# Major Religions of Japan

## 1. Buddhism

Buddhism originated in India and was introduced to Japan through China and Korea in the 6th century.

### Features
- Buddhism has deeply stayed in the everyday life of the Japanese and exerted a significant influence on every aspect of Japanese spirit and culture.
- Ideal states of mind are supreme enlightenment and salvation.
- Buddhism split into many sects (13 main sects):
  - Jodo sect, Jodo-shin sect, Zen, Nichiren sect, ...  
    - Zenkoji Temple belongs to Jodo sect.
- Tera is a Buddhist temple where funerals, memorial services, and other events are conducted. Buddhist temples are viewing attractions.
- Buddhism is polytheistic.

### Precepts
- Buddhist precepts prohibit Buddhists from eating meat and fish. Devout Buddhists are vegetarians!
- Buddhist precepts also forbid them from drinking. But now even Buddhist monks drink and eat steak and yakiniku.