

Daibutsuden (Okunoin)

The journey up 1,015 steps to the top of the Yamadera temple complex ends at the Okunoin inner sanctuary. This journey to the inner sanctuary is said to vanquish the worldly desires of any who make it.

The Okunoin is made up of two buildings: the Nyohodo Hall (right) and the Daibutsuden Great Buddha Hall (left). The Daibutsuden houses a 4.8-meter-tall, gold-leaf-covered seated statue of the Celestial Buddha, Amida Nyorai.