

THE HISTORY OF JAPANESE ARCHITECTURE AND GARDENS;
250 BC-1868:

The Western world stumbled upon a truly modern building when it discovered Japan's 350-year-old Katsura Imperial Villa, an architecture serene and elegant, surrounded by garden design at its best. Learn about Japanese culture, the evolution of its shrines, temples, castles, and houses, and about the Way of Tea. Follow the development of buildings and gardens through 2000 years of Japan's history.

The Jomon Age: Pit Dwellings.
The Yayoi Age: Stilt Dwellings.
The Development of Japanese Society
Tumuli: The Grand Landscape.

Shinto Religion.
Native Religious Architecture: Before/After Buddhism
The Influence of China.
Buddhism enters Japan.
Foreign Architecture: The Temples of Nara.

City Planning: Nara
City Planning: Kyoto.
Kyoto Buddhist Temples.
Esoteric Buddhist Sects: Tendai and Shingon Temples

The Birth of Oriental Gardens.
Amida Buddhism
Water-garden Temples.
The Shinden Residential Style: Architecture and Gardens.

The Demise of Central Authority.
Military Dictatorship: Shoguns and Samurai.
Stroll Gardens.
The Warrior's House: The Shoin Style.

The Influence of Sung China and Zen.
The Dry Garden.
Daisen-in and Ryoanji
Video: Daisen-in; Ryoan-ji.

Momoyama Opulence.
Military Architecture and Town Planning.
Video: Sanboin Garden.

Minka: Houses of the People
Farmhouses; Townhouses

The Way of Tea.
Tea Houses and Gardens.

Imperial Architecture and Gardens.
Shugakuin Imperial Villa and Garden
Video: Shugakuin

Imperial Palace Architecture and Gardens
Video: Sento Palace Gardens

The Sukiya Style:
Katsura Imperial Villa and Garden
Videos: Katsura Imperial Villa Garden