). At its present location, it is the only subtemple on Mt. Shosha from which the Inland Sea is visible. The hall contains an image of Kannon, the Bodhisattva of Compassion. The word *jūji* in its name refers to the final 10 stages of the 52-stage path to becoming a bodhisattva.

This building was used by American actor Tom Cruise during breaks in the filming of the Hollywood blockbuster *The Last Samurai* (2003), and temple staff affectionately refer to it as “Tom's House.” On each day of filming, Mr. Cruise reportedly traveled to Engyōji Temple by private helicopter from his hotel in Kobe.