

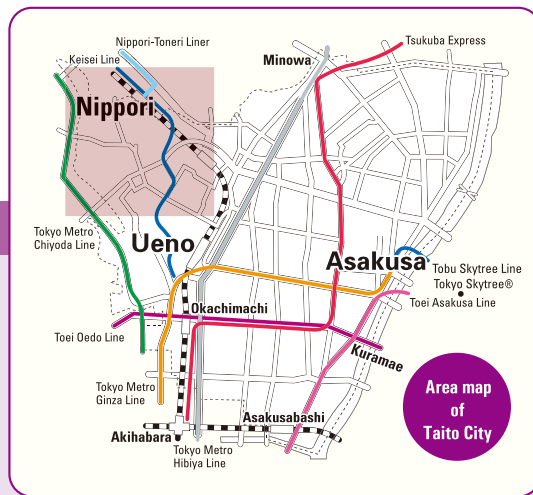
# Welcome to Taito City vol.3

## ぶらぶら台東区へ 其の参

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

### 谷中

The name given to this area, Yanaka (Middle of the Valley), is believed to predate the Edo period, and reflects its location in the bottom of the valley between Ueno and Hongō Heights. It is said that the name was meant to contrast with that of the neighboring area, Shitaya (Foot of the Valley). Based on the Shogunate's Edo city planning policy, many temples were gathered at Yanaka to form the focal point of the city. Yanaka has been known as "the town of temples and slopes" ever since, and was chosen as one of the "Top 100 Historical Views in Beautiful Japan" in 2007.



Main map of Yanaka area with detailed landmarks, temples, museums, and transit routes. Includes a legend, a scale bar (0-200m), and a QR code for a toilet map.

**Legend**

- Tourist information center
- Information board
- Toilet for disabled person
- Toilet
- Parking
- Police / Koban
- Fire station
- Post office
- Acclivity
- Hospital
- School
- Temple
- Shrine

**Toilet map**

## Asakura Museum of Sculpture 朝倉彫塑館



The Museum, decorated with human and feline bronze figurines, opens to the public the former studio and residence of Fumio Asakura, who produced many statuary arts in 20th century. The house, built in a traditional Japanese architectural style, attracts many visitors all year round with a beautiful inner garden which showcases seasonal changes.

**Address:** 7-18-10 Yanaka, Taito-ku **Telephone:** 03-3821-4549  
**Opening hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4:00 p.m.)  
 Closed on Mondays and Thursdays (the next business day in case of holiday), and the New Year's holiday  
**Access:** 5-minute walk from the West Exit of JR & Keisei Main Line Nippori Station

## Tennoji Temple 天王寺



Leaving the Nippori Station by the south exit, you will soon find Tennoji Temple, an area that, during the Edo period, attracted rushing crowds who dreamt of making a fortune in the public lottery. A large statue depicting a seated Buddha, similar to the Great Buddha in Kamakura, has been enshrined in this precinct since 1690.

**Address:** 7-14-8 Yanaka Taito-Ku  
**Access:** 3 minute walk from JR Nippori station

## Calligraphy Museum 書道博物館



This Museum exhibits copious amounts of materials related to shodō, or Japanese calligraphy, collected by Fusetsu Nakamura, a famous calligrapher and Western-style painter. Twelve Important Cultural Properties and five Important Art Objects of Japan are included in this collection.

**Address:** 2-10-4 Negishi, Taito-ku **Telephone:** 03-3872-2645  
**Opening hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4:00 p.m.)  
 Closed on Mondays (the next business day in case of holiday), the New Year's holiday, and special clearance periods  
**Access:** 5-minute walk from the North Exit of JR Uguisudani Station

## Yanaka Ginza Shopping Street (Yanaka Ginza) 谷中銀座商店街 (谷中ぎんざ)



Walk a little from the West Exit of Nippori Station and climb the Gotenzaka slope, and you will see a shopping street with a nostalgic atmosphere. You should take pictures from the stairs called "Yuyake Dandan".

**Access:** 5-minute walk from JR & Keisei Main Line Nippori Station

## Shitamachi Museum Annex (The Former Yoshidaya Liquor Shop) 下町風俗資料館付設展示場 (旧吉田屋酒店)



This house, now used as an exhibition hall, was once a liquor shop that was built in 1910 and operated until 1986. Old utensils such as scales and measures are displayed in the hall.

**Address:** 2-10-6 Ueno-sakuragi, Taito-ku **Admission Fee:** Free **Telephone:** 03-3823-4408  
**Opening hours:** 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4:00 p.m.)  
 Closed on Mondays (the next business day in case of holiday), and the New Year's holiday  
**Access:** 10-minute walk from Metro Chiyoda Line Nezu Station

## 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.  
<https://tokyosgg.jp/guide.html>

## Official website and SNS of Taito City

### WEB

Taito Odekake Navi  
(Taito City Tourist  
Information Website)



### X(Twitter)

Taito\_Kun  
(@taito\_kun)



### Instagram

#lovetaito  
(@lovetaito\_official)



## Where to Call

### Sightseeing Tour

Asakusa cultural tourist information center 03-3842-5566  
 Tokyo SGG Club 03-6280-6710  
 JNTO TIC 03-3201-3331  
 Tokyo Tourist Information Center Ueno Branch 03-3836-3471

### Accidents and emergency

Japan Visitor Hotline (JNTO) 050-3816-2787

### Medical Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Institution Information (HIMAWARI)  
 03-5285-8181

## Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin"

For bus routes and timetables, please check the latest information from the QR Code.



## Tokyo Dietary Diversity Map

This map is for Muslim, vegan, and vegetarian tourists so that they feel safe and enjoy dining and sightseeing.

