

# VESTIGES of *Lands End*



On left: Japanese Tea House entrance, ca. 1909-1930s; Top Right: Japanese Tea House, kiosk, and back of Cliff House, ca. 1909; Bottom Right: Interior of Japanese Tea House, ca. 1909-1930s.

## Japanese Tea House

After the opening of Emma Sutro's Cliff House in 1909, a Japanese Tea House was erected on the lower terrace. Photos from 1909 and 1915 show the tea house as a wooden pagoda-like building with Asian decorative detail adorning the roof. City Directories from the 1920s list Sadikichi Ihara as the tea house proprietor.

The interior was decorated in a Japanese theme complete with paper screen window coverings and hanging paper lanterns. The tea house could accommodate many customers who were served both EuroAmerican and Japanese food. The tea house was closed when the Whitney Brothers took over the Cliff House in 1937.