TOKYO TO GO
A Guide to the Tokyo's Museums and Cultural Facilities
Welcome to Tokyo!
Let’s explore the city’s vibrant cultural institutions!

While Tokyo is the center of Japanese politics and economy, it is also the heart of Japanese culture. The capital city flourishes with a multi-faceted and unique culture, including arts, music, animation, and manga that reflect the spirit of modern Japan. All of the cultural institutions highlighted in this guide were established by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government. So visit these facilities for your own unique taste of Tokyo’s culture.

⚠️ These facilities are subject to be closed for renovation or unavoidable circumstances. Please refer to the website of each facility for details.

The information herein is as of March 2017.
Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum

From Edo to Tokyo: Enjoy a look back at 400 years of Tokyo’s history

More than 400 years have passed since Tokugawa Ieyasu established his government in Edo (present-day Tokyo). The Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum recreates the spirit of a past era through full-size models and dioramas, as well as images, Ukiyoe prints, and everyday utensils. Visitors can enjoy learning about Tokyo’s history through these exhibits. The full-scale reconstructions of “Nihonbashí” and “Nakamuraza” (a kabuki theater) lend an emphatic impression. Throughout the museum, a range of restored items such as rickshaws and money containers are exhibited, and visitors can actually ride and operate these items. The museum provides an authentic experience unique to each era of history. The museum shop is filled with stylish Japanese goods. You will find a special souvenir that you cannot find anywhere else.

Volunteer Guides

Guided tours of the permanent exhibitions are offered in seven languages, which are: Japanese, English, French, German, Spanish, Chinese and Korean. This service is free of charge. For more information, please contact the museum.

<Volunteer counter> Between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the sixth floor.
(Available languages may vary depending on a day).

Opening hours  9:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
(9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays)
* Last admission 30 minutes before closing

Closed  Mondays (when Monday is a national holiday or substitute holiday, the museum will be opened and closed on the following day) and New Year holiday season.

The museum will be closed for renovation from October 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018.

Admission

Permanent exhibitions: Adults: ¥600, Seniors (65 and over; proof of age required): ¥300, College or Vocational School Students: ¥480, High School or Junior High School Students*: ¥300, Elementary School Students or younger: Free
* Admission is free for junior high school students who live or attend school in Tokyo.

Special exhibitions: Admission fees vary depending on the exhibition. Please contact the museum for more details.

Telephone  03-3626-9974
URL  http://www.edo-tokyo-museum.or.jp/en
Around Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum

Recommended Attractions

Ryogoku Kokugikan (Sumo Hall)

Grand sumo tournaments are held at the Ryogoku Kokugikan in January, May and September. A visit to the facilities is an unforgettable opportunity to catch a glimpse of a sumo wrestler or watch a live tournament. One suggestion for a true “Tokyo” experience is: visit the museum → enjoy a lunch of chanko-nabe (a staple dish for sumo wrestlers) → watch a sumo match. Tokyo’s new landmark, the TOKYO SKYTREE® is also located near this area.

http://www.sumo.or.jp/En

Water Bus / Tour Bus

The Ryogoku harbor for the Tokyo Mizube Cruising Line (water bus) lies along the Sumida River, about a five minutes’ walk from the museum. Take in the traditional Edo atmosphere of Ryogoku to the neo-futuristic city space of Odaiba area as you gently wind down the Sumida River. We also recommend you to try a water-bus called “Kawasemi” that navigates narrow rivers in downtown Tokyo (booking required). You can also extend your visit to the TOKYO SKYTREE by taking the Sumida City Loop Bus “Sumida Hyakkei Sumimaru-kun / Sumirin-chan(southern route)”, while enjoying atmospheric views of a downtown. Both the water-bus and tour bus offer tours that particularly feature the beautiful scenery of the TOKYO SKYTREE.

http://tokyo-park.or.jp/english/business/index.html

Access Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum

1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida-ku, Tokyo, 130-0015

3 minutes’ walk from the West Exit of Ryogoku Station of the JR Sobu Line / 1 minute walk from Exits A3 or A4 of Ryogoku Station (Edo Tokyo Hakubutsukan-mae), E12 of the Toei Oedo Line.
Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

Visit authentic homes and traditional shops from Edo to Showa and experience the living history of Japan

The Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is situated within Koganei Park and features 30 restored structures from the Edo period to the middle of the Showa period (from the 1600s to the 1950s). The museum restored and preserved historical structures of high cultural value that had been relocated to the park, sustaining these important cultural treasures for the future generation. By visiting these structures, visitors can not only have a chance to witness the historical and cultural transition from Edo to Tokyo but also enjoy a hands-on experience of the lifestyle in the past.

Opening hours  April – September 9:30 a.m.– 5:30 p.m.; October – March 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
* The ticket counter is closed 30 minutes before closing

Closed  Mondays (when Monday is a national holiday or substitute holiday, the museum will be opened and closed on the following day) and New Year holiday season.

Admission  Adults: ¥400, Seniors (over 65; valid ID is required): ¥200, University and Vocational School Students: ¥320, High School and Junior High School Students*: ¥200, Elementary School Students and younger: Free

* Admission is free for junior high school students who reside or go to school in Tokyo

Telephone  042-388-3300
URL  http://www.tatemonoen.jp/english

Traditional Arts and Crafts Demonstration

Varying demonstrations are held, each month, on the second Saturday and Sunday, including a presentation of hand-painted yuzen (printed silk), rattan arts and wood-block carving. Come and observe some of the remaining traditional arts and crafts of Tokyo. (Demonstration from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. between April and September, and from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. between October and March).

A demonstration of polishing sword (Token kenma)
Around Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

Recommended Attractions

Koganei Park
Koganei Park stretches over 77 hectares offering visitors rich nature year-round. The spacious ground contains a wooded area preserving remnants of Musashino, a cherry tree garden, and an area for children to play. When the weather is nice, visitors can lounge and picnic.

http://tokyo-park.or.jp/english/park/detail_02.html#koganei

Inokashira Park Zoo
Take a stroll among the lush verdure and seasonal flowers to observe animals close at hand. The facilities include a zoo, aquarium, and sculpture garden, and are well-known as an all-inclusive attraction. (10 minutes’ walk from Kichijoji Station on the JR Chuo Line).


Access Information

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum
3-7-1 Sakura-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo
184-0005
Take the Seibu bus from the North Exit of Musashikoganei Station on the JR Chuo Line. From the 2nd and 3rd bus stops, get off at Koganei Koen-Nishiguchi. The museum is 5 minutes’ walk from the bus stop. / Take the Seibu bus from the South Exit of Hanakoganei Station on the Seibu Shinjuku Line. From the Minamihanakoganei bus stop, get off at Koganei Koen-Nishiguchi. The museum is 5 minutes’ walk from the bus stop.
Tokyo Photographic Art Museum

Japan’s only museum specializing in photography and moving images

The museum features three exhibition galleries displaying works of photographers and image creators from within and outside of Japan, along with 34,000 collections. In addition, films specially selected from the museum’s unique perspective are screened at the hall on the ground floor. Other facilities include a museum shop, café, and a library. This is a museum in which every visitor can discover an individual way of amusing oneself.

Opening hours 10:00a.m. – 6:00p.m. (until 8p.m. on Thursday and Friday). Admission until 30 minutes prior to closing time.

Closed Mondays (when Monday is a national holiday or substitute holiday, the museum will be opened and closed on the following day) and New Year holiday season and other temporary closures due to special circumstances.

Admission Admission fees vary depending on exhibitions. Please contact the museum for more details.

Facilities
Library
The library collection totals about 42,400 books and 1,760 magazine titles, including photography books, exhibition catalogues, technical books, and photography magazines, which are made available for displaying and referencing.

Telephone 03-3280-0099
URL http://topmuseum.jp/e/contents/index.html

About the Symbol Mark

In conjunction with our re-opening and 20th Anniversary Celebrations, we have adopted a new name in English as well as new logo. In order to emphasize our role as an art museum devoted to moving images as well as photographs, our name has been changed to Tokyo Photographic Art Museum.

We also have a new popular nickname that can be used in both English and Japanese: TOP Museum, created with the first letters of “Tokyo” (TO) and “Photographic Art” (P).
Around Tokyo Photographic Art Museum

Recommended Attraction

Yebisu Garden Place

Yebisu Garden Place brings together a collection of stores, restaurants and offices. The exquisite restaurants on the 39th floor of the Yebis Garden Place Tower offer stunning views of the city skyline. At the Museum of YEBISU BEER, visitors can experience and learn about the history and science of the beer brewing process, For a small fee, visitors can taste freshly brewed and limited edition beers in their peak conditions.

Museum of YEBISU BEER
http://www.sapporoholdings.jp/english/guide/yebisu/

Access Information

Tokyo Photographic Art Museum
Yebisu Garden Place, 1-13-3 Mita, Meguro-ku, Tokyo 153-0062
7 minutes’ walk from the East Exit of JR Ebisu Station / 10 minutes’ walk from Ebisu Station (H02) on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line
Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum

An exquisite Art Deco museum nested in a tranquil green garden

Visitors can enjoy the tranquil museum garden flourishing with seasonal flowers as well as the Art Deco architecture that was widely popular in Europe during the period of 1910-1930, which houses a variety of fascinating exhibitions.

The museum building was constructed as the residence of Prince Asaka in 1933, and is recognized worldwide as a valuable piece of cultural heritage that conveys the Art Deco style to the present. The museum’s main interior was designed by French designer Henri Rapin, incorporating the work of René Lalique into the interior decoration. New exhibition spaces have been added to the Annex, which was completed for the reopening. Various exhibitions are planned that utilize these unique spaces.

Museum app with audio guide

Visitors can download a free app with a Japanese- and English-language audio guide. The audio guide also supports Korean, Chinese and French. Visitors who do not have smartphones can borrow a device at the museum.

[Available] From 10:00 am. - 6:00 p.m. at the Welcome Room on the first floor of the Main Building.

Opening hours  10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
* Last admission 30 minutes before closing

Closed  Second and fourth Wednesday, New Year holiday season. (If the second or fourth Wednesday is a national holiday or substitute holiday, the museum will be opened and will be closed on the following day) * When the museum is closed for the installation of a new exhibition, the Main Building and Annex will be closed, but garden will be open.

The museum will be closed for renovation from April 10, 2017 to (tentatively) mid November, 2017.

Admission  Differs by exhibition
Telephone  03-5777-8600
URL  http://www.teien-art-museum.ne.jp/en

Around Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum

Recommended Attractions

Located adjacent to the museum, this institute preserves the way Tokyo looked several hundred years ago throughout its spacious 20-hectare grounds.


Happo-en
Happo-en, whose name (“garden of eight views) reflects its beauty viewed from any angle, is a magnificent garden that has maintained the natural beauty of Edo Japan down through the centuries and bequeathed it to present-day Tokyo. Nature that changes with the season is interspersed with historical buildings and relics of the past in this enchanting garden, which makes tasteful use of a hillside with a stream running through it covering a vast 50,000 square meter area in Tokyo’s fashionable Shirokanedai district.


Access Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum
5-21-9 Shirokanedai, Minato-ku, Tokyo
108-0071

7 minute’s walk from the East Exit of Meguro Station on the JR Yamanote Line
or Tokyo Meguro Line 6 minute’s walk from Exit 1 of Shirokanedai Station

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on the Toei Mita Line or Tokyo Metro Namboku Line
The entrance to the art with full of enjoyment to visit

The Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum is a historic museum, which was founded in 1926 inside the Ueno Park as the first public museum in Japan. The museum holds nearly 280 exhibitions every year including the exhibitions of globally recognized museums and special exhibitions with treasured works as well as temporary exhibitions and public exhibitions. The facilities include an art lounge where visitors can receive exhibition schedules at museums throughout Japan and other art related information from specialized staff. Shops and various restaurants within the museum also welcome you. The museum is full of excitements and friendly atmosphere, offering an opportunity for everyone to become fascinated by arts.

About the Symbol Mark
The symbol mark, which employs a cube motif evoking the present building of the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum designed by Mr. Kunio Mayekawa in 1975, is designed as an icon symbolizing "the source of creativity."
For the symbol color, a new Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum color is created by fusing the red-brown of the building’s exterior with red suggestive of Japanese culture of harmony.

Opening hours  9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. (open from 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Fridays during special exhibitions). * Last admission 30 minutes before closing
Closed  1st and 3rd Monday (when Monday is a national holiday or substitute holiday, the museum will be opened and closed on the following day), Special exhibitions, Thematic exhibitions are closed every Monday/ New Year holiday season/maintenance days.
Admission
Admission fees vary depending on the exhibition. Please contact the museum for more details.
Telephone  03-3823-6921
URL  http://www.tobikan.jp/en
Around Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

Recommended Attractions

Ueno Park
Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum and Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall are located in Ueno Park, which is also home to many other notable museums, including the Tokyo National Museum, the National Museum of Nature and Science, and The National Museum of Western Art. The park boasts nearly 1,200 cherry trees. During the cherry blossom season, the park becomes one of the country’s most popular spots for hanami (cherry blossom viewing) parties.

http://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/english/park/detail_02.html#ueno

Ueno Zoo
Located within Ueno Park, this zoo is the oldest in Japan, where you can see a variety of animals.

http://www.tokyo-zoo.net/english/index.html

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Access Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum
8-36 Ueno-Koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo
110-0007

7 minutes’ walk from the Park Exit of JR Ueno Station.
10 minutes’ walk from Exit 7 of Ueno Station. (G16, H17) on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line or Hibiya Line.
10 minutes’ walk from Main Exit of Keisei Ueno Station.
Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan

A hall resonant with the splendor of the performing arts

Hailed as a “sanctuary for classical music” both in Japan and abroad, the hall is open almost daily and presents staged performances of classical music, opera, and ballet. The hall hosts such events as the Tokyo Music Competition for the purpose of cultivating future musicians, and the program to show exhaustively the real pleasure of music by an orchestra, “Hibiki no Mori Concert”. Tokyo Bunka Kaikan aims to inspire and foster the talent and potential of the next generation, and allow its visitors to feel its spiritual richness and plentitude.

**Opening hours** 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. (closing time may vary depending on the hall concert schedule)

**Closed** New Year holiday season and maintenance days

**Admission** Admission fees vary depending on the event

**Facilities**

**Main Hall / Recital Hall**

At the Music Library, visitors can browse and listen to the contents of the library’s collection of classical music, folk compositions, Japanese music and dance tunes free of charge. Hours: 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. (Tuesday to Saturday) 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. (Sunday and national holidays)

**Music Library**

Restaurant: Forestier (Western dishes) Hours: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m (opening hours vary depending on events)

**Ticket Service (Ticket Counter)** Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. (except for days when the hall is closed). Direct phone number: 03-5685-0650

**Telephone** 03-3828-2111 (Main phone number).

**URL** [http://www.t-bunka.jp/en](http://www.t-bunka.jp/en)

**Concert “Ueno de Classic”**

Classical music for from ¥500 to ¥1500!

Concerts of “Ueno de Classic” by winners of the Tokyo Music Competition. Come and be transported by the passionate performances of up-and-coming artists.
Around Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan

Recommended Attractions

Shitamachi Museum
Slip back in time to old Japan! The museum features two tenement houses surrounded by an alleyway. One tenant is a sweets dealer and the other is a copper-smith. A life-sized shop of a merchant, who is also a landlord of the tenement houses, has been recreated and daily items from the Meiji era are also exhibited. With video and picture panels, a variety of artifacts display scenes of Shitamachi (downtown), including traditional customs, children’s games, entertainment, utensils, craftsman’s tools, designs, annual events etc.

http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/shitamachi

Ameyoko (Shopping Street)
On the narrow street from JR Ueno Station to JR Okachimachi Station, local vendors are crowding and selling everything from clothes, cosmetics, general goods, shoes to food such as fresh fish, fruits, vegetables and dried foods. The district is popular for its lively shopkeepers and bargain price.

Access Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum
Tokyo National Museum
Ueno Zoo
Ueno Park
Fountain
Shinobazu pond
Kaiser Ueno Station
Tokyo Tourist Information Center (Station Building)
Ameyoko
Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall
Park Exit
Tokyo Metro Ueno Station
Exit 7
Expressway
Nippori
National Museum of Nature and Science
The National Museum of Western Art
Ueno Station

Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan
5-45 Ueno-Koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo
110-8716

1 minute’s walk from the Park Exit of JR Ueno Station
5 minutes’ walk from Exit 7 of Ueno Station, ‘G16 H17’ on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line
7 minutes’ walk from Main Exit of Keisei Ueno Line
Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

Relish the powerful emotion of the performing arts

Located adjacent to Ikebukuro, a terminal used by 2.7 million commuters per day, which makes it the second busiest station in the world, the Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre is a multi-purpose cultural venue that presents music concerts, theater performances, musicals, and dance. As well as the performance by the top-class orchestras, under the direction of Hideki Noda, the First Artistic Director of the Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre, the institution has been involved in a number of creative activities with innovative theatrical companies in Japan and overseas. The Theatre also supports young, emerging artists and implements international collaborations.

The Melodious Pipe Organ
Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre's pipe organ is one of the world's largest and is made from roughly 9,000 pipes. It has two facades - a traditional facade and one that matches the hall's contemporary image - and can revolve 180 degrees. To experience the tones from the time a piece of music was written, based on the song it is possible to choose between the facades according to three musical styles (Renaissance, Baroque, and Modern), era, and tonal colors.
Around Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

Recommended Attractions

Sunshine City (Commercial Complex)
Visitors can enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view from the 240 meter-high observation deck. Museum, Theater, Aquarium and Planetarium neighbor each other and there is a shopping center with about 200 stores.

http://www.sunshinecity.co.jp/english/index.html

Jiyugakuen Myonichikan
This structure is recognized as an Important Cultural Property. Frank Lloyd Wright, who designed the Imperial Hotel, sympathized with the educational philosophy of Jiyugakuen and worked on this building during the Taisho era.

http://www.jiyu.jp/index-e.html

Access Information

Welcome to Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

**Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre**
1-8-1 Nishi Ikebukuro, Toshima-ku, Tokyo
171-0021

2 minutes’ walk from the West Exit of Ikebukuro Station on the JR Lines, Tobu Tojo Line, Seibu Ikebukuro Line. Ikebukuro Station on the Tokyo Metro Fukutoshin Line (F09), and the Tokyo Metro Marunouchi (M25) and Yurakucho Lines (Y09). It is less than a minute’s walk from subway Exit 2b.
A museum bursting with surprise and sensation

As Japan’s most popular museum of contemporary art, this museum houses a collection of nearly 5,000 domestic and foreign works of art. The museum features an array of contemporary art exhibitions. MOT Collection utilizes the museum’s collection to present systematic views of art history. Temporary exhibitions are large-scale exhibition, covering wide range of genres focusing on both national and international artists. The museum facilities include an art library, where visitors can search for art related information.

Notice of Closure Due to Renovation
The museum is currently closed for renovations from May 30, 2016.

URL http://www.mot-art-museum.jp/eng

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Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

Tokyo Photographic Art Museum

Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum

Tokyo Wonder Site

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall, Tokyo Bunka Kaikan

Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo