



**JAPAN SAKURA AND TEMPLE TOUR -  
ONLINE RETREAT WITH RAE CHANDRAN**  
March 30 - April 4 2021

Join International Author, Channeler, Speaker and Teacher Rae Chandran where he and his video team bring us to different temples and power spots in Japan during the beautiful Sakura Cherry Blossom season in this online retreat. There will be daily channeling and initiations in each temple. Please note that :

- 1) some of the temple halls for worship do not allow videos or photos. Channelings will be done in the temple grounds.
- 2) all possible efforts will be made to follow the itinerary. However, there might be slight changes to the itinerary on the tour dates due to current COVID-19 conditions, government restrictions or weather conditions which are beyond our control.

### **Kyoto : Kiyomizu-dera Temple, Ryoanji Temple Rock Garden, Sanjusangendo temple (2.5 days)**



**Kiyomizu-dera Temple** is one of the most celebrated temples of Japan. This is a Buddhist temple in eastern Kyoto and is part of the Historic Monuments of Ancient Kyoto UNESCO World Heritage site. Kiyomizu-dera is best known for its wooden stage which offers visitors a nice view of the numerous cherry and maple trees below as well as of the city of Kyoto in the distance. The main hall houses the temple's primary object of worship, a statue of the eleven faced, thousand armed Kannon. Near the Okunoin Hall are halls dedicated to Shaka Buddha and Amida Buddha, as well as a small hall with nearly 200 stone statues of Jizo, the protector of children and travelers.



**Ryoanji Temple** is a Zen Temple with famous rock garden. It belongs to the Myoshinji school of the Rinzai sect of Zen Buddhism. The meaning of the garden is unclear. Some believe that the garden represents the common theme of a tiger carrying cubs across a pond or of islands in a sea, while others claim that the garden represents an abstract concept like infinity. It is up to each viewer to find the meaning for him/herself.



**Sanjusangen Temple** is a temple in eastern Kyoto which is famous for its 1001 statues of Kannon, the goddess of mercy. In the center of the main hall sits a large, wooden statue of a 1000-armed Kannon (Senju Kannon) that is flanked on each side by 500 statues of human sized 1000-armed Kannon standing in ten rows. Together they make for an awesome sight. These 1000-armed Kannon are equipped with 11 heads to better witness the suffering of humans and with 1000 arms to better help them fight the suffering.

## Nara : Todaiji Temple and other temples (1.5 days)



**Todaiji Temple** is one of Japan's most famous and historically significant temples and a landmark of Nara. Todaiji's main hall, the Daibutsuden (Big Buddha Hall) houses one of Japan's largest bronze statues of Buddha (Daibutsu). The 15 meters tall, seated Buddha represents Vairocana and is flanked by two Bodhisattvas.

Another popular attraction is a **pillar with a hole in its base** that is the same size as the Daibutsu's nostril. It is said that those who can squeeze through this opening will be granted enlightenment in their next life. Along the approach to Todaiji stands the Nandaimon Gate, a large wooden gate watched over by two Nio Guardian Kings, the statues are designated national treasures together with the gate itself

## Miyajima : Itsukushima shrine, Enoshima island, Visit to Benten shrine and other temples (1 day)



**1) Itsukushima shrine** is a Shinto shrine in Miyajima. It is most famous for its dramatic gate, or torii on the outskirts of the shrine, the sacred peaks of Mount Misen, extensive forests, and its ocean view. The shrine and its torii gate are unique for being built over water, seemingly floating in the sea during high tide. At low tide, you can walk right up to the foot of the O-Torii gate to experience it up close. Also, three 'mirror ponds' will appear in the exposed sand around the shrine.



**2) Enoshima island** is a pleasantly touristy island just off the coast but connected by bridge with the mainland. The island offers a variety of attractions, including a shrine, park, observation tower and caves. Views of Mount Fuji can be enjoyed on days with good visibility. Several shrine buildings, collectively known as Enoshima Shrine, are found around the island and are dedicated to Benten, a popular goddess of good fortune, wealth, wisdom, beauty, music and knowledge. Benten is believed to have created Enoshima before subduing a five headed dragon that had been terrorizing the area. Benten was originally an Indian God of Water, and it is believed that the Benten faith in Japan began during the Nara Period.

## Kamakura : Great Buddha of Kamakura , Hasedera Temple (1 day)

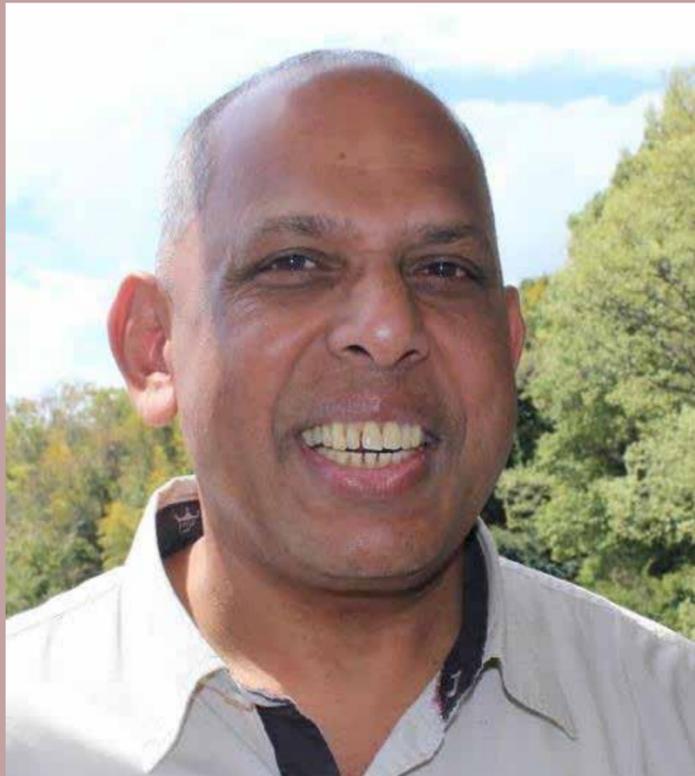


**1) The Great Buddha of Kamakura** is a bronze statue of Amida Buddha, which stands on the grounds of Kotokuin Temple. With a height of 11.4 meters, it has long been the second tallest bronze Buddha statue in Japan, surpassed only by the statue in Nara's Todaiji Temple and some recent creations. The statue was cast in 1252 and originally located inside a large temple hall. However, the temple buildings were destroyed multiple times by typhoons and a tsunami in the 14th and 15th centuries. So, since the late 15th century, the Buddha has been standing in the open air.



**2) Hasedera Temple** resides on a mountain called “Kannon-zan”. The ground holds a large variety of flowers which bloom throughout the year welcoming visitors. Around 1300 years ago, two sculptors carved two Kannon statues out of a sacred tree. One of them was enshrined here at Hasedera in Kamakura. It is commonly called “Eleven-headed Kannon” since it has eleven heads on top of its own head. It measures 9.18 meters tall and this makes it one of the largest wooden Buddhist statues in Japan. On the opposite side of the main hall stands the Amida-do Hall with an almost three meter tall, golden statue of Amida Buddha.

# About Rae Chandran



Rae Chandran is a teacher, channeler and energy healer. He has been on the path of Self Discovery for over three decades now. He teaches these truths through the various workshops he conducts in many parts of the world like Japan, USA, Brazil, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Shanghai, India, Indonesia and Vietnam. He also leads people to power spots and power vortexes in countries like Egypt, Israel, Cambodia, Greece and Morocco. Rae Chandran is the author of many books and all the contents of all these books are completely channeled. He is also a Kundalini master and has channelled over 400 Symbols for healing and transformation. Rae hails from India and has taken up residence in Japan for the past 20 years with his family

- Total Tour Days : 6
- Daily Channellings and Initiations
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