

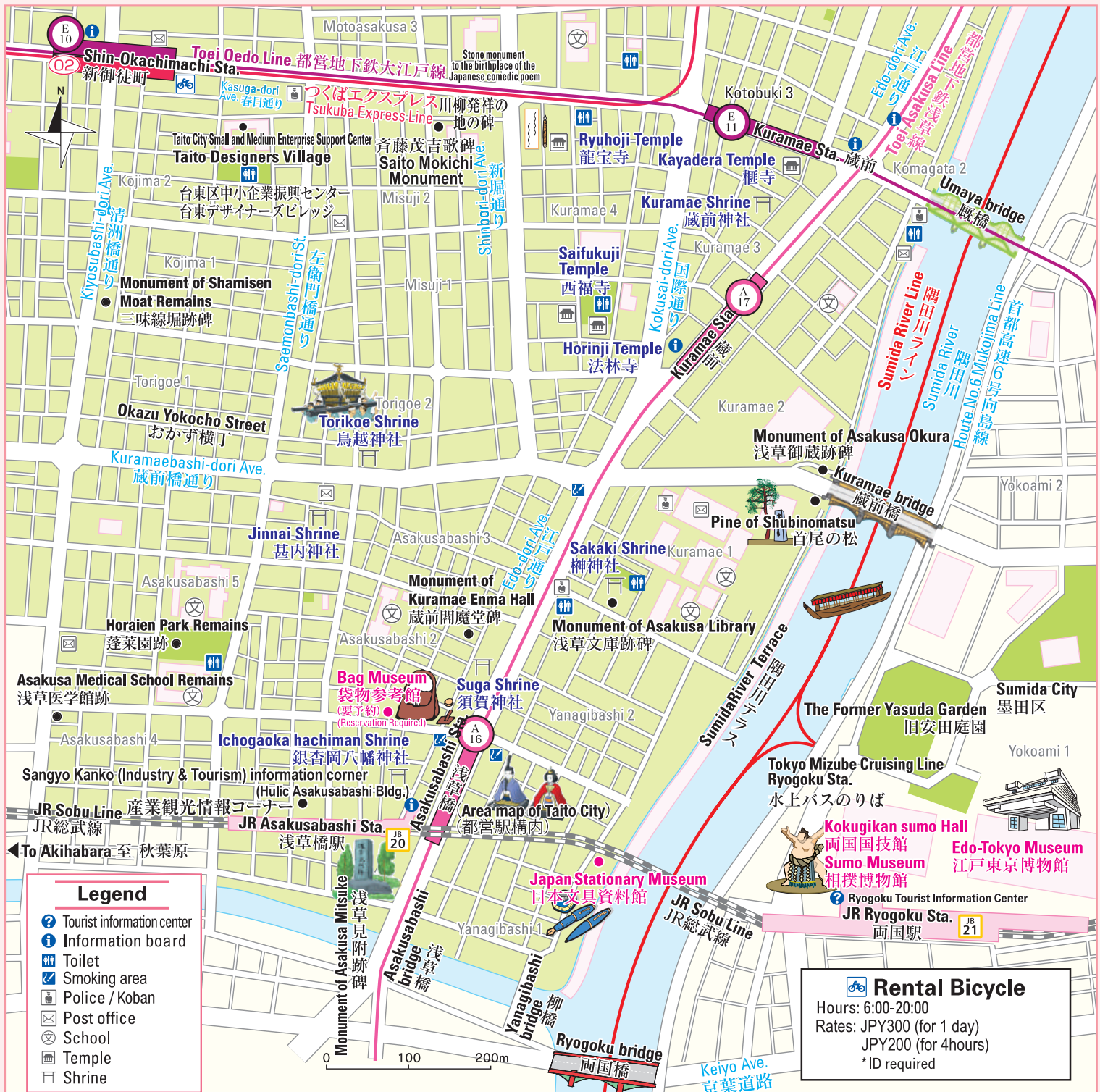
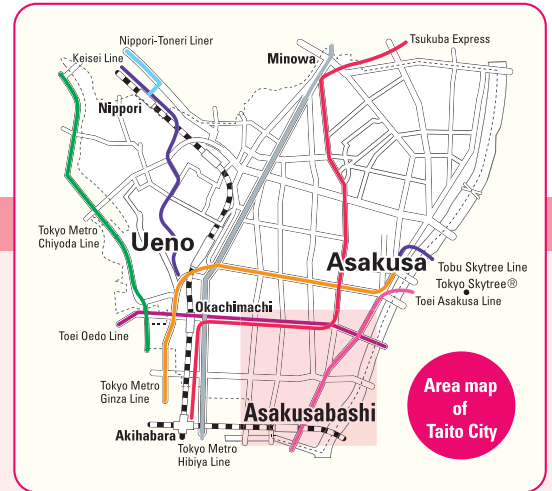
ASAKUSABASHI

Everything's Real
(Feel, touch, eat!)
in Taito City.

浅草橋

The Asakusabashi area has been thriving since the Edo period as a commercial and transportation center by harnessing the natural wealth of the Sumida River. The Tokugawa Shogunate built a gate here called "Asakusa-Mitsuke," a crucial advance guard for the defense of Edo Castle.

Today, with its dense commercial community composed of various wholesalers and retailers, such as traditional doll shops, Asakusabashi attracts numerous visitors.



Rental Bicycle

Hours: 6:00-20:00
Rates: JPY300 (for 1 day)
JPY200 (for 4 hours)
*ID required

Looking and Walking around Asakusabashi

浅草橋の見る・遊ぶ

英語
English

Edo Dori (Edo Street) Shopping Area 江戸通りショッピングエリア



Many interesting shops line Edo Dori. In particular, Japanese doll specialty stores catch visitors' eyes, especially in the area surrounding Asakusabashi Station. Inside the shops, guests will be entranced by a wide selection of beautiful dolls dressed in kimonos. Handicraft shops are also very popular due to their low-price offerings and range of intricate goods such as embroidery beads. Overseas visitors should also stop by the stationary and grocery shops that line the street since the inexpensive, Japanese-style novelties and commodities that can be found there could make an excellent souvenir.

Access: JR, Toei Subway (Asakusa line) Asakusabashi station, Toei Subway (Oedo line) Kuramae station

Riverside Scenery 川辺の風景



Along the periphery of the Kanda River, many shipping houses called Funayado operate year round fleets of Yakatabune, old-fashioned Japanese houseboats for excursions around the Tokyo waterfront. Guests can enjoy a cruise against a backdrop of a beautiful night view of the metropolis while dining on Japanese cuisine.

Access: 5 minute walk from JR, Toei Subway (Asakusa line) Asakusabashi station

Edo-Tokyo Museum 江戸東京博物館



With a population of 1.3 million, Edo, the former name of Tokyo, was the world's largest and most prosperous city during the 18th century. The efficient urban infrastructure that was established at that time included water supply, a traffic network leveraging waterways, and a plan for maintaining security. The exhibits of the Edo-Tokyo Museum reveal the history of the city and the life and culture of the people who lived there.

Address: 1-4-1 Yokoami Sumida-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3626-9974
Access: A 3 minute walk from JR Ryogoku station, 1 minute walk from Toei Subway (Oedo line) Ryogoku station **Business Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Open: 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Saturdays **Admission Fee:** JPY600
Closed: Monday (Open on national holidays and closed the following day.)
※ Last admission is 30 minutes before closing.

Sumo Museum 相撲博物館



Sumo wrestling tournaments are held six times a year, three of which are at the Kokugikan in Ryogoku, Tokyo. Even during the off-season, the Sumo Museum housed inside the Kokugikan exhibits Sumo-related articles to introduce this national sport.

Address: 1-3-28 Yokoami Sumida-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3622-0366
Access: 1 minute walk from JR Ryogoku station, 5 minute walk from Toei Subway (Oedo line) Ryogoku station **Business Hours:** 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Admission Fee: Free **Closed:** Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays
※ Last admission is 30 minutes before closing.

Guided tours for foreign visitors 外国人観光客ガイドツアー

The Tokyo SGG Club (Volunteer Interpreter-Guide Group) offers guided tours of Asakusa, Ueno and Yanaka in English to foreign visitors at no charge.

Telephone: 03-6280-6710 **Business Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<http://tokyosgg.jp/guide.html>

Where to Call

Sightseeing Tour Inquiries

Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center03-3842-5566
Tokyo SGG Club03-6280-6710
(Open Every Day 9:30-17:00)
JNTO TIC03-3201-3331
Tokyo Tourist Information Center
TMG Building Headquarters03-5321-3077
Busta Shinjuku03-6274-8192
Haneda Airport Branch03-6428-0653
Keisei Ueno Branch03-3836-3471

Transportation

Flight Information

Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)03-5757-8111
New Tokyo International Airport (Narita)0476-34-8000
JR East050-2016-1603

Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin"

Taito City provides public transportation service by operating a fleet of buses called "Megurin." Linking major spots such as Asakusa and Ueno Station in one direction, Megurin come every 15 minutes on the north, south, east-west, and north-south routes. The fare is JPY 100 each way for both adults and children. Other boarding tickets such as bus cards are not honored. A one day travel card costs JPY 300.
◆ <http://www.city.taito.lg.jp/index/kurashi/kotsu/megurin/index.html>

Hotels

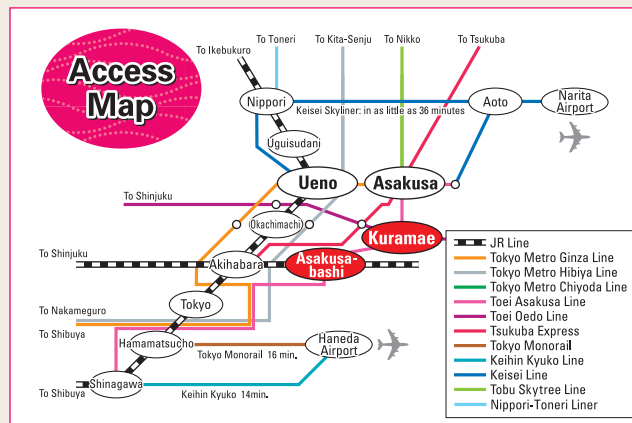
Taito Hotel and Ryokan Association03-3834-2008
Tokyo International Youth Hotel03-3235-1107

Health-care Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Information Service (HIMAWARI)
03-5285-8181
AMDA International Medical Information Center 03-6233-9266

Emergency

Police (calls answered in English)03-3501-0110



The Asakusabashi district has many temple grounds and privately-owned land.

We hope you will enjoy exploring the area but please remember to be courteous and respectful. Thank you for your cooperation.