

Tokyo Night Views & Entertainment

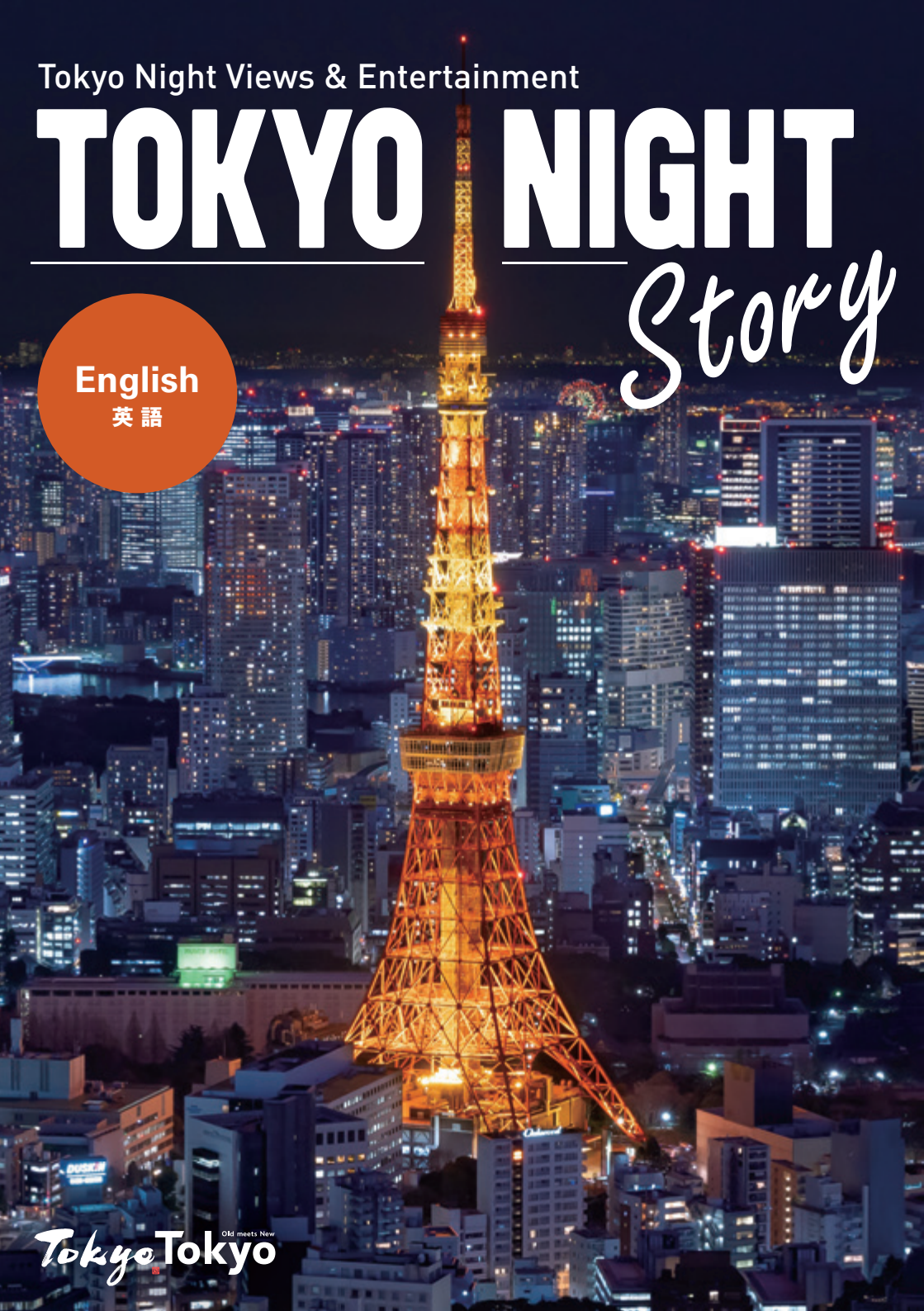
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Spend joyful moments in Tokyo—a city that offers an abundance of night views with all kinds of lights.

Tokyo is a city where you can find every kind of light that Japan has to offer: the sweeping, panoramic views from towering structures such as TOKYO SKYTREE®; the nighttime views of the bay area such as Odaiba and Toyosu; the lights of Rainbow Bridge and the bridges that span the Sumida River; the blinding orange lights of the piers that can be seen on a night cruise of Tokyo Bay; and the night views that reflect the beauty of each season, such as the cherry blossom illuminations and fireworks shows. The city also hosts a number of light shows and illumination events—Tokyo is truly a “city that never sleeps.” Tokyo’s most representative night views are all covered in this booklet. By visiting these places, I’m sure you’ll find yourself enjoying the night so much that you won’t want to sleep.



Night view critic

Motoo Marumaru

Night View Producer and Chairman of the Night View Tourism Convention Bureau. Motoo has written over 50 books on night views, including “Tokyo Night View.” He supervised the compilation of pages 40–47 of this booklet.

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*The information provided is accurate as of September 2024. Business hours, regular closings, fees, etc., are subject to change. Check the website of each facility for the latest information.

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Tokyo night view videos

Scan the QR codes to access their respective videos.

① Aerial view of Tokyo



② Asakusa/TOKYO SKYTREE®



③ Shinjuku/Ikebukuro





Enjoy night entertainment

at some “new faces” in Tokyo!

Attractive new nighttime spots are popping up all over Tokyo.

Come and see Tokyo’s exciting new nighttime faces,

with art, food, entertainment, and more!



The TMG Building turns into a giant work of art!

TOKYO Night & Light

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Launched in February 2024, this projection mapping project uses the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building No. 1 as a canvas to create art with light and music. Shows by local and international creators and collabs with artists and movies are projected onto the building.

🕒 Show times: Screened every day from sunset to around 9:30 PM, except in stormy weather

*Check the official website for details



Enjoy a sweeping nighttime view of Tokyo Bay from the illuminated rooftop footbath.

Savor fresh foods and soak in a hot spring

Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai

豊洲 千客万来

This new attraction opened in February 2024 outside Toyosu Market. Consisting of the Edo-mae Market, a food-focused complex that recreates a townscape from the Edo period, and a hot spring facility where you can soak until late at night, you can enjoy market-fresh foods right outside the market.

🕒 Depends on the store; Senkyaku Banrai Rooftop Footbath: 9:00 AM-10:00 PM Open year-round



Shinjuku's playground, packed with diverse experiences

MAP → P21

Tokyo Kabukicho Tower

東急歌舞伎町タワー

A hotel and entertainment complex built with the theme of "master what you love." The tower houses restaurants and facilities such as a cinema, theater, live performance venue, and nightclub for all-day entertainment. Join the thriving nightlife scene with bar time and club events while taking in the night view of Shinjuku.

🕒 Depends on the store Open year-round



An urban paradise steeped in greenery and art

Azabudai Hills 麻布台ヒルズ

Interwoven with lush greenery and works of art, this commercial complex feels like an oasis in the city. It is beautifully lit in the evening, creating a setting for guests to enjoy a special time in sophisticated restaurants and bars.



🕒 Shops: 11:00 AM-8:00 PM; Market: 10:00 AM-8:00 PM; Restaurants: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

*Depends on the store Open year-round

A new gateway to Shibuya culture

Shibuya Sakura Stage

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A commercial complex serving as Shibuya's new cultural gateway. Nigiwai Stage, the outdoor plaza, features an installation called "Sakura CHORUS" that creates light and sound effects that change daily according to environmental factors such as foot traffic and the weather.

🕒 Depends on the store



Tradition and modernity side-by-side

Ginza, Yurakucho, and Tokyo Station

Grand, historic architecture coexists with trendy, contemporary buildings in these areas. People, things, and ideas from all over the world pass through every day in search of meaning and inspiration.

Tradition

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A landmark completed 110 years ago

① Tokyo Station 東京駅

One of the largest terminal stations in Japan, the magnificent red brick Marunouchi Station Building is a faithful reproduction of the building when it was originally completed in 1914. The facade is dramatically illuminated with a gradation of warm lights.

🕒 Illuminated from sunset to 9:00 PM



Modernity

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Glistening lights in the heart of Ginza

②GINZA SIX

The largest commercial facility in Ginza, an area that attracts the latest in fashion and art. The GINZA SIX Garden is a roughly 4,000 m² rooftop garden with a lawn and trees that offers sweeping night views of the city amidst the feeling of nature.

☺ Shops and cafes: 10:30 AM-8:30 PM

Restaurants: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

GINZA SIX Garden: 7:00 AM-11:00 PM

*Hours depend on the store

✕ No regular closings



By area
Ginza, Yurakucho, and Tokyo Station

By theme

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A shining palace dedicated to a classic form of Japanese theater

③ Kabuki-za 歌舞伎座

This theater for kabuki, a traditional performing art, makes an impression with its Japanese roof tiles. Lighting levels change over time, keeping the white walls and vermilion rails gracefully illuminated at all hours.

☉ Illuminated from sunset to sunrise



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A retro building listed as an Important Cultural Property

④ Meiji Seimei Kan 明治生命館

Completed in 1934, Meiji Seimei Kan was originally built as the corporate headquarters of Meiji Life Insurance and was used as a venue for historic meetings after WWII. The golden-hued illumination brings out the details of the building's classic design.

- ☉ 9:30 AM-7:00 PM (last entry at 6:30 PM)
- ✕ December 31-January 3 and routine building electrical inspection dates
- ¥ Free

Twice the fun in one building

⑤ Marunouchi Building

丸ビル

A large-scale commercial complex in front of Tokyo Station. The fifth-floor observation deck (pictured) has a nearly direct frontal view of the Marunouchi Station Building. The space on the 35th floor overlooks the Kasumigaseki area.

- ☉ 5th Floor Observation Deck: 11:00 AM-8:00 PM *May be closed in stormy weather 35th Floor Observation Space: Open until 11:00 PM *Hours vary on Sundays and national holidays
- ✕ January 1 and statutory inspection dates



Witness present-day Marunouchi right before your eyes

⑥ KITTE Garden KITTE ガーデン

KITTE is a commercial facility designed to reflect traditional and modern Japanese aesthetics. From the wooden deck of the building's rooftop garden, feel the stark contrast between the Tokyo Station building and the surrounding skyscrapers.

- ☉ 11:00 AM-11:00 PM (open until 10:00 PM on Sundays and national holidays)
- ✕ January 1 and statutory inspection dates
- ¥ Free



Ginza's main street and a hub for the latest trends

7 Ginza Chuo Dori 銀座中央通り

Lined with famous brands and department stores, this area serves as a hub for the latest products. At night, lights from the shops and cars add to the street's glamour. The famous clock tower along this street serves as a symbol of Ginza.



A futuristic glass masterpiece

8 Tokyo International Forum

東京国際フォーラム

This facility hosts international conferences, exhibitions, and various other events. The glass building has a roughly 60-meter-high atrium, and you can enjoy night views of the area around Tokyo Station from the seventh-floor lounge.

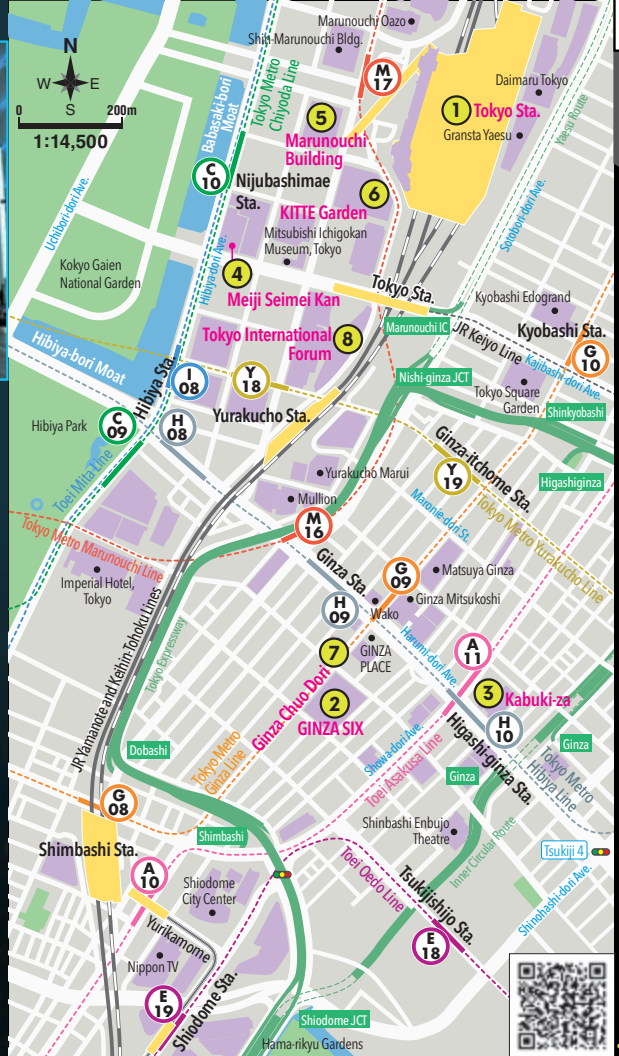
7:00 AM-11:30 PM X Open year-round (may be closed for repairs, etc.)

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Ginza, Yurakucho, and Tokyo Station Area Map

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from the
Top

Scramble City **Shibuya** and



from the
Bottom



©SHIBUYA SCRAMBLE SQUARE

See both Tokyo Tower and TOKYO SKYTREE!

① SHIBUYA SKY

The indoor observation corridor (SKY GALLERY) and open rooftop observation area (SKY STAGE) are popular spots for panoramic views of Tokyo at night. Inside is a souvenir shop and a bar where you can enjoy music and drinks.

🕒 10:00 AM-10:30 PM
(last entry at 9:20 PM)

✖ January 1

*There may be other temporary closings.

📄 Check the official website for details

Harajuku

View it from the top?

View it from the bottom?

Observe the urban jungle at night from the top of a skyscraper and experience a street culture that incorporates people of all nationalities and ages. Every time you visit, there's something new to discover—change your perspective and you'll see a whole new facet of this diverse city.



Vibrant nightlife with cultures from all over the world

② MIYASHITA PARK

A commercial complex that encompasses a park, a shopping mall, and a hotel. Brand-name stores are located below the park, next to an alley of bars. This mixed crowd of establishments seems to represent the "chaos" of Shibuya.

🕒 Depends on the store

✖ Miyashita Park: Year-end/
New Year holidays

RAYARD MIYASHITA PARK:
No regular closings





A crossing that symbolizes Shibuya's diversity

3 Shibuya Crossing スクラブル交差点

Shibuya's scramble crossing is a top tourist destination in Tokyo and one of the largest intersections in the world, with about half a million pedestrians crossing on a busy day. The bustling nighttime crowds bathed in neon lights are a uniquely enchanting sight. Get a bird's-eye view of the crossing at SHIBUYA SKY or SHIBU NIWA.

from the
Top



from the
Bottom



Trendsetting fashion hub that lights up Omotesando

7 Omotesando Hills 表参道ヒルズ

A complex of shops and restaurants with a focus on luxury brands. The chic modern architecture looks even more glamorous when illuminated at night. The glittering interior has a dream-like atmosphere, different from its appearance in the daylight.

© Depends on the store ✕ No regular closings

A street that gets livelier as the night goes on

8 Shibuya Center-Gai

渋谷センター街

This bustling shopping street is located just off Shibuya Crossing. The backdrop of bright neon signs has become a popular photo spot for tourists. There are many izakaya and karaoke bars that operate into the night or until morning.





The sparkling new face of Harajuku

④ Tokyo Plaza Harajuku "Harakado"

東急プラザ原宿「ハラカド」

An experience-oriented commercial facility that opened in April 2024. Its lush rooftop terrace overlooks central Harajuku, with Tokyo Tower and Roppongi Hills visible in the distance. The terrace is free to use and perfect for a break.

🕒 Depends on the store 🕒 No regular closings



A serene forest away from the city noise

⑤ Omohara no Mori おもはらの森

The rooftop garden of Tokyu Plaza Omotesando "Omokado." This soothing, forest-like space is full of trees and softly lit in warm colors, creating an enchanting mood. You can enjoy night views of both Shibuya and Harajuku.

🕒 8:30 AM-10:00 PM 🕒 No regular closings

Admire Shibuya's night view in an open space

⑥ SHIBU NIWA

Tokyu Plaza Shibuya's rooftop observation space. Shibuya Crossing and other popular spots in Shibuya are visible from the terrace. There is also a cafe and bar.

🕒 11:00 AM-8:00 PM
🕒 January 1 and occasional closings



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Shibuya and Harajuku Area Map

- 🚉 Harajuku Sta. ●JR Yamanote Line
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- 🚉 Shibuya Sta. ●JR lines ●Tokyo Metro Ginza, Hanzomon, and Fukutoshin Lines
- Tokyu Toyoko and Den-en-toshi Lines ●Keio Inokashira Line

A breathtakingly beautiful fall foliage illumination



① Meiji Jingu Gaien Ginkgo Avenue

明治神宮外苑イチョウ並木

Four parallel rows of ginkgo trees line the road from the park entrance on Aoyama-dori to the loop around the central area of the park. The trees are appreciated by locals throughout the four seasons: buds in spring, green leaves in summer, yellow leaves in autumn, and bare branches in winter.

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Nature

Pause and refresh yourself among trees swaying in the night breeze

② Meiji Park 都立明治公園

This park features three open spaces and the "forest of pride" with about 650 trees. Bustling in the daytime, tranquility takes over at night. Feeling the night breeze in the open air will soothe your mind.

🕒 Always open 🎫 Free

An urban oasis where culture lives on

Gaienmae

The serenity of nature nestled quietly in the city and the fervor of fans enjoying sports and events. Enriching cultural experiences await you in this area that melds nature and culture.



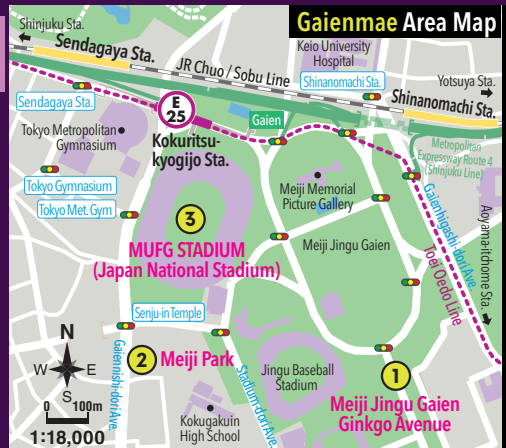
Roaring enthusiasm that echoes into the night

③ MUFG STADIUM (JAPAN NATIONAL STADIUM)

MUFG スタジアム (国立競技場)

Designed to blend in with the surrounding greenery, the stadium is modestly lit with traditional Japanese lights. Cheers and applause for sports and music echo from within.

カルチャー
Culture



- 🚗 Sendagaya Sta. ● JR Chuo / Sobu Line
- 🚗 Shinanomachi Sta. ● JR Chuo / Sobu Line
- 🚗 Kokuritsu-kyogijo Sta. ● Toei Oedo Line
- 🚗 Aoyama-itchoe Sta. ● Toei Oedo Line
- 🚗 Tokyo Metro Ginza and Hanzomon Lines



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An unchanging symbol of Tokyo

Tokyo Tower

More than 65 years after its opening, Tokyo Tower remains a popular tourist attraction. There are many ways to enjoy the tower at night—admire the beautiful illumination and visit the observation deck for the Tokyo night view.



Dazzling and radiant in red

1 Tokyo Tower 東京タワー

Standing at a height of 333 meters, this general radio tower, with its impressive red steel structure, is lit up every day after sunset. Enjoy a 360-degree panoramic view of Tokyo from the 150-meter-high main deck.

🕒 9:00 AM-11:00 PM (last entry at 10:30 PM) 🗝️ Open year-round
 💰 1,500 yen, etc.

Experience the latest AR/VR attractions in Foot Town

2 RED* TOKYO TOWER

One of the largest digital amusement parks in Japan. The new sports attraction "Robot Fight" is especially popular.

🕒 10:00 AM-10:00 PM *Depends on the day
 💰 3,200 yen, etc. *Depends on the day



Look out over Tokyo at night from a shimmering blue space

3 Top Deck Tour

This immersive viewing tour traces the history of Tokyo Tower. At the top deck, you will be greeted with a breathtakingly beautiful night view and enjoy a unique experience.

🕒 9:00 AM-10:45 PM (last entry at 10:15 PM)
 💰 3,500 yen, etc. (includes the Main Deck admission fee)

Have the majestic Tokyo Tower all to yourself

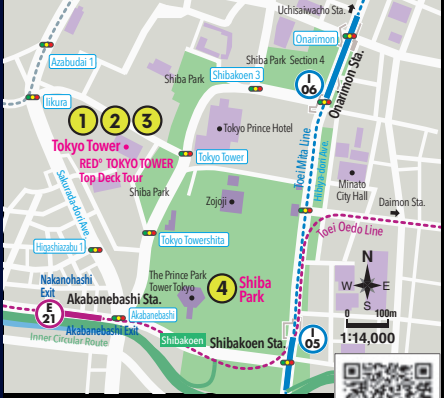
4 Shiba Park 芝公園

One of Tokyo's historic parks. There are plenty of benches to sit on and relax under the gently glowing lights. The large lawn provides an unobstructed view of the entire Tokyo Tower, perfect for photos.

🕒 Always open
 💰 Free *Some facilities charge a fee



Tokyo Tower Area Map



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 🚉 Shibakoen Sta. 🟡 Toei Mita Line
 🚉 Akabanebashi Sta. 🟡 Toei Oedo Line



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A playground for adults

Roppongi

While this area is dotted with museums and public works of art, there are also many spots with gorgeous night views. At once dazzling and peaceful, the city attracts adults who want to enjoy the night in a variety of ways.

Circle around to see all of Tokyo at night

① Roppongi Hills Tokyo City View

六本木ヒルズ
東京シティビュー

The observation deck of Roppongi Hills, a complex with a movie theater, art museum, restaurants, shops, and more. The lights of nighttime Tokyo stretch far into the distance from this spacious observatory with floor-to-ceiling glass walls. It has a gallery that blends its exhibits with the view.

🕒 10:00 AM-10:00 PM (last entry at 9:30 PM)

*May depend on the season and event

✕ No regular closings

¥ 1,800 yen, etc. (Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays: 2,000 yen, etc.)

Which would you choose?

A *dazzling* night?
A *peaceful* night?

Even the building is a work of art

③ The National Art Center, Tokyo

国立新美術館

This art museum boasts one of the largest exhibition spaces in Japan. Nighttime lighting further enhances the beauty of the building's colossal glass-walled structure.

🕒 10:00 AM-6:00 PM (open until 8:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays during exhibitions; last entry is 30 minutes before closing)

✕ Tuesdays (open if Tuesday is a national holiday and closed the following weekday)

¥ Depends on the exhibition



Surrounded by glittering neon lights

② Roppongi Crossing 六本木交差点

A vibrant area with many clubs, bars, and restaurants located in the heart of Roppongi. The lights of the buildings and signs and the night scene created by the Metropolitan Expressway are full of urban charm.



Green and urban harmony

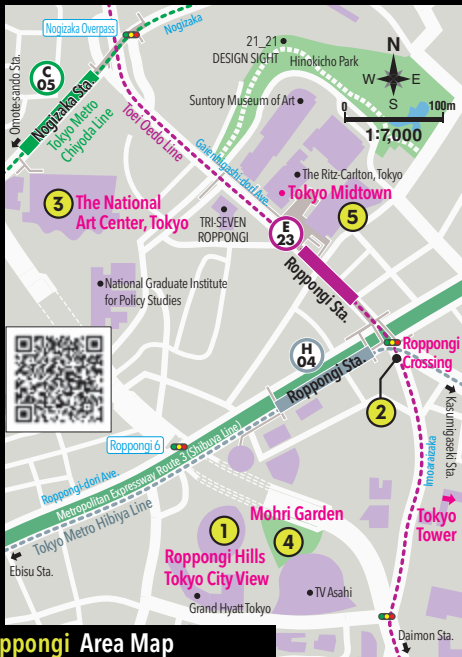
⑤ Tokyo Midtown 東京ミッドタウン

東京ミッドタウン

A complex "city" consisting of large green spaces, a high-end hotel, museums, live performance venues, and other urban amenities. Elegant lights adorn the trees on winter nights, creating a beautiful harmony between the man-made and the natural.

☎ ☒ Depends on the facility

*Photo shows Christmas lights from a previous year



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Roppongi Area Map

🚉 Nogizaka Sta. ©Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line

🚉 Roppongi Sta. ©Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line ©Toei Oedo Line

By area Roppongi

By theme

Also a popular date spot

④ Mohri Garden 毛利庭園

A Japanese garden where you can enjoy a murmuring stream and pond among seasonal greenery. It is illuminated during the cherry blossom and Christmas seasons, creating a magical atmosphere. The gold heart-shaped art display is popular with couples.

☎ 7:00 AM-11:00 PM ☒ Open year-round

🆓 Free

*Photo shows Christmas lights from a previous year

Two faces of the city, connected by a station

Shin

The serene West?

See the city of Tokyo from its administrative headquarters

① Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observatories

東京都庁展望室

The observatories are located on the 45th floor of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building No. 1. The South Observatory is open until night, allowing you to see the lights of Shinjuku Park Tower, Tokyo Opera City, and other Shinjuku skyscrapers for free. It also has a cafe.

South Observatory ㊟ 9:30 AM-10:00 PM (last entry at 9:30 PM) ✕ 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, etc.

North Observatory ㊟ 9:30 AM-5:30 PM (last entry at 5:00 PM) ✕ 2nd and 4th Mondays, etc.

㊟ Both observatories are free

A white cocoon floating against the night sky

② Cocoon Tower

コクーンタワー

An educational facility consisting of vocational schools and colleges such as Mode Gakuen and HAL. Like a giant cocoon, it envelops young students, nurturing their sensibilities so that they can take flight into the future. At night, it looks as if something is about to hatch from the shining tower.

*Entry is restricted to students and school personnel



A space for art in the city center

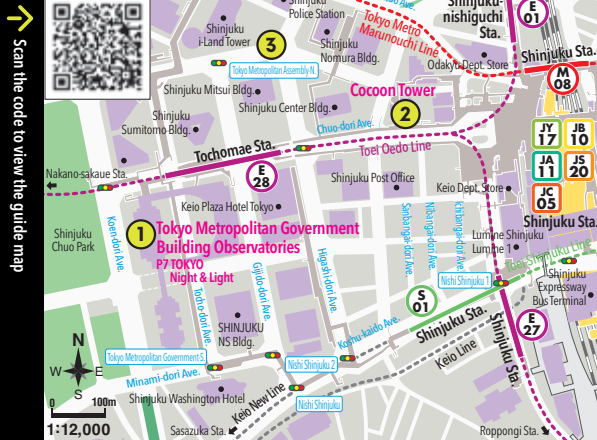
③ Shinjuku West Exit Photo Spot

新宿西口フォトスポット

A nighttime photo spot hidden in the middle of a cluster of skyscrapers—look for the Sign Ring, a structure that incorporates traffic signals and streetlights, and the “LOVE” sculpture.



Shinjuku West Exit Area Map



① **Shinjuku Sta.** ㊟ JR lines ㊟ Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line ㊟ Toei Shinjuku and Oedo Lines ㊟ Keio Line ㊟ Odakyu Line ㊟ Shinjuku-nishiguchi Sta. ㊟ Toei Oedo Line

㊟ **Tochomae Sta.** ㊟ Toei Oedo Line

juku

Rows of aloof skyscrapers on one side, bustling downtown on the other. Although Shinjuku is one city, the west and east exits of the station have completely different vibes. It's a city that contrasts serenity with dynamism, packed with nighttime activities.

By area **Shinjuku**

By theme

Or **the dynamic East?**

Station

A symbol of the city that never sleeps

④ Kabukicho, Shinjuku

新宿歌舞伎町

Packed with restaurants, bars, clubs, movie theaters, and gaming arcades, this is one of Japan's largest entertainment districts. People flock to this area as if attracted by the neon lights that stay on until dawn.

A landmark of the newly revamped east side

⑤ Shinjuku Toho Building

新宿東宝ビル

A complex with a movie theater, restaurants, and a hotel. The building's statue of Godzilla, one of Toho's most famous characters, gives Kabukicho a bizarre presence at night.

☑ X Depends on the facility



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The giant cat pops out!

⑥ Cross Shinjuku Vision クロス新宿ビジョン

A digital billboard visible from just outside the east exit of Shinjuku Station. It uses 3D optical illusion technology to display novel ads that seem to pop out of the screen.



Shinjuku East Exit Area Map



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The entire city is a stage Ikebukuro

Ikebukuro is home to stage theaters, concert halls, cinemas, and more. In recent years, parks around the station have also been upgraded, turning the entire city into a stage. Today, the city is a bright stage where anyone can be a star.

A hub for the performing arts, from the classical to the avant-garde

① Tokyo Metropolitan Theatre

東京芸術劇場

A comprehensive facility for culture and the arts that supports a variety of artistic activities, with halls and exhibition spaces of all sizes for music, theater, opera, and other performances. It has one of the largest pipe organs in the world, emitting a sound that leaves visitors in awe.

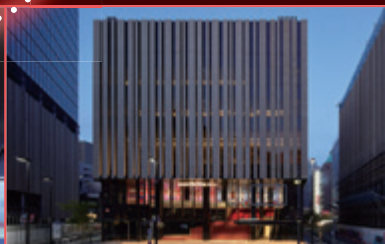
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劇場

Theaters



The impressive building features a huge atrium contained under a glass roof. It is even more striking at night when it is illuminated from within.



One entertainment venue, a variety of stages

② Hareza Ikebukuro

Hareza 池袋

Created to represent the theater city of Ikebukuro, this comprehensive facility houses eight theaters under one roof, including a large performance hall for plays and traditional performing arts, stages for live performances, and a movie theater. The visual displays, such as the murals that adorn the event spaces and restrooms, are another highlight.

© ☒ ☓ ☒ Depends on the facility

Music and lights transform the square into a theatrical space

3 Global Ring Theatre

池袋西口公園野外劇場

The famous West Gate Park, the setting of a novel, has been renovated into a "theater park" with an outdoor stage optimized for live classical music and other performances. Enjoy the fountain show synchronized with music, LED lights on the upper ring, and videos on the big screen.

🕒 Park: 5:00 AM-1:00 AM the following day; Outdoor stage: 9:00 AM-10:00 PM; Fountain: 8:00 AM-8:06 PM

📄 Check the official website for details



By area Ikebukuro

By theme

A spectacular stage with a 360-degree view

4 Sunshine 60 Observatory Tenbou-Park

サンシャイン60展望台 てんぼうパーク

An observatory in a park-like setting with grassy hills and photogenic swings. The lighting, scent, and background music in the observatory change at night, creating a romantic mood.

📄 Check the official website for details

🕒 Open year-round ¥700 yen and up



A magical clearing in a forest of towering buildings

5 IKE-SUNPARK

Located near the heart of Higashi-Ikebukuro, the appeal of this urban park lies in its expansive greenery and sense of openness. At night, the lights of the surrounding skyscrapers create a magical atmosphere.

🕒 5:00 AM-10:00 PM 📄 Open year-round ¥ Free



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SUBculture

Districts where
cultures cross

Ueno and Akihabara

In Ueno and Akihabara, mainstream culture popular with people of all ages mixes with unique subcultures. When these cross at night, the streets are filled with curious sights.



MAINculture



A facility built around the remains
of a century-old train station

① MAACHUTE Kanda Manseibashi

マーチエキュート神田万世橋

A red brick commercial facility that uses the remaining structure of the former Manseibashi Station, built in 1912. Illuminated by warm lights at night, the facility has an open deck and platform from which you can enjoy the nighttime scenery of Kanda and Akihabara.

🕒 Open Deck: 11:00 AM-10:30 PM on weekdays and Saturdays; 11:00 AM-8:30 PM on Sundays and national holidays
1912 Stairs, 1935 Stairs, and Platform: 11:00 AM-10:00 PM on weekdays and Saturdays; 11:00 AM-8:30 PM on Sundays and national holidays *Retail business hours depend on the store

📌 Check the official website for details



A treasure trove of world-class cultural assets

② Tokyo National Museum 東京国立博物館

The oldest museum in Japan, exhibiting precious cultural assets from Japan and the East. The Western-style main building has a tiled roof and boasts a dignified air. When the exterior lights up at night, it has an even more stately presence.

🕒 9:30 AM-5:00 PM (open until 8:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays; last entry is 30 minutes before closing)

🗓 Mondays (open if Monday is a national holiday and closed the following weekday) and other temporary closings

🎫 Admission fees depend on the exhibition

A cultural town gleaming with neon lights

④ Akihabara Electric Town

秋葉原電気街

Akihabara is a subcultural wonderland, where you can find specialty stores for niche electronics, anime, and games. At night, the streets gleam with neon lights.



A lively shopping street that operates until late at night

⑤ Ameyoko Shopping Street

アメ横商店街

A shopping street that runs between Ueno Station and Okachimachi Station. Various culinary traditions converge here, with fresh seafood, imported ingredients, and foods from all over the world. Many of the food establishments stay open late, and the street is busy with people eating through the night.



Modern architecture that shines in the dark

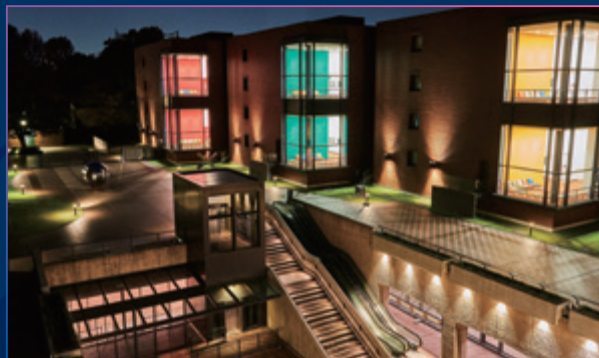
③ Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

東京都美術館

Japan's first public art museum, opened in 1926. The museum stays open at night for special exhibitions, and the modernist building glows enigmatically in the dark. You can enter the building to use the restaurant, cafe, and museum shop without paying admission.

🕒 9:30 AM-5:30 PM (open until 8:00 PM on Fridays during special exhibitions; last entry is 30 minutes before closing) 🗳️ 1st and 3rd Mondays; Mondays for special and thematic exhibitions (open if Monday is a national holiday and closed the following weekday) 💰 Admission fees depend on the exhibition

©Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum



Ueno and Akihabara Area Map



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🚉 Ueno Sta. ●JR lines ●Tokyo Metro Ginza and Hibiya Lines 🚉 Akihabara Sta. ●JR lines ●Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line ●Tsukuba Express

歴史

History

The symbol of Asakusa and a visitor magnet

① Senso-ji Temple

浅草寺

This temple is Asakusa's main attraction, bringing in more than 30 million visitors every year. The Hozo-mon Gate, Five-Storeyed Pagoda, and Main Hall are illuminated at night, creating an even more majestic atmosphere. The Kaminari-mon Gate, with its giant red lantern and statues of Fujin (the god of wind) and Raijin (the god of thunder), is also a must-see!

An old Tokyo district whose history and sophistication draw people from afar

Asakusa

Asakusa, famous for the Senso-ji Temple, whose history goes back about 1,400 years, is one of Japan's top tourist destinations. This area was once a center of entertainment and still retains traces of the sophisticated spirit and lifestyle of those days.

A bustling shopping street that has remained unchanged since the Edo period

② Nakamise Shopping Street

仲見世通り

About 250 meters long, the front approach to Senso-ji Temple is lined with vermilion-lacquered shops. These shops offer a variety of souvenirs and snacks, such as Asakusa's famous kaminari-okoshi (puffed rice snacks) and ningyo-yaki (bite-sized cakes with fillings), as well as various Japanese artisanal goods and traditional crafts. At night, the shutters of the storefronts are lit up, revealing murals known as the Asakusa Emaki picture scrolls (see P34).

Look out over the Asakusa area from a building designed by a famous architect

③ Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center

浅草文化観光センター

The tourist information center located in front of the Kaminari-mon Gate. Take in the view of the lit-up Senso-ji Temple and TOKYO SKYTREE from the free observation deck. Designed by Kengo Kuma, the building's unique facade looks like a stack of wooden houses.

🕒 9:00 AM-10:00 PM ❌ Open year-round (there may be temporary closings)

🆓 Free

Retro and romantic, Japan's oldest amusement park

④ Asakusa Hanayashiki

浅草花やしき

Opened in the mid-1800s, this is the oldest amusement park in Japan. At night, the park takes on a shimmering and nostalgic atmosphere. Business hours may be extended during certain events, so be sure to check the official website for details.

🕒 10:00 AM-6:00 PM (last entry at 5:30 PM)

❌ No regular closings

💰 1,200 yen, etc.



粹

Sophistication

By area **Asakusa**

By theme



Traditional entertainment all in one place!

5 Asakusa Rokku Broadway

浅草六区ブロードウェイ

Lined with music and manzai comedy theaters, this street was once Japan's premier entertainment district and the birthplace of many stars. The Asakusa Night Festival is held every weekend with lights, music, food, drinks, and performances.

The popular Asakusa Engei Hall, located on Asakusa Rokku Broadway, is the largest yose comedy theater in Tokyo.



Get a real feel of the atmosphere of old Tokyo!

6 Asakusa Chikagai

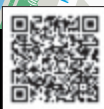
浅草地下街

The oldest underground shopping street in Japan. There are about 15 shops that seem to be straight out of the Showa era, including a yakisoba stand that was used as a filming location for a famous movie and a used DVD shop.



Asakusa Area Map

Asakusa Sta. ●Tokyo Metro Ginza Line ●Toei Asakusa Line
●TOBU SKYTREE Line ●Tsukuba Express



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A town connecting
river, sea, and sky

SKYTREE

Japan's closest observatory to the sky

① TOKYO SKYTREE® Tembo Deck & Tembo Galleria

東京スカイツリー® 天望デッキ&天望回廊

Tembo Deck, 350 meters above ground, and Tembo Galleria, 450 meters above ground, offer impressive views of Tokyo, including Tokyo Tower and the city's iconic skyscrapers. Enjoy the feeling of walking in the sky created by the large glass windows that let you gaze out at the streets below.

🕒 10:00 AM-10:00 PM (last entry at 9:00 PM; opens at 9:00 AM on Sundays and national holidays)

🎫 Open year-round 🏷️ ¥ 2,400 yen, etc. (Tembo Galleria: +1,100 yen, etc.)



Tembo Galleria's tubular shape and glass walls create an otherworldly atmosphere.

Sky
Sea & River

An indoor aquarium with a reputation for its unique exhibits

② Sumida Aquarium すみだ水族館

Highlights include a 350-ton indoor pool-type tank with Magellanic penguins swimming around freely and the jellyfish tanks with extraordinary lighting effects. The lighting changes to a blue tone at night, creating a more mature atmosphere.

🕒 10:00 AM-8:00 PM on weekdays; 9:00 AM-9:00 PM on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays (last entry is one hour before closing)

🎫 Open year-round (there may be temporary closings) 🏷️ ¥ 2,500 yen



At 634 meters, TOKYO SKYTREE is the tallest freestanding broadcasting tower in the world. After sunset, the tower lights up the night sky with patterns that change daily. The nearby Sumida River and the sea provide a sense of connection to water that permeates the surrounding area.

See TOKYO SKYTREE's reflection on the river

③ Jukken-bashi Bridge 十間橋

At Jukken-bashi Bridge, located near Oshiage Station and a roughly 10-minute walk from TOKYO SKYTREE, you can see the upside-down SKYTREE reflected on the surface of the water. It's a popular photo spot for capturing the tower in its entirety.



A "New Sensation" planetarium developed by a pioneering company

④ Konica Minolta Planetarium "TENKU"

コニカミノルタプラネタリウム天空

A planetarium for adults that invites you to explore the night sky in comfort, with 3D sounds and visuals using the latest projector technology, as well as an original fragrance. The crescent moon-shaped seats allow you to stargaze while lying down.

ⓐ X Check the official website for the schedule and closings
 ¥ 1,600 yen, etc.



Enjoy glamping

⑤ TOKYO SKYTREE TOWN® no Niwa

東京スカイツリータウン®の庭

Located in the TOKYO Solamachi commercial complex, this facility invites you to come empty-handed to enjoy a BBQ "glamping" experience at the base of TOKYO SKYTREE. Relax in a picturesque tent while enjoying an authentic outdoor feast!

ⓐ 11:00 AM-10:00 PM X No regular closings
 ¥ 3,800 yen, etc.

A new spot linking TOKYO SKYTREE to Tokyo's backstreets

⑥ SUMIDA RIVER WALK® and TOKYO mizumachi®

すみだリバーウォーク®・東京ミズマチ®


This spot consists of a pedestrian bridge connecting Asakusa to the TOKYO SKYTREE area and a commercial complex built under the elevated TOBU SKYTREE Line. The lighting of the bridge to TOKYO SKYTREE is a must-see.

ⓐ SUMIDA RIVER WALK®: 7:00 AM-10:00 PM;
 TOKYO mizumachi®: Depends on the store
 X Open year-round



SKYTREE Area Map

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The symbol of Odaiba shining in Tokyo Bay

① Statue of Liberty

自由の女神像


This roughly 11-meter-tall bronze statue in Odaiba Marine Park was built as a symbol of friendship between Japan and France. The lighting color changes from time to time in observance of global holidays and other occasions. It's a great photo spot.

☉ Illuminated from sunset to sunrise

*Depends on the season

DiverCity:
Diverse fun
for all ages!

Bay



One of the largest suspension bridges in the Greater Tokyo Area!

② Rainbow Bridge

レインボーブリッジ

A suspension bridge that links the Shibaura district and Tokyo Waterfront City. It is usually illuminated with white lights at night, but the colors change depending on the season or occasion, with rainbow lights during Christmas, for example.

☉ Illuminated from 30 minutes after sunset to 12:00 AM

The bay area sparkles at night, bathed in the sea breeze of Tokyo Bay. The area's romantic night views guarantee a special night for adults, but there are just as many exciting nighttime spots for kids. There's something fun for people of all ages.

Area



Dynamic lights create stunning reflections on the water

Tennozu Area Bridge Illuminations

天王洲界隈橋梁ライトアップ

Colorful lights illuminate houseboats floating in the canal and four bridges. The lights' contrasting colors and movements give the Tennozu waterfront area its unique charm.

Ⓒ Illuminated from sunset to 10:00 PM

● Around Tennozu Fureai Bridge, Shinagawa-ku (5-min. walk from Tokyo Monorail / Rinkai Line Tennozu Isle Sta.)

*Check the official website for details

For adults

For families

Enjoy the lights year-round

⑥ Odaiba Illumination "YAKEI"

お台場イルミネーション "YAKEI"

DECKS Tokyo Beach is a shopping mall filled with theme park attractions for kids. On the third floor, you'll find a deck decorated with festive lights that stay on year-round. The roughly 20-meter-high Memorial Tree and ODAIBA sign sparkle in a variety of colors.

Ⓒ Illuminated from sunset to 12:00 AM (depends on the season)



A new photo spot for Tokyo sightseers

④ "TOKYO" Monument

モニュメント「TOKYO」

The "TOKYO" Monument was installed at Harumi Port Park on the site of the Olympic Village for the Tokyo 2020 Games. Depending on the time of day and the season, seasonal imagery or other visuals are occasionally projected onto the monument.

☉ Illuminated from sunset to 11:00 PM

Bridges that shine
in a variety of colors

Shinagawa City's Hikari Waterfront Project

品川区ヒカリの水辺プロジェクト

Thirteen bridges spanning the Meguro River, Keihin Canal, and other waterways are lit up in an effort to invigorate the city's waterfront area. The colors of the lights change occasionally for city-approved events.

☉ Illuminated from sunset to 10:00 PM

*Check the official website for details



A secret night view spot for those in the know!

⑤ Telecom Center Observatory

テレコムセンター展望室

Usually a venue for conferences and exhibitions, the Telecom Center also has an observation deck on the 21st floor overlooking Tokyo Tower and the Aomi wharf area. There are free binoculars and sofas for visitors to relax and enjoy the night view.

☉ 3:00 PM-8:00 PM (opens at 11:00 AM on Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays; last entry at 7:30 PM)

✕ Year-end/New Year holidays and when the building is closed

¥ 500 yen

Enjoy a refreshing night
on a roof terrace

⑦ Ariake Garden

有明ガーデン

A family-friendly commercial complex with facilities such as Kids Ariake Garden, a free play area for kids. The Terrace of Water on the mall's fifth floor has a spacious lawn surrounded by illuminated fountains and a view of the surrounding buildings.

☉ Shops and services: 10:00 AM-9:00 PM; Restaurants and cafes: 11:00 AM-11:00 PM

*Check the official website for details

✕ Open year-round

You can also check out Izumi Tenku no Yu Ariake Garden, a 24-hour hot spring facility with an open-air bath where you can relax under the night sky.



Bay Area Map

🚶 Daiba Sta. ● YURIKAMOME 🚶 Aomi Sta. ● YURIKAMOME
🚶 Tokyo Teleport Sta. ● Rinkai Line

Snap photo mementos!

Glowing, post-

During your travels, you'll want to take memorable photos that shine. At night, Tokyo is full of illuminated spots that will make your photo dreams come true. Smile and capture the glow of your trip.

A gastronomic adventure for the mind and the palate

Ryu no Miyako Inshokugai

龍乃都飲食街

An entertainment-oriented food and drink hall open until dawn. Food, music, and video combine to create an otherworldly space like the mythological Dragon Palace. Feast on Asian cuisine surrounded by huge screens, a disco ball, neon signs, torii, and a giant dragon.

- 🕒 Depends on the store
- 🗓️ Open year-round



Photo Advice

Snap a photo with a huge, eye-catching drink served in a unique vessel like a wok.



Scenes of Edo-period Asakusa appear after hours

Nakamise Shopping Street's shutter murals

仲見世通りのシャッター壁画

At the end of the day, the crowded souvenir shops along Nakamise Shopping Street close their shutters, revealing a 380-meter-long row of murals. Known as the Asakusa Emaki picture scrolls, these lit-up murals depict traditional events such as the Sanja Matsuri and scenes from ukiyo-e.

- 🕒 Lights stay on after stores close until 11:00 PM

MAP→P27

Photo Advice

Try posing like one of the characters in the picture scrolls.



worthy photo spots

By area

By theme

Glowing, post-worthy photo spots

Soak up Japan's festival culture and the vibes of old Tokyo

Asakusa Yokocho

浅草横町

A food hall where you can escape the ordinary and experience Japan's festival culture. The restaurants mimic food stalls, recreating the atmosphere of a Japanese festival. Try monjayaki, a local specialty said to have originated in Asakusa, and immerse yourself in the atmosphere of old Tokyo.

🕒 11:00 AM-11:00 PM (hours depend on the store; Kimono Rental Wargo opens at 10:00 AM)

🗓️ Open year-round

MAP→P27



Photo Advice

Why not take a photo in a traditional kimono? It's easy to rent one, get changed, and take photos in the food hall.

Discover a new way to appreciate flowers

HANA・BIYORI

A new kind of flower park that combines flowers and entertainment. Enhanced by entertainment technology such as projection mapping, which projects images of the four seasons, their flowers always look beautiful, day or night. There is a day-use hot spring facility on site where you can enjoy a nighttime view of the city.

🕒 10:00 AM-9:00 PM

🗓️ No regular closings

💰 800 yen, etc.



Photo Advice

Don't miss the floral chandeliers and other picture-perfect nighttime displays scattered throughout the park.

Photo Advice

There are different types of seating, such as bar stools and balcony seats—try to find one lit up by the neon lights.

An entertainment space with neon lights and giant screens!

Tokyo Dome City FOOD STADIUM TOKYO

東京ドームシティ
FOOD STADIUM
TOKYO

A new neon-lit space for adults where you can eat, drink, and watch sports or other entertainment on giant screens and monitors. Enjoy Mexican and other international cuisine until late into the night.

🕒 11:00 AM-11:00 PM 🗓️ Open year-round



Backstreet pubs for adults: Once you're hooked, there's no turning back! "Yokocho" labyrinths

Located just off the main street, yokocho are narrow alleyways packed with pubs and bars and filled with an old-timey ambience. Once you venture into a side street crammed with cozy eateries, you'll never look back!



Feels like a blast to the past

Akabane OK Yokocho 赤羽 OK 横丁

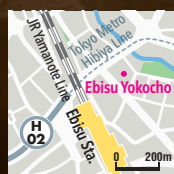
The Akabane district is said to be a mecca for drinkers. OK Yokocho is a bar area located off Akabane Ichibangai, a shopping street in front of the station. This narrow alleyway is home to nearly 30 old and new establishments, including izakaya, "snack bars," and wine bars.



Neo-pubs where young people gather

Ebisu Yokocho 恵比寿横丁

Just a two-minute walk from Ebisu Station, Ebisu Yokocho is home to 19 gastropubs specializing in kushiyaki, Kyoto-style oden, okonomiyaki, and more, each with a floor space of only 10 to 16 m². The close proximity creates a lively, cozy atmosphere where conversations happen naturally.



A retro street that stands out in a stylish neighborhood

Sankaku Chitai

三角地帯

Sangenjaya is an area frequented by young people with good taste. In front of the station, there's a triangular section of back alleys where you'll find many old-fashioned Japanese pubs. From cheap, cozy, and nostalgic pubs to pubs that attract fans from all over Japan, there are many famous establishments worth visiting at least once.



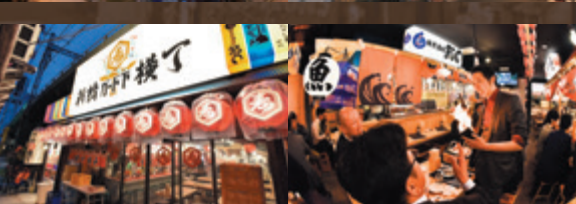
A huge pub district that attracts people of culture

Shinjuku Golden Gai

MAP→P21

新宿ゴールデン街

Golden Gai began as a black market after the war and has long been a favorite eating and drinking spot for writers and actors. The alleyways are crammed with some 280 establishments, most of which are housed in two-story wooden flats. Walking among the lights of the retro signs feels like stepping back half a century in time. Many of Japan's iconic night spots can be found in the surrounding area, such as the neon-lit streets of Kabukicho.



The "salaryman's" go-to place for food and drinks

SHINBASHI-YOKOCHO

新橋ガード下横丁

Shinbashi is a well-known after-hours hangout for office workers. The cluster of izakaya under the elevated train tracks is an especially popular spot. Ten establishments offering fare such as yakitori, sushi, and Kyoto-style home cooking vie for customers and welcome the casual pub crawl.



column Snack Yokocho Tour

A night tour where you can experience Japan's unique "snack" culture. Snack bars are places where you can chat, sing karaoke, and eat and drink with other regulars and the Mama or Master who runs the bar. Don't worry if it's your first time—the tour guide will help you!





An immersive art space that weaves together light and color!

NEW!!!

Unforgettable

immersive experiences await! /

MORI Building DIGITAL ART MUSEUM

EPSON teamLab Borderless

森ビル デジタルアート ミュージアム :
エプソン チームラボボーダレス

Opened in February 2024 in Azabudai, this immersive art museum utilizes the latest digital technology to create spaces without walls or boundaries, where each piece of art changes according to your movements.

◎ 9:00 AM-9:00 PM (last entry at 8:00 PM)

✕ No regular closings ¥ 3,800 yen and up

MAP→P7

Be amazed by the immersive dolphin show!

Maxell Aqua Park Shinagawa

マクセル アクアパーク品川

This aquarium offers plenty of entertainment, such as its extremely popular shows where sea creatures perform together with music and lights. In the night version of the dolphin show, the water droplets sparkle even more intensely than during the day, leaving a fantastic impression.

◎ Depends on the time of year

✕ Open year-round

¥ 2,500 yen



Night art & entertainment

The latest buzzword in the entertainment world is "immersion." Leave your everyday life behind for the night and immerse yourself in another world at these top recommended art and entertainment spots!



An urban amusement park with enchanting lights

Tokyo Dome City attractions

東京ドームシティアトラクションズ

An amusement park with a Ferris wheel, roller coaster, haunted house, and other attractions—all located in the middle of the city. The Night Pass is a great deal available in the evening.

🕒 Depends on the time of year

🚫 No regular closings

💰 4,500 yen and up (Night Pass: 3,500 yen and up)

MAP→P35



A festival of lights created with state-of-the-art projection mapping

TOKYO LIGHTS

TOKYO LIGHTS brings together beautiful light performances created with technology, including shows from the “1minute Projection Mapping Competition,” in which top creators from around the world compete. Along with the lights, stunning music and visuals bring the Tokyo nightscape to life.

*Check the official website for the time table and ticket prices

An oasis in the sky with a variety of delightful creatures

Sunshine Aquarium

サンシャイン水族館

Located 40 meters above ground on a building rooftop, this aquarium's exhibits showcase the habits of aquatic creatures in a spacious setting. The outdoor areas are illuminated at night, creating a different atmosphere than during the day.

🕒 Depends on the time of year

🚫 Open year-round 💰 2,600-2,800 yen

MAP→P23



Delight in the luxurious ambience

TOKYO BAY SYMPHONY CRUISE

A romantic cruise that lasts about two and a half hours. Dine on French cuisine, sushi, or other dinner courses while taking in a fantastic view of the skyscraper and shipyard lights reflected in Tokyo Bay.

● Where to board: Symphony Cruise Boarding Area, Hinode Pier, 2-7-104 Kaigan, Minato-ku

¥ 10,000 yen and up (Cruise only: 4,400 yen)

Why it's recommended

Enjoy delicious food paired with gorgeous views of Tokyo. A dinner cruise is the perfect way to see some of Tokyo's most famous landmarks, including Rainbow Bridge, Tokyo Tower, Odaiba, Oi Wharf, and Tokyo Gate Bridge.

Curated by night view critic
Motoo Marumaru

Tour the sparkling city
of water

Night

Gaze up at two iconic landmarks from the water

Night Cruise Past Tokyo's Two Towers

2大タワー周遊便

Cruise past Tokyo Tower and TOKYO SKYTREE on one tour. The route also includes all the major nighttime landmarks, such as the Bay Area and the bridges over the Sumida River. The breezy boat deck is popular among passengers.

● Where to board: Ryogoku River Center, 1-2-13 Yokoami, Sumida-ku

¥ 2,800 yen



Enjoy the night view in Edo-style refinement

Yakatabune 屋形船

Yakatabune ("pleasure boat") cruises, offering traditional Japanese food and drinks in a refined setting, have been a popular form of entertainment since the Edo period. Today, there are even more options, and you can choose your own menu, plan, and route.



Why it's recommended

If you're looking for a deluxe tour of Tokyo's night lights, this is it. The cruise visits the Azumabashi Bridge, Shin-Ohashi Bridge, Eitai Bridge, Chuo-Ohashi Bridge, Tsukuda-Ohashi Bridge, Kachidoki Bridge, and Tsukiji-Ohashi Bridge, allowing you to see iconic sights illuminated in various colors.



Cruises offer a completely different perspective of Tokyo at night than on land. Enjoy the seaward-facing cityscape, crisscrossed by rivers and waterways in a manner unique to Tokyo.

cruises

Embark on a hassle-free night cruise!

TOKYO CRUISE

Water buses connect Asakusa and Odaiba via the Sumida River. There are eight types, ranging from a futuristic-looking boat with glass ceilings to a retro boat with an old-timey design. Some were designed by manga artist Leiji Matsumoto.

● Where to board: Asakusa Water Bus Boarding Area, 1-1-1 Hanakawado, Taite-ku; and other locations

¥ 1,000 yen and up



Explore Tokyo's network of waterways!

Tokyo Waterway Night Paddling Tour

東京水路ナイトパドリング

This tour allows you to enjoy the changing skies from dusk to sunset while paddling a kayak. Discover a new side of Tokyo as you travel slowly along its waterways, taking in details of the nighttime scenery. This tour is also suitable for beginners and children.

● Where to board: Kyu-Nakagawa Riverside Area, Komatsugawa, Edogawa-ku

¥ 6,600 yen

Curated by night view critic
Motoo Marumaru

Special experiences to relax and unwind

Night retreats

In Japan, you'll find unique retreat experiences with extraordinary night views and ambiance to help you rejuvenate your mind and body.

Enjoy the panoramic night view while soaking in an onsen

Tokyo Toyosu Manyo Club MAP→P7

東京豊洲 万葉倶楽部

This spa facility is a part of the Toyosu Senkyaku Banrai commercial complex. It has baths and saunas that use water from two famous onsen resorts—Hakone and Yugawara—as well as restaurants, providing an extraordinary healing experience. Enjoy the 360-degree night view from the rooftop footbath.

🕒 Open 24 hours 🗄️ Open year-round 💰 ¥ 3,850 yen

*An additional 150-yen bath tax will be charged

Enjoy a free footbath while watching planes and the airport at night

Haneda Innovation City / Foot Spa & Sky Deck

羽田イノベーションシティ/足湯スカイデッキ

Haneda Innovation City is a large complex with restaurants, live performances, and more. At night, you can see the lights of the airport directly from the footbath on the rooftop deck.

🕒 5:30 AM-11:30 PM

🗄️ Open year-round

💰 Free



Leave the clock behind and face yourself

Nighttime Zen experience at the Tokyo Grand Hotel

東京グランドホテル 夜の禪体験

Co-organized with Otonami, a site that provides extraordinary experiences for adults. After a simple "yakuseki" dinner eaten by Zen monks, you will learn about the world of Zen through zazen (sitting meditation) and other forms of training.

🕒 7:00 PM-9:00 PM *Held once a month

💰 6,600 yen *Check the official website for details



Photo: Otonami

Relax with a night view of an amusement park

Tokyo Dome Natural Hot Spring Spa LaQua

東京ドーム天然温泉

スパラクーア

MAP→P35

A spa facility located in Tokyo Dome City. Guests can relax in a variety of hot springs and saunas or receive beauty treatments. Enjoy the night view of the amusement park from the open-air foot pool.

🕒 11:00 AM-9:00 AM the following day

🗄️ No regular closings 💰 ¥ 3,230 yen and up

*Depends on the date of visit



Chosen by a night view critic!

Tokyo's hidden night spots

BEST 5

MAP→P4

Courtesy of a night view critic, here are five surprisingly unknown hidden gems, with a different feel from famous tourist attractions.



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1 An urban bridge with an urban view

Chuo-Ohashi Bridge 中央大橋

A bridge over the Sumida River. TOKYO SKYTREE and Eitai Bridge are visible from the bridge.

- Chuo-Ohashi Bridge, 2 Shinkawa, Chuo-ku

Why it's recommended

See high-rise condominiums up-close and the impressive figure of TOKYO SKYTREE in the distance.

2 A district that retains its Edo-period appearance

Kagurazaka 神楽坂

Take a nighttime stroll back in time, down cobblestone streets and narrow alleyways.

- Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku

Why it's recommended

You can appreciate the subdued elegance of old Japan. The narrow alleys will give you a taste of Japan's capital of old.

3 A sprawling, 10-acre Japanese garden

Hotel New Otani Tokyo's Japanese Garden

ホテルニューオータニ(東京) 日本庭園

A Japanese garden over four centuries old, featuring designer lighting at night.

- 4-1 Kioi-cho, Chiyoda-ku
- 🕒 6:00 AM-10:00 PM 🙶 Free

Why it's recommended

Spend an elegant night in a Japanese garden known for its sacred energy.

4 One of the three tallest towers in Tokyo

Tower Hall Funabori Observation Deck

タワーホール船堀 展望室

This observation deck is a real hidden gem, offering a panoramic view of Tokyo at night—for free!

- 4-1-1 Funabori, Edogawa-ku
- 🕒 9:00 AM-9:30 PM 🙶 Free

5 Tokyo's most famous wisteria-viewing spot

Kameido Tenjin Shrine 亀戸天神社

The shrine with TOKYO SKYTREE as a backdrop is a must-see. The wisteria trellises are illuminated on spring nights.

- 3-6-1 Kameido, Koto-ku
- 🕒 Open 24 hours
- 🙶 Free *The Wisteria Festival is held every year around April

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Seasonal illuminations

Spring

Best time to view: Late March to early April

Cherry blossoms

Cherry blossoms are synonymous with spring in Japan. When illuminated at night, they dazzle viewers in a different way than during the day.

Why it's recommended

This spot along the moat of the Imperial Palace is one of the best places in Tokyo to view cherry blossoms. The illuminated blossoms adorn the surface of the moat, creating a three-dimensional landscape of beautiful, uplifting colors.

Paddle through an enchanting tunnel of cherry blossoms

Chidorigafuchi Moat

千鳥ヶ淵

The cherry blossoms are illuminated for about 700 meters. Boats operate at night during the illumination period, allowing you to enjoy the blossoms from the water.

● From 2 Kudanminami to 2 Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku (5-min. walk from Tokyo Metro / Toei Subway Kudanshita Sta. and Tokyo Metro Hanzomon Sta.)

◎ Illuminated during the cherry blossom season



Rows of about 800 cherry trees

Meguro River Area

目黒川周辺

A gorgeous illumination of the Somei-Yoshino cherry trees that hang over the river. The pink paper lanterns also add to the magical atmosphere. The night view from the restaurants along the river is exceptional.

● Meguro River, Meguro-ku (from Saikachi Bridge to Nanbu Bridge; 3-min. walk from Tokyo Metro / Tokyo Naka-meguro Sta.)

◎ Illuminated from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM during the cherry blossom season

A famous spot for cherry blossoms since the Edo period

Ueno Park

上野恩賜公園

A popular spot visited by tons of people every year, where you can enjoy viewing the cherry blossoms in a lively setting with food and festival stalls. There are scenic views



such as the Shinobazu Pond and the Sakura-dori path.
● Ueno Park, 3 Ikenohata, Taito-ku (2-min. walk from JR / Tokyo Metro Ueno Sta.) ◎ The cherry blossoms around Shinobazu Pond are illuminated from 5:00 PM to 10:00 PM ¥ Free

An amusement park that shines like a jewel at night!

Yomiuri Land

よみうりランド

Enjoy a 180-meter-long row of illuminated cherry trees, a fountain show, and the night view from the Ferris wheel.

● 4015-1 Yanokuchi, Inagi-shi
◎ Illuminated from around 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM from around March to April

¥ 1,800 yen, etc.



Summer

Season: Early June to mid-August

Fireworks and festivals

Fireworks bursting in the night sky and matsuri (festivals) bustling with energetic music and food stalls are the hallmarks of summer in Japan. Vibrant lights and sounds will color your memories of these special nights.

One of the most iconic fireworks festivals in Tokyo

Sumida River Fireworks Festival

隅田川花火大会

A historically significant fireworks festival that attracts nearly one million people each year. The highlight is the fireworks competition, where local pyrotechnic companies with ties to Ryogoku compete with the top companies in Japan.

● Venue 1: Between Sakura-bashi Bridge and Kototoi Bridge (15-min. walk from Tokyo Metro / Toei Subway Asakusa Sta.)

● Venue 2: Between Komagata Bridge and Umayagi Bridge (5-min. walk from Toei Subway Kuramae Sta.)



Why it's recommended

Around 20,000 fireworks are launched during this festival, one of the largest in Japan. It is also the oldest fireworks festival in Japan, dating back to the Ryogoku River Opening Ceremony. Fireworks are launched from two venues, and the sheer scale of the display is astounding.

An impressive 13,000 or so fireworks launched in just one hour

Adachi Fireworks Festival

足立の花火

This fireworks festival is known for incorporating new features to keep up with the times, such as laser light collaborations and fireworks timed to music. The displays can be enjoyed from both banks of the Arakawa River.

● Arakawa Riverside Area, Senjuokawacho, Adachi-ku (15-min. walk from JR / Tokyo Metro / Tobu / Tsukuba Express Kita-Senju Sta.)



Adachi Machi Photo Contest Submission Photographer: hibiki

Starring a majestic, roughly four-ton mikoshi

Torigoe Festival

鳥越祭

A festival held continuously since the Edo period at Torigoe Shrine, which is more than 1,370 years old. The mikoshi (portable shrine) lit by lanterns at night creates a mysterious atmosphere.

● Torigoe Shrine (6-min. walk from Toei Subway Kuramae Sta.)



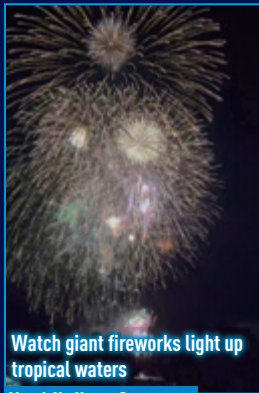
Watch giant fireworks light up tropical waters

Hachijojima Summer Fireworks Festival

八丈島納涼花火大会

A fireworks display on Hachijojima Island, an outlying island about an hour by plane from Tokyo. You can enjoy fireworks launched over the ocean while feeling the sea breeze on the beach.

● Sokodo Port, Hachijojima Island



Autumn

Best time to view: Late November to late December

Foliage

As the temperature drops, the trees take on crimson and gold hues. Against the darkness, they appear to give off colors like a beautiful painting.



Special extended hours for viewing the fall foliage

Rikugien Gardens

六義園

A typical daimyo's garden from the Edo period, characterized by the large pond in the center, surrounded by islands, bridges, and man-made hills. You can see the fall foliage lit up after dark, images projected on the storehouse walls, and more.

● 6-16-3 Hon-komagome, Bunkyo-ku (7-min. walk from JR / Tokyo Metro Komagome Sta.) ☉ Illuminated from sunset from late November to early December (exact time varies) ¥ 1,100 yen, etc.

*Check the official website for details

Enjoy a Japanese garden and ginkgo-tree-lined avenue in one place!

Showa Kinen Park

国営昭和記念公園

Each year, this park stages various kinds of illuminations, such as lights that move in tandem with music and projection mapping on maple trees.

● 3173 Midori-cho, Tachikawa-shi (2-min. walk from JR Nishi-Tachikawa Sta.)

☉ Illuminated from 4:30 PM

¥ 450 yen, etc. *Check the official website for details



An entire garden dyed maple leaf red

Happo-en 八芳園

This roughly 400-year-old garden is illuminated with red lights, resembling a work of art.

● 1-1-1 Shirokanedai, Minato-ku (1-min. walk from Tokyo Metro / Toei Subway Shirokanedai Sta.) ☉ Illuminated from sunset from late November to mid-December ¥ Free

*Closed for renovations until September 2025



Brilliant maple leaves frame the five-storied pagoda

Takahata-Fudosen

高幡不動尊

Maple trees on the temple grounds are breathtakingly illuminated along with the five-storied pagoda and the bell tower. Soft lantern light shines at your feet, illuminating the path to the temple.

● 733 Takahata, Hino-shi (5-min. walk from Keio / Tama Monorail Takahatafudo Sta.)

☉ Illuminated from sunset to 8:00 PM during the Maple Festival ¥ Free



Illuminations

Winter

Season:

Mid-November to mid-February

Festive lights adorn the city, making even familiar streets look different than usual. The romantic atmosphere will envelop your surroundings and lift your spirits.

By area

By theme

Seasonal illuminations

A tunnel of lights shimmering in champagne gold

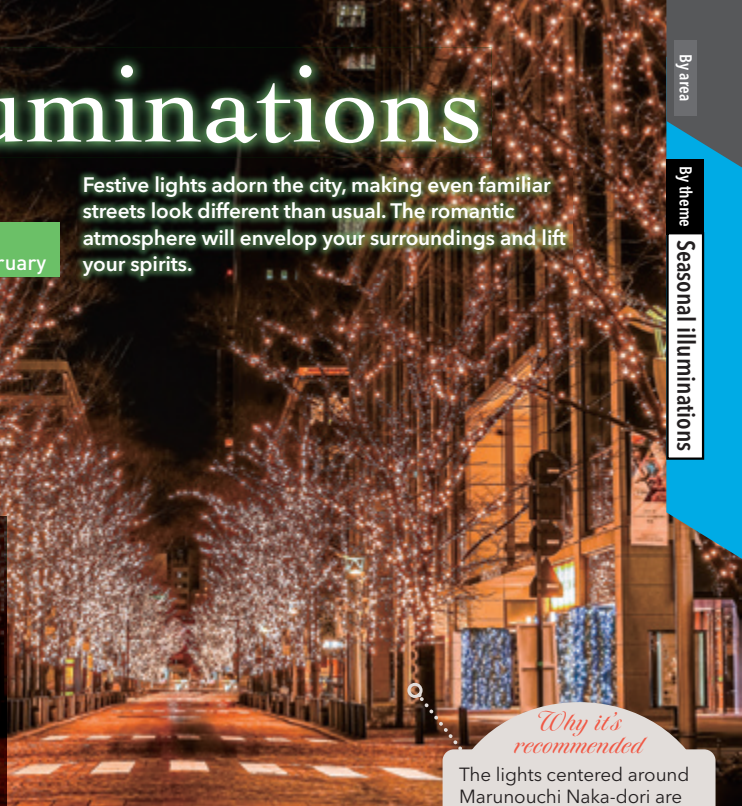
Marunouchi Illumination

丸の内イルミネーション

These holiday lights stretch for about 1.2 kilometers, mostly along Naka-dori, the central avenue of the Marunouchi district. Just strolling along the cobblestone streets and taking in the chic cityscape will make you feel a world away from home.

● Marunouchi Naka-dori and the Tokyo Station area, Chiyoda-ku (brief walk from JR / Tokyo Metro Tokyo Sta.); and other locations

🕒 Illuminated from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM, and from 4:00 PM to 12:00 AM in December *Photo shows the illumination from a previous year



Why it's recommended

The lights centered around Marunouchi Naka-dori are a hallmark of winter around Tokyo Station. The glowing lights of luxury brand stores along this tree-lined avenue blend seamlessly with the shimmering illuminations, putting you in a glamorous mood.

A romantic avenue lined with 150 or so zelkova trees

Omotesando Illumination

表参道イルミネーション

Glittering holiday lights mingle with the lights of cars, adding to the urban sparkle of this avenue lined with luxury brand stores.

● Omotesando, Shibuya-ku (from the Jingubashi intersection to the Omotesando intersection; 1-min. walk from JR Harajuku Sta.)

🕒 Illuminated from sunset to 10:00 PM



Blue lighting creates a mystical vibe

Ao no Dokutsu (Blue Cave) Shibuya

青の洞窟 SHIBUYA

The approximately 800-meter stretch from Shibuya's Koen-dori (Park Avenue) to the zelkova-tree-lined avenue in Yoyogi Park is illuminated with blue lights, inviting visitors into the mystical world of the "Blue Cave."

● From Koen-dori to the zelkova-tree-lined avenue in Yoyogi Park, Shibuya-ku (5-min. walk from JR / Tokyo Metro / Tokyu / Keio Inokashira Shibuya Sta.)



A colorful and exciting circus of light

Arakawa Amusement Park

あらかわ遊園

Not only is the entire park lit up with vibrant colors, but there are also projection mapping displays.

● 6-35-11 Nishiogu, Arakawa-ku (3-min. walk from Toden Arakawa Line Arakawa-yuenchimaie Sta.)

¥ 800 yen, etc. *Check the official website for details

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