



Sengakuji Temple

Sengakuji is a famous Buddhist temple located in Minato, Tokyo. This small temple is famous as the gravesite for the 47 Ronin, or leaderless Samurai, who died avenging their master's honor. The incident took place in 1701, when Asano Naganori, Feudal Lord of Ako, drew his sword against his rival, Kira Yoshinaka, within the Edo Castle. He was sentenced to die by Seppuku, while his rival, who had insulted and maligned him for years, had no punishment. Asano's samurai planned their revenge for almost two years, then attacked and killed Kira, presenting his head to Asano's grave at Sengakuji. They were sentenced to die by seppuku and buried alongside their master.

This true story has been portrayed in numerous plays, movies, television, and literature. The 47 Ronin are celebrated by the Japanese as cultural icons, for their actions of loyalty, justice, persistence, courage, and honor. Sengakuji hosts the Gishisai Festival on December 14 of each year to commemorate the 47 Ronin.



Go to Sengakuji Station, take exit A2, and go to the right. The temple is about a 4-minute walk.



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