

Each station area is a different world.

Welcome to Suginami City, an area on the Chuo Line with an expanding culture full of individuality!

Art Event [Trolls in the Park]
An annual outdoor art event held from early to mid-November. The venues are centered in Zenpukuji Park and extend to stores and other locations around JR Nishi-Ogikubo Station. During the period, in addition to the Machikado Art, a variety of programs such as physical and musical performances are held on holidays to entertain visitors.

There are six child statues by Satoshi Yabuchi in front of the station and in parks in Nishi-Ogikubo. Try taking photos in front of the child statues while looking for antique souvenirs!

This is the third elephant in Nishi-Ogikubo's history. It is the mascot of Nishi-Ogikubo and is loved by the locals.

Just outside the south exit of Ogikubo Station, the Ogikubo Suzuran-dori Commercial Association is adorned with anime flags of the Gundam Series. In front of Kamiyuga Station on the Seibu Shinjuku Line, about 10 minutes by bus from Ogikubo, there is also a Gundam Monument, a must-see for fans!

There are anime flags with various anime characters on the Ome-Kaido connecting Ogikubo Station to the Suginami Animation Museum. If you have time, enjoy walking to the museum while searching for your favorite characters!

Former residence of Fumimaro Konoé, who served three times as Prime Minister in the prewar Showa period. It is designated as a national historic site where important political meetings were held. The city is planning to restore the site and open it to the public as a park in December 2024.

The Asagaya Pearl Center Shopping Street, a symbol of Asagaya, stretches from JR Asagaya Station to Ome-Kaido! It is covered with a roof, so you can enjoy carefree shopping even on rainy days.

The Koenji Pal Shopping Street is an arcade about 250 meters long with about 100 stores. It is also the birthplace of the Koenji Awa Odori dance. It is fun just to walk through the many vintage clothing stores, restaurants, and select stores.

The Momozonogawa Green Way used to be a stream that connected to the Kanda River. Now it is a culvert, and the greenway above it connects Koenji and Nakano. It is fun to walk along the path while searching for mysterious objects.

KICHIJOJI Sta. area
Kichijoji Station, served by the JR Chuo and Sobu Lines as well as the Keio Inokashira Line, is a hub of Chuo Line culture. With excellent access to Shibuya and Shinjuku, Kichijoji ranks high on the list of Tokyo's most desirable places to live. Toward the north exit of the station is Harmonica Yokocho, a shopping street that breathes the atmosphere of a market immediately after the end of WWII. It is also fun to enjoy a nostalgic meal at an izakaya. In the direction of the south exit, we recommend Inokashira Park. In the spring, the park is crowded with people enjoying the cherry blossoms in full bloom.

ZENPUKUJI park area
Zenpukuji Park is located between Nishi-Ogikubo and Kichijoji Stations on the JR Chuo Line. It is beloved by local residents as a park with abundant greenery. Families and couples enjoy boating on the Zenpukuji Pond in the park. Zenpukuji Pond is known as a famous spring-fed pond. A short walk from Zenpukuji Park is Inokashira Pond in Inokashira Park. Inokashira Pond is also one of Tokyo's most popular spring-fed ponds. Take a stroll around Zenpukuji Pond, Inokashira Pond, and other scenic water spots for some fun.

NISHI-OGIKUBO Sta. area
Nishi-Ogikubo, known as a town of antiques, has more than 50 antique stores where you can find not only Japanese folk crafts but also antiques from all over the world. There are also kimono stores that deal in secondhand kimonos, where you can purchase these kimonos at reasonable prices that only secondhand kimonos can offer. The shopping district has a large collection of cafes, restaurants, and even izakayas that serve yakitori, a popular Japanese dish among the Japanese people! Come and enjoy the culinary culture of Japan.

ANIMATION town
Many of Japan's animation production companies are concentrated in Suginami City, which has the largest number of animation production companies in Japan. In Ogikubo, you can find many places where you can experience "Suginami, City of Animation" throughout the city, including the Tokyo Polytechnic University's Suginami Animation Museum, where you can learn about all aspects of animation. Have a great time visiting Ogikubo and touring anime-related places.

OGIKUBO Sta. area
Ogikubo used to be a famous area for second home on the same level as Kamakura, and the prime ministers of the time as well as other prominent cultural figures had their residences. The remains of these residences have been developed into a Japanese garden and other facilities that provide a relaxing environment for visitors. Ogikubo Station is served by the JR Chuo and Sobu Lines as well as the Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, and is home to a large shopping center and a bustling shopping district. Ogikubo is also a competitive battleground for ramen stores. There are many famous Ogikubo Ramen restaurants, which use chicken bones as the base and a soy sauce soup made with kelp and dried bonito flakes.

ASAGAYA Sta. area
The Asagaya Pearl Center Shopping Street, which stretches about 700 meters, is the face of Asagaya. It is lined with more than 200 stores, ranging from historic Japanese confectionery stores to popular stores. Asagaya was once home to a literary village where Yasunari Kawabata and Osamu Dazawa, two of Japan's greatest writers, lived. As a vestige of this village, most of the theaters and movie theaters in Suginami City are concentrated in this area. In summer, the Asagaya Tanabata Festival is held, and in autumn, the Asagaya JAZZ Street music event is held, providing jazz music throughout the city to enjoy.

KOENJI Sta. area
In the 1970s, Koenji became a mecca for music when Japanese folk song singers sang about it. A music culture has taken root in the area, including live music clubs, secondhand record stores, and secondhand clothing stores. It is also famous: the Koenji Junjo Shopping Street, located toward the north exit of the station, is a great place to walk around finding places to eat and drink. The south exit of the station features many secondhand clothing stores and cafes. The Tokyo Koenji Awa Odori dance festival, held every summer, is a popular event that attracts approximately 1 million visitors.

NAKANO Sta. area
Nakano Station is the first stop from Shinjuku Station on the JR Chuo Line rapid train. Immediately outside the north exit is the Nakano Sun Mall Shopping Street, where daily necessities are available, and its alleysways are filled with yakimiku restaurants, ramen shops, and other dining establishments. Further in is Nakano Broadway, a mecca of otaku culture. If you get tired of strolling, you can take a rest in the park in front of the station. The Nakano Station area is undergoing a transformation through redevelopment. Come experience an area that continues to evolve.

- Book Store
- Shopping Complex
- Clothes Store
- Restaurant
- Movie Theater
- Museum
- Antique Store
- Cafe
- Public Bath
- Hotel
- Hospital
- Shrine
- Temple
- Historic site/cultural asset
- School
- University

Tokyo SUGINAMI City JC Chuo Line MAP

- Koenji 高円寺
- Asagaya 阿佐ヶ谷
- Ogikubo 荻窪
- Nishi-Ogikubo 西荻窪



EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO

So many cultural places!

Enjoy the culture of Suginami's Chuo Line!

Suginami City's name originates from the Edo period when sugi (cedar trees) were planted to create a boundary.

First, the JR Chuo Line comes into the spotlight in Suginami City. The line connects Tokyo Station to the east and Takao Station to the west, and has four stations in between: Koenji, Asagaya, Ogikubo, and Nishi-Ogikubo.

However, each station has its own different world. Each town entertains visitors with its rich characters.

Koenji is filled with young musicians and artists.

A century ago, Asagaya was known as Asagaya Bunshi Mura, where some of Japan's greatest writers lived.

With the Chuo Line as well as the Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, Ogikubo has both modern station buildings and lush Japanese-style gardens.

Adjacent to Kichijoji, Nishi-Ogikubo is lined with antique stores and unique izakaya.

Refresh your spirit with a tour of the nearby shrines, temples, and gardens. Enjoy the colorful Suginami City.

Learn, Experience, Play / Learn more about Suginami City

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO is an English-language website introducing the area around the four stations, Koenji, Asagaya, Ogikubo, and Nishi-Ogikubo, on the JR Chuo Line located in Suginami City. It is full of useful information, so please check it out!

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO



KICHIJOJI Sta. area 吉祥寺 きちじょうじ

A place where three train lines intersect, Kichijoji is a lively place with department stores and museums. Enjoy nature in the spacious park.

Inokashira Park 井の頭恩賜公園

Relax in the lush nature 5 minute walk from the south exit of Kichijoji Station. Once you get away from the hustle and bustle of a city, you will find yourself in a quiet and peaceful neighborhood.

Ghibli Museum, Mitaka 三鷹の森ジブリ美術館

Experience the world of Ghibli A museum that is filled with the vision of Hayao Miyazaki, the director of the internationally popular Studio Ghibli.

JAPANESE SWEETS Many visitors to Japan from the West are cautious of Japanese sweets with the idea that beans shouldn't be sweet.

NISHI-OGIKUBO Sta. area 西荻窪 にしおぎくぼ

Antiques, cafes, and bars coexist with a park rich in nature in Nishi-Ogikubo. The antique street is lined with unique stores.

Monozuki 物産局

A special drink to enjoy in the warmth Each cup of delicious coffee is carefully brewed with beans purchased from a long-established coffee shop in Koenji.

Kidoairaku 木土藍染

Handsome Shokudo ハンサム食堂

Enjoy the taste of Thai cuisine in Tokyo Handsome Shokudo is a diner that stands out on the drinking alley in the Nishi-Ogikubo South Exit area.

OGIKUBO Sta. area 荻窪 おぎくぼ

Famous ramen shops and many eating places line the streets of Ogikubo. With its anime-related facilities and lush green gardens, you can enjoy history and culture to your heart's content.

Tokyo Polytechnic University Suginami Animation Museum 東京工芸大学 杉並アニメーションミュージアム

Learn about the history of anime The museum introduces Japanese animation and its history. The fascinating entrance wall features signatures of famous animators.

Otaguro Park 杉並区立大田黒公園

INAZUMA CAFÉ イナズマカフェ

Enjoy the wall murals What catches the eye in the brightly lit store are the many autographed illustrations by manga artists and animators on the walls.

ASAGAYA Sta. area 阿佐ヶ谷 あさぎや

Asagaya is a place where you can enjoy unique drinking establishments. Don't forget to visit the only shrine in Japan that offers prayers for protection from the eight calamities.

Asagaya Shinmeigu Shrine 阿佐ヶ谷神明宮

A shrine that wards off calamities A shrine where prayers are offered for "hachinan-yoke" (protection against the eight calamities).

Laputa ASAGAYA ラピュタ阿佐ヶ谷

Gion 喫茶Gion

A café where you can enjoy retro-cuteness This popular restaurant is crowded with local regulars. Enjoy their hearty signature dishes, Neapolitan spaghetti and sandwiches.

KOENJI Sta. area 高円寺 こうえんじ

Koenji is a bustling center for young people. The lively secondhand clothing stores and variety shops line the streets, making it hard to keep your eyes from wandering.

OTORA 古着商大虎

The closest vintage clothing store from Koenji station This vintage clothing store for both women and men offers a wide variety of fashionable items such as T-shirts, blouses, dresses, knit bags, leather jackets, military items, and more.

Koenji Hikawa Shrine Kisho (Weather) Shrine 高円寺氷川神社 / 気象神社

Poem MANO A MANO COFFEE ほえむ マノアノコーヒー

Enjoy Japan's unique coffee culture A coffee store that has been in business for nearly half a century has been inherited and renovated.

NAKANO Sta. area 中野 なかの

Located only 5 minutes from Shinjuku Station on the JR Chuo Line. A large collection of unique stores specializing in manga, anime, and toys.

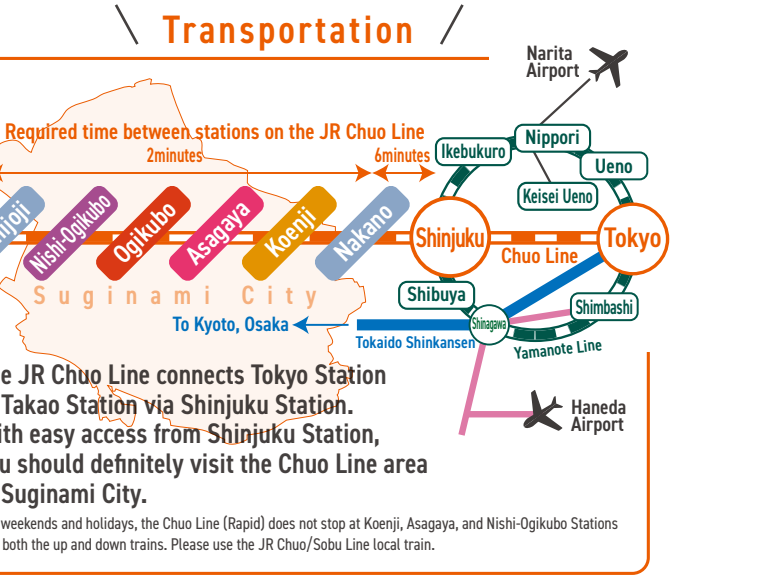
Nakano Broadway 中野ブロードウェイ

Collective building complex with a variety of stores Nakano Broadway was built around 60 years ago. As an epoch-making building that housed both a fashion-forward apartment complex and stores, it became a cultural hub with some of Japan's leading writers and actors moving in.

Mandarake まんだらけ本店

A gathering of pop culture In 1980, "MANDARAKE" began as a used manga bookstore. Today, there are 33 stores on the first through fourth floors of Nakano Broadway, where manga, anime, figures, plastic models, games, and other Japanese pop culture are gathered.

RECORD STORES Can't find what you're looking for at Tower Records? Well, Japan is lucky to still have Tower Records, but Suginami is luckier to have many one-of-a-kind record stores.



Let's try! Check here for more information

How to worship at shrines and temples Shrines are dedicated to Shinto deities that have existed in Japan since ancient times. Temples are facilities for Buddhists, where they worship Buddhist statues and practice asceticism.



How to worship at the temple You can find comedy stages in your regular spots and surprising locations.

SUGINAMI city Event Schedule Suginami City is full of events of all sizes throughout the year. Experience Suginami City in each season! Spring Late April Koenji Bikkuri Street Performance

Summer Early August Asagaya Tanabata Festival Late August Tokyo Koenji Awa Odori

Autumn Late October Asagaya Jazz Street Late October Koenji Fes Early November Ogikubo Music Festival

Winter Mid-February Koenji Engei Festival

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