

Japanese Architecture



Japanese Architecture in Pictures

A world of Style and Beauty,
that equals Pure Structure

The architectural forms found in Japan are essentially pure structure. Posts and beams supporting the roof and protecting and sheltering the occupants of the house are meticulously joined and finished without molding or applied trims. The Structural components of the house are also the finish elements as well, so precise joinery, great care in assembly are necessary. The work can be described as “house sized furniture,” built with the kind of devotion to excellence one would find in the West only in furniture-making.

A 16th century Japanese lived without many of the physical comforts we take for granted: in the cold, with shoes off, on the floor, without furniture, with no place to rest his back. This is not the way most Americans or even Japanese want to live today. The classical architectural form is without doubt very beautiful. Its exquisite attention to detail, materials, and woodworking is inspiring, but it doesn't satisfy contemporary expectations of comfort. Making this architecture accessible to Westerners and meeting the requirements of Americans has been a constantly evolving field of study.