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Welcome to Shofuso, a 17th century style Japanese house and garden in the heart West Fairmount Park, Philadelphia.

Come with us on a brief video tour of the house and gardens, and learn a little about Japanese history and culture on the way!

Included in this lesson are a list of Japanese words and important concepts that will help you better understand what Shofuso is and why it's here.

LESSON 2



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Shofuso Vocabulary:

Junzo Yoshimura - Shofuso's architect.

Genkan - A place in a Japanese home to remove your shoes.

Shikidai - A special entrance for a high status person to receive guests or visitors.

Shoin-zukari - Type of Japanese architecture popular in the 17th century that features a built-in desk area.

Hinoki - A special Japanese cypress tree prized for its lumber.

Hill and Pond Garden - Shofuso's largest garden, meant to be viewed from inside the house.

Amado - Exterior doors or shutters, closing off the house from the elements.

Tatami - Flooring mats packed with rice straw and lined with silk.

Tokonoma - A built-in space set aside to hang scrolls or display art.

Fusuma - Sliding interior doors.

Hiroshi Senju - Japanese artist who created Shofuso's murals.



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Shofuso Vocabulary:

Shoin - Desk or desk nook built into a traditional Japanese structure.

Shoji - A window or door in a Japanese house consisting of a wooden frame covered in paper.

Roji - A special kind of Japanese garden that leads to the entrance of a tea house.

Tsuboniwa - A small courtyard garden.

Hinoki Bark Roof - A special kind of traditional Japanese roof, found only on the most prestigious structures.

Minka - Type of Japanese farmhouse architecture, represented in Shofuso's kitchen.



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