

An ever more vibrant Shibuya

Shibuya Sta. (JR, Subways, Tokyu, Keio)

Best Recommendation

The new landmark: SHIBUYA SCRAMBLE SQUARE

Sitting atop the Shibuya Station will be the SHIBUYA SCRAMBLE SQUARE, the tallest building in Shibuya, scheduled to open on November 1. This 47-story skyscraper will be crowned by the SHIBUYA SKY, a rooftop observation deck, said to be one of the largest of its kind in Japan. It will look down at the scramble intersection below, as well as beyond the Tokyo Tower and the distant Mt. Fuji. Restaurants, cafes and shops will occupy its 212-tenant space, from B2 (second basement level) to the 14th floor.

www.shibuya-scramble-square.com/



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SHIBUYA FUKURAS – gradually opening from November



This 18-floor complex will open on the West Exit of Shibuya Station. In addition to shops and restaurants, a bus terminal for both city and airport buses, baggage storage and tourist information counters will support travelers.



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The new SHIBUYA PARCO

The SHIBUYA PARCO will open its new flagship store on November 22, with an array of 180 shops, ranging from fashion and lifestyle goods to restaurants and a theater. Pokémon Center SHIBUYA and the first official Nintendo shop in Japan, Nintendo TOKYO, will take their place in the new lineup.

shibuya.parco.jp/



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Launch of Grandberry Park in Minami-machida

The Grandberry Park with approximately 230 stores will open on November 13. Its access station on the Tokyu Den-en-toshi Line will be renamed from Minami-machida Station to "Minami-Machida Grandberry Park Station." Snoopy Museum Tokyo will also open in this area in December.

Minami-machida Sta. (Minami-Machida Grandberry Park Sta.) (Tokyu)

gbp.minamimachida-grandberrypark.com

www.snoopymuseum.tokyo/en/

Newly Opened Hotels Information

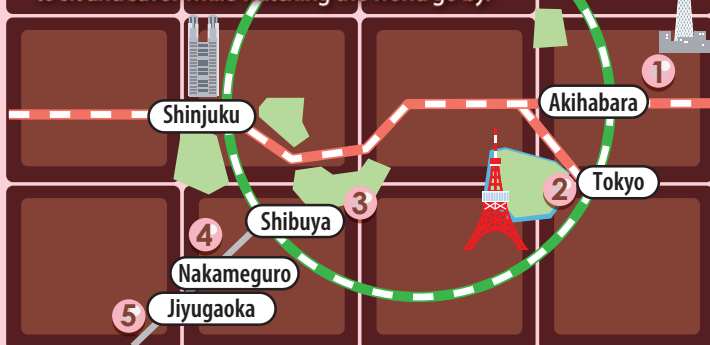
Opening on Sept. 26 Mitsui Garden Hotel Ginza-gochome, 338 rooms

Opening on Nov. 22 Mitsui Garden Hotel Jingugaien Tokyo Premier, 362 rooms

Opening on Dec. 24 remm plus Ginza, 238 rooms

Premier chocolatiers in Tokyo

Spotlighted below are the best of the best chocolatiers in Tokyo, ranging from the uncompromising Bean to Bar crafters who oversee each step of the chocolate-making process, to cafes that invite you to sit and savor while watching the world go by.



1 Dandelion Chocolate, Factory & Cafe Kuramae

dandelionchocolate.jp/

The chocolate factory and an ordering counter encompass the 1st floor, topped by a cafe and workshop area on the 2nd floor. Sip the rich "HOUSE HOT CHOCOLATE" and nibble the "BROWNIE BITE FLIGHT" as you watch the crafting of the artisan chocolates.

🚉 Kuramae Sta. (Subway)

HOUSE HOT CHOCOLATE 638 yen
(626 yen for takeout)

BROWNIE BITE FLIGHT 693 yen
(680 yen for takeout)

©Dandelion Chocolate Japan



2 CHOCOLATIER PALET D'OR TOKYO

www.palet-dor.com/index.html

As true chocolatiers, they begin the process by roasting choice cacao beans. Stop by to taste their "bean to cocoa" drink or their parfait. And for the folks back home, pick up a box (or more) of "Dassai Chocolat," infused with Dassai Japanese sake.

🚉 Tokyo Sta. (JR, Subway), Otemachi (Subway), Nijubashimae 'Marunouchi' Sta. (Subway)



Bean to Cocoa
1,500 yen
(tax not included)

Dassai Chocolat (6 pieces)
2,300 yen (tax not included)



3 Summerbird ORGANIC

www.summerbird.jp/

Summerbird ORGANIC was founded in Denmark in 1986. As hinted by its name, it is committed to using 100% organic ingredients. Its Chocolate LAB & Cafe serves a heavenly "Cream Kiss," a traditional Danish confection of creamy meringue coated with delicate chocolate.

🚉 Omotesando Sta. (Subway)



Cream Kiss 660 yen



4 green bean to bar CHOCOLATE

greenchocolate.jp/

Located along the Meguro River, this chocolate factory plus 34-seat cafe offers eclairs and other delectables as well as CHOCOLATE DRINK (550 yen, tax not included). The chocolate bars wrapped in originally designed washi paper give eye appeal to taste-pleasing gifts. 🚉 Naka-meguro Sta. (Tokyu)



ECLAIR 500 yen (tax not included)

CHOCOLATE BAR 1,500 yen and up (tax not included)



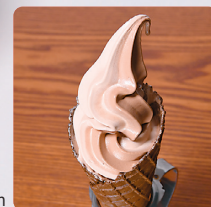
5 MAGIE DU CHOCOLAT

www.magieduchocolat.com



Magie du Chocolat (Ghana 63)
460 yen

Cacao Soft-serve Ice Cream 620 yen



A bean to bar shop with a cafe to sample their bite-sized bon-bon chocolates and Magie du Chocolat ganache chocolate cake. Another crowd-pleaser is their soft-serve ice cream with hints of bitter cacao.

🚉 Jiyugaoka Sta. (Tokyu)



Model Walking Route

1 Jiyugaoka Sta.

4 min. on foot

2 Katakana

8 min. on foot

3 Kosoan



Gourmet Guide



a Kosoan

Looking out at the Japanese garden from this teahouse, a refurbished 90-year-old home, gives a glimpse of Japan's traditional dwellings. Matcha with a wagashi confection (850 yen), and *anmitsu*, a cold dessert (850 yen), are two of their signature sweets.

kosoan.co.jp/

b CONANA

Fusion food: Japanese wa pasta, seasonally inspired, served with delicate dashi broth. Choose from a menu that includes "mentaiko (spicy pollock roe) and shirasu (small sardines) with nozawana pickled leaves" (980 yen), and "CONANA's to-nyu (soymilk) carbonara" (1,230 yen).

www.conana-jp.com/shoplist/meguro-jiyugaoka/



★ Taizan Shengjian

Famous for their baked xiaolongbao (soup dumpling), a Shanghai specialty. Delicious hot soup oozes out of the dumplings on first bite (3 pieces for 360 yen) Also try their *shiru-nashi tantan-men* (tantan noodles without soup) (650 yen) and Chinese congee (600 yen). Takeout available.

www.taizan-shengjian.com/main/



Jiyugaoka

Posh and trendy, a shopper's paradise of stylish houseware shops and cafes. 10 minutes from Shibuya on the Tokyu Toyoko Line (express).



★ TODAY'S SPECIAL

This "select" shop specializes in lifestyle goods, from dinnerware to food items, clothes, books, and plants. Dine on family-style comfort food in their cafe-restaurant, "TODAY'S SPECIAL KITCHEN," located within the store.

www.todaysspecial.jp/



★ six

A shopper's delight of carefully curated stationery, mainly European imports, along with a large supply of domestic and imported postcards, clocks, watches, and accessories.

sixpresssix.jp/



★ katakana

Described as "A shop presenting Japanese cool," katakana abounds with Mt. Fuji souvenirs, handmade brooches, stationery, and traditional craft products from all over Japan.

katakana-net.com/



★ NATURAL KITCHEN &

This sundry goods shop offers kitchen items, including eating utensils, enamel items, and Japanese tableware, along with household goods for storage, interior products and accessories, all for reasonable prices.

www.natural-kitchen.jp/

Tokyo Festival/Event Information Sep. 2019–Mar. 2020

祭り

◆Oct. 24–Nov. 4

TOKYO RAMEN SHOW 2019

@Komazawa Olympic Park

www.ramenshow.com/

One of the biggest outdoor ramen events in Japan. Including local specialty ramen and original ramen only available at this event, 36 kinds of ramen will be available for your delectation. Admission is free. One ticket for a bowl of ramen is 880 yen.

🚶 Komazawa-daigaku Sta. (Tokyu)



◆Nov. 7, 8, 19, 20

Otori Festival @Hanazono-jinja Shrinewww.hanazono-jinja.or.jp/

The Otori Festival is a traditional event to pray for commercial success. In line with that, the Tori-no-ichi Market set up on the shrine's premises sells *kumade*, or ceremonial rakes to "rake in" good fortune. A freak show provides entertainment, while over 1,000 paper lanterns highlight the festivities.

🚶 Shinjuku-sanchome Sta. (Subway), Shinjuku Sta. (JR, Subway, Odakyu, Keio)



◆Nov. 15–Dec. 1

Ginkgo Festival @Meiji Jingu Shrine Gaien (The Outer Precinct)www.jingugaien-ichomatsuri.jp/

The golden ginkgo trees that line the approximately 300 meters of Aoyama-dori Street is a prime autumn viewing spot in Tokyo. The gourmet food stalls are a must-try.

🚶 Shinanomachi Sta. (JR), Aoyama-itchohme Sta. (Subway)



Pick-up Topic: Events

◆Oct. 14–Nov. 24

Special Exhibition Celebrating the Enthronement of His Majesty the Emperor Shosoin: Essential Treasures of Ancient Japan Passed Down by the Imperial Family @Heiseikan, Tokyo National Museum
artexhibition.jp/shosoin-tokyo2019/outline-en/

Focusing on the highly international art and culture of the Asuka and Nara periods (7th to 8th centuries), this exhibition showcases both the treasures of the Shosoin Repository and the dedicated treasures of Horyu-ji Temple.



The exhibit will be in two parts to accommodate display changes. Part 1: Oct. 14–Nov. 4 / Part 2: Nov. 6–Nov. 24.

Ticket Tickets at door: 1,700 yen

🚶 Ueno Sta. (JR, Subway), Keisei Ueno Sta. (Keisei)

◆Nov. 2, 2019–Feb. 24, 2020

Special Exhibition "MUMMIES OF THE WORLD"

@National Museum of Nature and Science

www.tbs.co.jp/miira2019/

Mummies collected from Egypt, Europe, South America and other parts of the world will show how remains have been preserved, whether by embalming or through natural process.

Ticket Tickets at door: 1,700 yen

🚶 Ueno Sta. (JR, Subway), Keisei Ueno Sta. (Keisei)



◆Nov. 19, 2019–Mar. 29, 2020

The Future and Arts (provisional title)

@Mori Art Museum

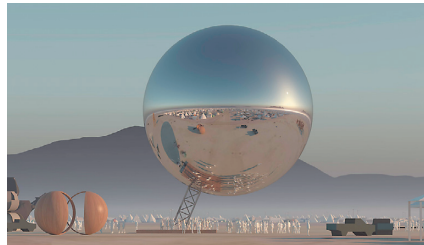
www.mori.art.museum/en/exhibitions/future_art

This exhibit offers a chance to ponder how art, design, and architecture—created by advanced artificial intelligence and robotics—will impact people, their lifestyles, and the environment in the near future.

Ticket Tickets at door: TBD

🚶 Roppongi Sta. (Subway), Azabu-juban Sta. (Subway)

Bjarke Ingels and Jakob Lange
The Orb 2018



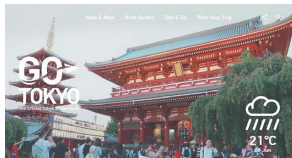
Event Calendar

Date/Title	Venue	Content
Sep. 21–Nov. 17 Jean-Michel Basquiat: Made in Japan	MORI ARTS CENTER GALLERY (Roppongi Hills) 🚶 Roppongi Sta. (Subway), Azabu-juban Sta. (Subway)	Basquiat is one of the great masters of Modernism Art in the 20th Century. The exhibition shows about 130 works of his paintings, drawings, and mixed media sculptures, from all over the world. Please refer to the following URL for details: www.basquiat.tokyo
Nov. 23, 2019–Feb. 2, 2020 Introduction to Ceramics – Enjoying Color, Design, and Form	Idemitsu Museum of Arts 🚶 Yurakucho Sta. (JR, Subway), Hibiya Sta. (Subway)	Survey the evolution of Japanese ceramics, dating from the primitive earthenware of the Jomon period about 16,000 years ago, to the techniques acquired from China and Korean Peninsula, and the development of esthetics unique to the Japanese culture. idemitsu-museum.or.jp/en/

For other festivals and events...

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"GO TOKYO"

www.gotokyo.org/en/



Editor's note

Established after World War II, "Jiyugaoka Depart," right in front of Jiyugaoka Station, is Japan's first "depart," or department store. This narrow, four-story-plus basement building evokes the retro feeling of an old-fashioned shopping arcade, contrary to the upscale image of Jiyugaoka. Although the exterior has been renovated, the inside is a juxtaposition of shops offering fashion items, households, and antiques, in addition to restaurants and cafes. A fun and funky difference in the usual Jiyugaoka.

