

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.**