



## Shōan-do 少庵堂

This small tea house was built in 1925 and is dedicated to the son-in-law of the famous tea master Sen no Rikyū. Sen no Shōan was the second generation in the Sen family tradition of Japanese tea ceremony. There is a wooden image of him enshrined here.



## Shōan-dō

少庵堂

Small Tea house



## Yogo-seki

耀号石

Shadow-facing Stone,  
the temple's guardian stone



Along the winding path, you can see a low, flat stone which has a sacred straw rope tied around it. Its name is Yogo-seki (耀号石 - shadow-facing stone) and is the temple's guardian stone. Next to it is a small spring called the 'Clear waters of the morning sun'.

## Small gate and mud wall

土壁

Tsuchi-kabe

## Shōnan-tei 湘南亭

A little further down the path, after turning to the left, another tea house comes into view.

The Shonan-tei is said to have been build by Musō Soseki in 1339. It was repaired by Sen no Shōan (1546-1614), who also lived in it in his later years. Japan declared it one of its Important Cultural Properties. The moon viewing platform (月見台 -Tsukimi-dai) facing the garden is unique to this tea house. It is easy to imagine him enjoying the sight of a full moon on a clear summer night.

## Shōnan-tei

湘南亭



## Moon viewing platform

月見台

Tsuki-mi-dai



A square area directly above the pond indicates the place where once the Hōjō, the private quarters of the head priest, have stood. The Island you can see from this point is the Island of the Morning sun. The Island of the Evening Sun is directly behind it.

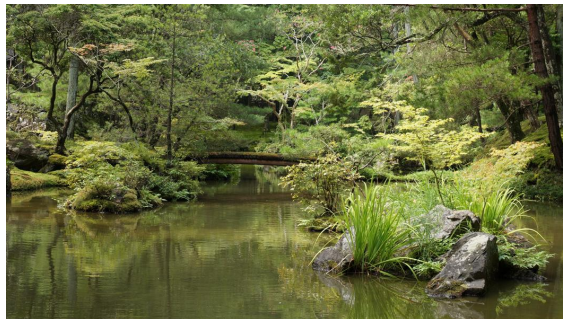




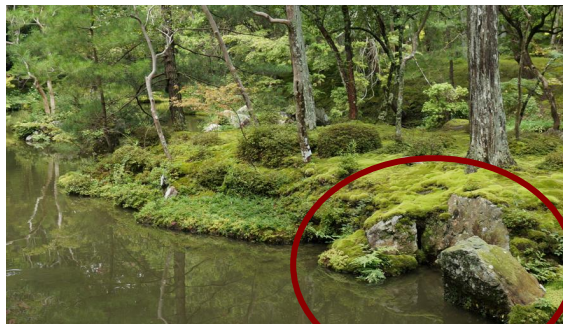
View through the window of the Tanhoku-tei

## Tanhoku-tei ( 潭北亭 )

Going around another turn, the Tanhoku-tei comes into view. The ceramist Mashimizu, who had a great fondness for this garden, built this tea house in 1928.



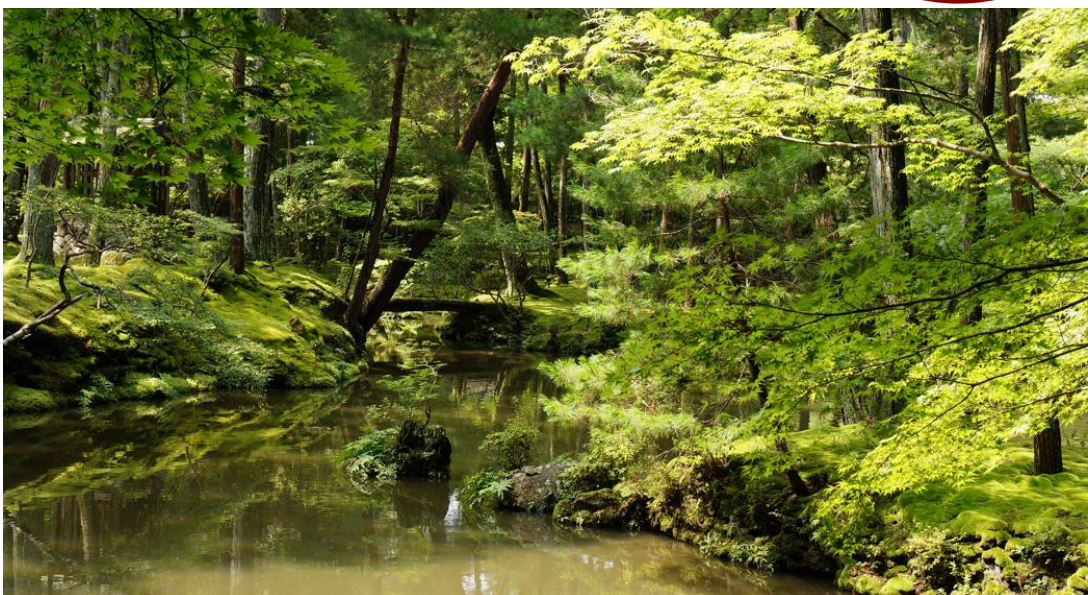
Turtle Island  
亀島  
Kame-jima



Left: Tanhoku-tei  
潭北亭

## Right: Sanzon-iwagumi 三尊石組

Stone arrangement representing a Buddhist triad. A large rock is placed in the middle, two smaller rocks are placed to its left and right side.



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