# MITTE CHIYODA Chiyoda City, Tokyo General Sightseeing Guidebook



# Let's go to see 6 attractions of Chiyoda City

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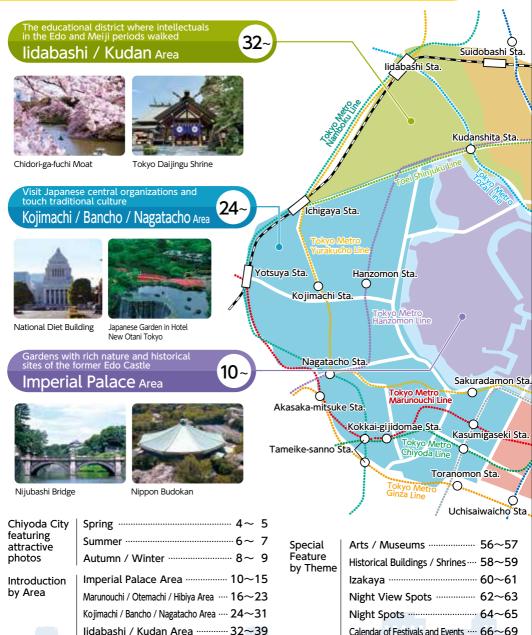


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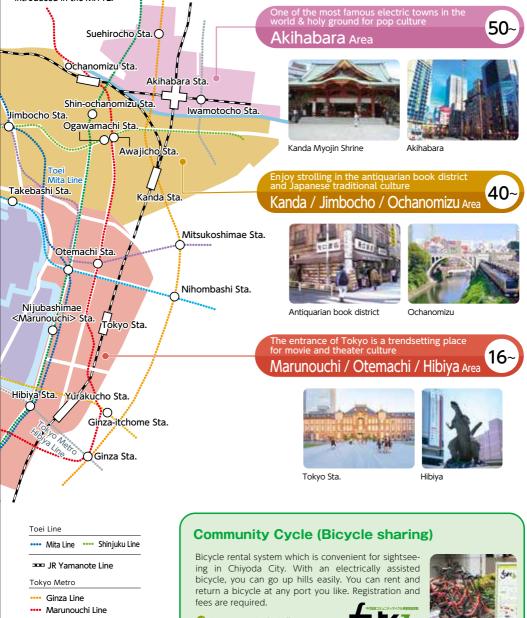
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- Chivoda Line
- Yurakucho Line
- ••• Hanzomon Line
- Namboku Line

💋 Community Cycle Call Center 0570-783-677





\*The open hours, admission fee, etc. introduced here are the ones as of January 2021.

\*Smoking is prohibited on the roads in Chiyoda City. If you violate the regulation, you will be fined 2,000 yen.

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# Spring in Chiyoda City.

Cherry blossoms herald the coming of spring. You can enjoy cherry blossom viewing at many spots in Chiyoda City.



#### The East Gardens of the Imperial Palace P.12

Various types of trees and flowers are planted in the Gardens, so visitors can enjoy them from season to season.

#### Old Ministry of Justice bldg. ➡ P.28

The row of cherry blossom trees in front of the building adds color to the district of government offices.





#### Cherry blossoms in Chidori-ga-fuchi Moat

Chidori-ga-fuchi Moat in Kitanomaru Garden is famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. Many people visit the moat and enjoy seeing cherry blossoms even on a boat in spring.



#### Illuminated cherry blossoms in Chidori-ga-fuchi Moat

Cherry blossoms illuminated in the Sakura Festival in Chiyoda City will create a fantastic atmosphere.



#### Kanda Myojin Shrine P.54

In May, one of Edo's largest festivals, Kanda Matsuri (Festival) will be held at Kanda Myojin Shrine every other year.



#### Nijubashi Bridge 🌩 P.13

The Imperial Palace surrounded by fresh green. The lawn in Kokyo Gaien National Garden will become more beautiful in summer.



#### Tokyo Station / Water Scenery Area P.20

Marunouchi Station Square will be thinly covered with water in summer. You can enjoy walking and playing in the Square. (Scheduled to be opened in late July - Mid-September)



#### Chiyoda Lantern Festival

One of Chidori-ga-fuchi's summer features. Lanterns will be put on the surface of the water from boats in the event.

#### Mitama Matsuri (Festival) 🏓 P.68

Mitama Matsuri (Festival) is a dedicatory event held at Yasukuni-jinja Shrine in mid-July every year. About 30,000 lanterns will light up the approach to the shrine.



Fresh green reflects the sunlight. The cultural city with rich nature will make you forget you are in the center of Tokyo.



#### Hibiya Park Marunouchi Ondo Bon-odori Dance Festival ⇒ P.68

One of the largest bon-odori dance festivals in Tokyo that is held in Hibiya Park.



#### Wadakura Fountain Park P.13

Visitors can enjoy the large fountain and waterfall / flowing water in the park of Kokyo Gaien National Garden.



Autumn leaves will color the city in autumn. Then, the world of light will be seen under the winter sky.

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# National Diet Building and Ginkgo Trees → P.26

The contrast of beautifully colored leaves of ginkgo trees and National Diet Building is awesome.

# The row of ginkgo trees in the Gyoko-dori Ave.

Being covered with gingko leaves, Gyoko-dori Avenue spreading from Marunouchi South Gate of Tokyo Station to the Imperial Palace is like a yellow carpet in Autumn.



#### Autumn leaves in Hibiya Park P.18

You can enjoy seeing flowers and autumn leaves in the oasis of the office building area from season to season.



Autumn leaves in Kitanomaru Garden 🌩 P.14

Developed as a forest garden, the garden where many trees are planted is famous for its autumn leaves.



#### Tokyo Michiterasu

This light-up event will be held at Gyoko-dori Ave, near Tokyo Station in late December every year.

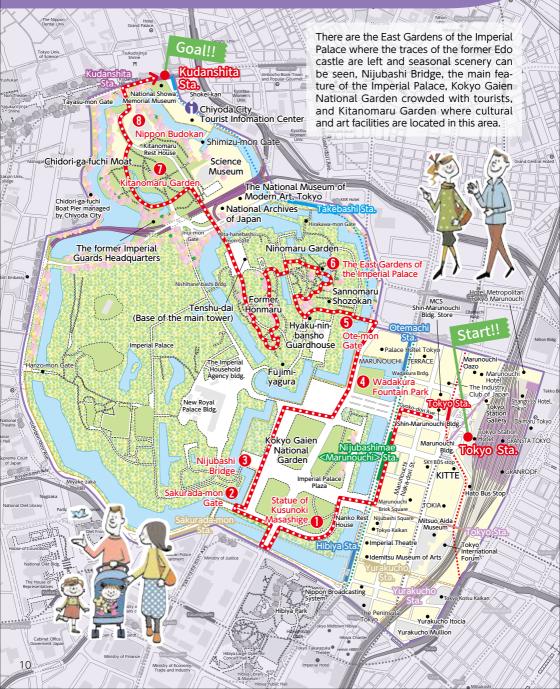
#### Marunouchi Illumination P.62

One of Chiyoda's features in winter. The street trees in Marunouchi Naka-dori Street will be lit up.





#### Gardens with rich nature and historical sites of the former Edo Castle Imperial Palace Area





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#### The East Gardens of the Imperial Palace

The Imperial Palace's gardens in which Honmaru, Ninomaru and Sannomaru have been preserved. This area has Teshu-dai and Yagura, reminders of the Edo period, and it's the most historical area in the Imperial Palace. This urban area with rich nature is well-known as a place for strolling and resting. A Lunchtime Concert at the East Gardens of the Imperial Palace will be held 10 times a year, and it's popular because people can enjoy a concert over lunch for free of charge.

- 🕖 1-1 Chiyoda, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3213-1111 👔 Admission free
- Mar.1-Apr.14, Oct.1-31 9:00-16:30 •Apr.15-the end of Aug. 9:00-18:00
   •Sep.1-the end of Sep. 9:00-17:00 •Nov.1-the end of Feb. 9:00-16:00
   \*Last entry : 30 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays and Fridays (Open on national holidays except for the Emperor's Birthday. If Monday is a national holiday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday). Dec.29. Jan.3

Ninomaru Garden

There used to be a garden in Ninomaru designed by Kobori Enshu, a master of tea ceremony, architect and garden designer and repaired by order of Tokugawa lemitsu in the Edo period. However, it was destroyed by repeated fires. The current circuit style garden is the one restored based on the garden plan drawn in the time of Tokugawa leshige. There is an iris garden with the atmosphere of Edo in a part of the Garden. The irises will be at their best in late May - June.



#### Ote-mon Gate



The Ote-mon Gate was the main gate of the Edo Castle. Daimyos used the gate to attend ceremonies held inside

the castle. The square-shaped gate was designed to slow the intruders' advance after their going through the Korai-mon Gate. There was an arsenal called Watariyagura-mon Gate on the right.

#### Fujimi-yagura



It's a three-story fortified tower located at the southern tip of the former Honmaru. Since it looks the same from all the directions, it's called a "fortified tower with only the front". It is reported the Fujimi

Yagura was used as a substitute after the castle tower was destroyed by the Great Fire in 1657.

#### Tenshu-dai



The castle tower was built by Tokugawa leyasu in 1606, by Tokugawa Hidetada in 1622 and by Tokugawa lemitsu in 1638. It was a symbol of shogunate power. However, it was destroyed by the Great Fire in 1657, and only the base of the main tower is left now.

#### Hyaku-nin-bansho Guardhouse



The guardhouse positioned in the most critical point to guard the entrance to the Honmaru (the main compound) and Ninomaru of the Edo Castle. Four teams (Negoro-gumi, Iga-gumi, Koga-gumi and Nijugoki-gumi), each consisting of 20 Yoriki and 100 Doshin stationed the house in shifts day and night.

# Imperial Palace Area

#### Sannomaru Shozokan

Art pieces such as paintings, calligraphies and craft works owned by the Imperial family are displayed in this museum. Currently, about 9,800 art pieces like famous Chinese paintings as well as paintings by Jakuchū Itō and Hokusai Katsushika, lacquer crafts after the Muromachi period, sculptures by Koun Takamura and Choun Yamazaki in the Meiji period, modern paintings and modern Japanese paintings are stored here. There is no permanent exhibition. The content of exhibitions will change by period.

1-1 Chiyoda, Chiyoda-ku ( 30-5208-1063 ) Admission free
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 Closed on Mondays and Fridays (Apart from the Emperor's Birthday, it opens if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday.)
 Dec.28-Jan. 3 - Exhibition changeovers.





Kokyo Gaien National Garden is a national garden, developed centering on the Square in front of the Imperial Palace where black pines are planted. The Garden is the special historical site and one of the reservoirs of many historical remains.

🔗 1-1 Kokyogaien, Chiyoda-ku 🔇 03-3213-0095

#### Statue of KUSUNOKI Masashige



The equestrian statue of KUSUNOKI Masashige, a loyal retainer, known as "Nanko". This statue represents Nanko awaiting the return of the Emperor, Go-Daigo in Hyogo from exile in the Oki island in 1333. The Nanko Rest House near the stature is a restaurant and an information office.

#### Sakurada-mon Gate



The gate is officially called "Soto Sakurada-mon Gate of the former Edo Castle" and a designated

National Important Cultural Property. It's one of the castle gates that still have a square-shaped gate, and it was also called Odawara Exit because it was the starting point of Odawara Kaido. In 1860, there was the "Incident Outside the Sakurada-mon Gate" in which Ii Naosuke, Tairo was assassinated.

#### Nijubashi Bridge

The elegant stone bridge seen in front of the Imperial Palace. Sometimes the two bridges, the "Stone Bridge" in the foreground and "Steel Bridge" in the background are collectively called



Nijubashi Bridge. To be more specific, Nijubashi Bridge is the bridge in the background. The bridge is used only for a congratulatory visit to the Imperial Palace in the new year and official events of the Imperial Court such as foreign guests' visit to the Imperial Palace.

#### Wadakura Fountain Park

A fountain park near Wadakura-bori Moat was built in 1961. There are waterfalls and streams that provide a variety of views. The fountain lit up at night creates a fantastic atmosphere. There is also a free rest house on the terrace in the park.



3-1 Kokyogaien, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3213-0095 (Kokyogaien Management Office)

#### Wadakura Fountain Park Restaurant

The restaurant directly operated by Palace Hotel. The building looks like the Opera House facing the fountain. It's an open space with a 8-meter high ceiling. Buffet-style lunch and afternoon tea are available at the restaurant.



💋 3-1 Kokyogaien, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-5224-6062

Weekday lunch: 11:00 - 14:00, Tea time: 14:00 - 17:00 Weekend / holiday lunch: 11:00 - 12:30, 13:00 - 14:30 Tea time: 14:30 - 17:00

Reservation-only for dinner: 17:00-21:00 (2 hours only) Closed on new year holidays.

Weekends and holidays might be reserved.



# Kitanomaru Garden

There used to be Kitanomaru of the former Edo Castle here, and currently it's a forest garden. There are well-kept lawns and a large pond, which are surrounded by many deciduous trees such as Japanese Maple, Zelkova serrata, Quercus serrata, and Sawtooth oak. There is also a "Green Adventure Course" in which people can enjoy names of various trees through quizzes in the garden. Also, there are many cultural and art facilities such as Science Museum, The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo, and Nippon Budokan around the garden. The garden is one of Chiyoda City's most famous spots for cherry blossom viewing.

🕖 1-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku 🔇 03-3211-7878

#### **Science Museum**



A comprehensive museum of science technology and industrial technology. Modern and near-term science technology and industrial technology are introduced here. The exhibitions are based on experiences, so you can deepen your knowledge on science technology by enjoying seeing and touching them. A variety of experiment shows are being held here. In the Waku Eco Motor Land exhibition, you can experience driving various types of vehicles in simulators.

🚯 2-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3212-8544 🕒 9:30-16:50 (Last entry: 16:00)

👔 Adults : 880 yen, Junior high school and high school students : 500 yen, Children (4 years old or older) : 400 yen

🗴 Closed on Wednesdays irregularly (Open in long school vacations, and Nov.-Feb.), new year holidays

#### Tayasu-mon Gate



Tayasu-mon Gate facing Yasukuni-dori Ave. on the north side of the Kitanomaru district is the entrance of Kitanomaru

Garden and Nippon Budokan. The current gate was built in 1636. It's the oldest among the existing remains of the former Edo Castle and designated as a National Important Cultural Property.

#### Shimizu-mon Gate



It was one of the gates to enter Kitanomaru of the Edo Castle, and a National Important Cultural Property. At a corner of Shi-

mizu-mon Gate, there is Gangizaka which is the same as that in the Edo period. Gangizaka has steep stone steps with high-level differences. The current one was rebuilt in 1658.

#### Nippon Budokan

It was constructed as the venue for martial arts of the Tokyo Olympics held in 1964. It's also known as a venue for various types of events and concerts. The building was designed based on Yumedono, Horyuji Temple, and it features the elegant octagonal shape and copperplate-thatched roof. The curves of the roof represent the ridges of Mt. Fuji.

💋 2-3 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku 03-3216-5100





Museum collection guide

The external appearance of the main building

#### The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

Japan's first national art museum. The collection of more than 13,000 works includes many National Important Cultural Properties such as Taikan Yokoyama's and Shunso Hishida's, and it's one of the largest in Japan. By seeing MOMAT's collection that displays about selected 200 works from the collection, you can trace the history of Japanese arts over 100 years from the beginning of the 20th Century. The viewing program in which the museum guides and visitors talk about some works and the view from "A Room With a View" are popular.

3-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-5777-8600(Hello Dial)

(4) 10:00-17:00 (Fridays and Saturdays: until 20:00) \*Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time

- 🔀 Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday), while exhibitions are being changed, new year holidays
- Mults: 500 yen, College students: 250 yen, Admission free for high School students and younger than 18 years old, 65 years old or older, persons with a disability certificate and his/her attendant "After 17:00 on Fridays and Saturdays: Adults: 300 yen, College students: 150 yen

#### **Former Imperial Guards Headquarters**

It was built as the Former Imperial Guards Headquarters in 1910. It's characterized by the contrast of red bricks and white stone material, and rhythmically designed wall with lined thin buttress (auxiliary walls). This building was used as Crafts Gallery of the National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo. However, since the museum was relocated to Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture in 2020, it was closed and only the building remains here.

- 🚺 1-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku
- ( 03-5777-8600(Hello Dial)
- (Last entry: 16:30)
- Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday,
- and closed on the following Tuesday.), new year holidays.
- Charged





#### Chidori-ga-fuchi

Chidori-ga-fuchi is nationally famous for its beautiful cherry blossoms. About 260 cherry trees such as Someiyoshino and Oshima will bloom



along the 700-meter long Chidori-ga-fuchi Green Way in spring. They look like a tunnel of cherry blossoms.

Ahead of Sanbancho 2, Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku (03-5211-4243 (Roads and Parks Section)

#### **National Archives of Japan**

Important archives as national historical materials can be browsed here. Additionally. permanent exhibitions, special exhibitions, planned exhibitions, etc. will be held here. For details, please see the website.



3-2 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku () 03-3214-0621

- (-) 9:15-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30) 🔀 Closed on Mondays, Sundays, national holidays, new year holidays
- Admission free



#### The entrance of Tokyo is a trendsetting place for movie and theater culture Marunouchi/Otemachi/Hibiya Area

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Kitanomaru Garden

There are many brand shops and large commercial complexes in Marunouchi and Otemachi that spread around Tokyo Sta. And Hibiya area where many movie / drama theaters gather is a trendsetting place for cultures. The area where greenery and art spots are also scattered is recommended for strolling.

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de and Industry: Hibiya Library And Museum

Hibiya Public Hall



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# Hibiya Park

The first modern Western-style park in Japan built in 1903. This park is a green oasis in a business district. The Grand Fountain and Flower Gardens as well as the Pond in the Japanese Garden have been maintained here. Fresh green leaves, flowers and trees such as maple trees can give pleasure to those who visit the park from season to season. There are the Public Hall, Concert Halls, Library in the park and various events will be held throughout a year.

💋 Hibiya-koen, Chiyoda-ku 🛛 🕓 03-3501-6428



#### **Grand Fountain**

The Grand Fountain is a symbol of Hibiya Park. It consists of three layers of spout rings. The bottom spout ring is 30 meters in diameter, and throws water up to a height of about 12 meters. Visitors can enjoy various shapes of water that change in 28-min cycle from 8:00 to 21:00. The fountain is lit up at night.

#### Hibiya Public Hall



A Japanese representative outdoor music hall loved by many people. It has been used for the concerts of various artists

as a venue of an open-air concert surrounded by trees in the center of Tokyo.



#### First Flower Garden Second Flower Garden

There are the First Flower Garden with geometrical patterns and the Second Flower Garden near spacious lawns. Especially, the First Flower Garden was very popular for foreign flowers such as tulips, pansies, and roses which were rare at the time of the opening in the Meiji period.

#### Hibiya Mitsuke Remains / Shinji Pond



Hibiya Mitsuke was one of the gates (mitsuke) of the Edo Castle. Currently, only part of the stone wall is left. The vestige of the moat is

left in the Sinji Pond. Seen from above, the pond looks like the shape of the kanji character meaning "heart". Pine trees protected from snow with Yukizuri technique are one of the park's features in winter.

#### Kubi-kake (head-staking) Ginkgo



A large ginkgo with 7-meter trunk girth (estimated tree age: 400-500 years old). It was located at the intersection of Hibiya before. But when it was to be cut down due to road expan-

sion, Dr. Seiroku Honda, the designer of Hibiya Park saved it, saying, "I will have it transplanted here, even if my head is put on a stake."

#### Kumogata Pond



A cloud-shaped pond. The "Crane Fountain", the third oldest decorative fountain in Japan is put in the center of the pond. The old

copper crane spreading its wings is impressive. Autumn leaves, fresh green and wisteria trellis are eye-catching. A large complex facility with about 60 stores including TOHO CINEMAS Hibiya, one of the largest cinema complexes in the center of Tokyo. It features the graceful architectural design with the concept of a theater space-based city. Various kinds of events will be held in the three-story atrium and outdoor square.

) 1-1-2 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku 🤇 03-5157-1251(11:00-21:00) 🗙 Closed on Jan. 1 ) Shops<u>:</u> 11:00-21:00, Restaurants: 11:00-23:00 (Some shops have differe<u>n</u>t hours)

#### BIF Hibiya Arcade

This underground shopping arcade was built based on the Sanshin Building Arcade that was located here. The modern design mixed with the memories of the town is one of the highlights.



#### $\mathbf{3}_{\mathbf{F}}$ hibiya central market

This Market is designed to look like a miniature town, with separate retail stores ranging from a clothes shop, bookstore, Izakaya, barber to a coffee shop. You will be excited, feeling like exploring a market in a strange land as you walk through this trendy space.



#### $1.5_{\rm F}$ TOHO CINEMAS Hibiya

One of the largest cinema complexes in the center of Tokyo, having 13 screens and about 2,800 seating capacity. It features a luxurious space under the theme of the Movie Palace. It also has the advanced sound facility introduced to Japan for the first time and leather reclining seats (charged).



#### Park View Garden

A hanging garden with rich greenery. You can overlook Hibiya Park and Kokyo Gaien National Garden from here. Various kinds of events will be held, utilizing the landscape. A garden terrace is on the same floor.





#### Guardian Deity of Hibiya! 2 Godzilla Statues!?

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In spring 2018, the square in front of Hibiya Chanter turned into "Hibiya Godzilla Square", and a new Godzilla statue appeared. The statue is a guardian deity of Hibiya and popular shooting spot. The old Godzilla statue is located at the lobby of TOHO CINEMAS Hibiya. Don't miss both of them!





#### **Tokyo Station Marunouchi Station Building** (→ P60)

Tokyo Station opened in 1914 is the entrance of Japan. The red-brick building with history and dignity has been loved by many people as the face of Tokyo. The Marunouchi Station Building was restored to its original design through the restoration works. Not only the external appearance such as the brick walls and slate roof, but also the north and south domes have been restored to the original design with the relief sculptures of eagles and zodiac signs.

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#### Marunouchi Oazo



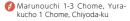
An intellectual oasis with one of the largest bookstores in Japan and more than 30 casual cafés and highquality restaurant.

1-6-4 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
 03-5218-5100

 Closed on Jan. 1, days for legal inspection
 Food & drink / food sales: 9:00-21:00, Goods sales / service: 10:00-21:00,Food & drink: 11:00-23:00, Books / stationery: 9:00-21:00 \*Some shops have different hours

#### Marunouchi Naka-dori St.

The main street of Marunouchi is lined with famous brands' stores and commercial facilities. In winter, the street trees will be lit up.(Early November - Mid-February)





#### Shin-Marunouchi Bldg.

A large commercial complex in front of Tokyo Sta. It has about 150 stores of unique shops and restaurants, including a terrace with a great view and restaurants open until midnight at the Marunouchi House on the 7th floor.



💋 1-5-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku

03-5218-5100 Closed on Jan. 1 and days for legal inspection
 Shops: 11:00-21:00, Restaurants: 11:00-23:00 (Sundays, National holidays) Shops: 11:00-20:00,Restaurants: 11:00-22:00
 "Some shops have different hours

#### Marunouchi Brick Square



There are some shops with refined taste and selected restaurants, as well as a square with rich greenery and Mitsubishi Ichigokan Museum.

2-6-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
 03-5218-5100

🚫 Closed on Jan. 1, days for legal inspection

Shops: Weekdays / Sat. 11:00-21:00, Sun. national holidays: 11:00-20:00,Restaurants: Weekdays / Sat. 11:00-23:00, Sun. / national holidays: 11:00-22:00 \*Some shops have different hours

#### Marunouchi Street Gallery

Unique sculpture works are displayed on Marunouchi Naka-dori St. This gallery is sending messages from the city of arts. You can appreciate works of famous artists.

Marunouchi 1-3 Chome, Yurakucho 1 Chome, Chiyoda-ku



# Marunouchi/Otemachi/Hibiya Area

#### Mitsubishi Ichiqokan Museum

The Mitsubishi Ichigokan, the first office building in Marunouchi completed in 1894 was restored and opened as a museum. Planned exhibitions with the theme of modern art from the second half of the 19th century to the first half of the 20th century will be held three times a year. The Museum has "Café 1894", a classical café bar, made restoring a banking hall and "Store 1894", a museum gift shop with fancy goods collected from all over the world, which can be visited for free of charge.It also has the Archive Room which shows the history of Marunouchi.

👩 2-6-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-5777-8600(Hello Dial)

(-) 10:00-18:00 Fridays: 10:00-21:00 (If Friday is a national holiday, close at 18:00.) The second Wednesday of every month: 10:00-21:00. Weekdays in the Final week of Exhibitions: Open until 21:00 Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time

Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday or final week of exhibitons), year-end holiday, Jan. 1 and exhibition changeovers.



#### Meiji Seimei Kan

This building completed in 1934 has a classical design. It features the external appearance with lined Corinthian columns and a large hall inside the building. Among the buildings of the same age, this building is outstandingly high quality, and it was designated as a National Important Cultural Property for the first time as a building in the Showa period. The business room on the first floor, the meeting room, reception room and cafeteria on the second floor are open to the public, so you can see major rooms that have high cultural values. There is also an archive room.



💋 2-1-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku

03-3283-9252

- Weekends: 11:00-17:00, Wed.-Fri. (Excluding national holidays) 16:30-19:30 (Part of the second floor and the lounge on the first floor)
- 🔇 Closed on Mondays, Tuesdays, and national holidays, Dec 31-Jan 3

#### KITTE

A commercial facility operated by Japan Post Co., Ltd. Unique stores such as variety stores featuring Japan's manufacturing and local popular restaurants gather in the facility. Limited original goods are sold in Tokyo Central Post Office on the first floor.

- KITTE B1F-6F, JP Tower, 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
- (03-3216-2811 (10:00-19:00)
- Goods sales / service: 11:00-21:00 (Sun. and national holidays: until 20:00)
- Food & Drink: 11:00-23:00 (Sun). and new year holidays: until 22:00)
- 🔀 Closed on Jan. 1 and days for legal inspection





#### **Tokyo Station Gallery**

The museum in Tokyo Station. Planned exhibitions will be occasionally held. The exhibition rooms are in the octagonal space with red-brick walls.



- 💋 In front of Marunouchi North Exit of JR Tokyo Sta.1-9-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku 03-3212-2485
- (L) 10:00-18:00 (Fridays: until 20:00) Last entry: 30 minutes before closing
- 🗙 Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday.), new year holidays and exhibition changeovers. Charged

#### **Idemitsu Museum of Arts**

The museum founded by Sazo Idemitsu. Collections centering on East Asian antiques are introduced through planned exhibitions. Georges Rouault's works are also introduced in the annex.



- 🚺 Teigeki Bldg. 9F, 3-1-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
- (03-5777-8600 (Hellow Dial)
- (1) 10:00-17:00 (Fridays: until 19:00) Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays, national holidays, while exhibitions are being changed. (Open on national holidays and substitute holidays)
- Adults: 1,200 yen, University/High school students: 800 yen, Junior high school students or younger: Free of charge (Must be accompanied by a guardian)





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#### **Tokyo International Forum**

A leading international convention center in Tokyo, consisting of 8 small-to-large-size halls, 34 conference rooms, etc. The Forum hosts a wide range of events including international conferences, exhibitions, concerts, musicals, and fashion shows throughout the year. The Glass Building boasts an enormous atrium with an open-air structure in the shape of a ship, which makes it the symbol of the center.



3-5-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
 03-5221-9000
 7:00-23:30

#### Tokyo Kotsu Kaikan

A commercial building in front of Yurakucho Sta. The building has various types of stores, including restaurants such as Ginza Sky Lounge, a revolving restaurant on the top 15th floor, exhibitions of the products in Japan, a Passport Center, exhibition halls. Kotsu Kaikan Marchais is held in the Piloti on the first floor every day. Fresh vegetables and fruits are sold here. A rooftop garden with benches and wood decks on the third floor is a place for relaxation.



9:00-22:00 (Some shops have different hours) Closed on Jan.1

💋 2-10-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku

03-3212-2931



#### Hibiya Library and Museum



The library in Hibiya Park. This compound cultural facility has the permanent exhibition room and archive room where you can touch old books. It also has a café and restaurant.

1-4 Hibiya-koen, Chiyoda-ku O 3-3502-3340
 Weekdays: 10:00-22:00, Sat.: 10:00-19:00, Sun./national holidays: 10:00-17:00
 Closed on the 3rd Monday of every month, Dec.29-Jan.3, special maintenance period

#### Tokyo Takarazuka Theater

The theater was opened as Takarazuka Revue Company's base in Tokyo in 1934. You can enjoy highly realistic stages in the theater with a seating capacity of 2,065.



1-1-3 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku
 0570-00-5100 Takarazuka Theater Information Center
 10:00-18:00 X Closed on Mondays

#### Hibiya Matsumotoro



The restaurant in Hibiya Park. You can enjoy Western-style grilled dishes and French dishes here. 10-yen curry for charity on September 25 is also famous.

 In Hibiya Park, 1-2 Hibiya-koen, Chiyoda-ku (0.3-3503-1451)
 Western cuisine: Grill & Garden Terrace:11:00-21:00 (LO: 20:30), French cuisine: Bois de Boulogne: 11:00-22:00 (LO: 21:00)
 Open all year round

#### **Nissay Theatre**

The theatre was designed by Togo Murano, a Japanese leading architect. You can enjoy operas and musicals in the graceful theater with the curved ceiling and walls.



Ø 1-1-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku (€ 03-3503-3111
 (►) & Closed days are different depending on performances.

#### **Imperial Hotel Tokyo**

This hotel was opened as Japan's guesthouse in 1890. It's famous because it has welcomed numerous Japanese and international famous people since then. The hotel has a variety of restaurants and bars, including French cuisine, Japanese cuisine and buffet-style restaurants and Old Imperial Bar which preserves the traces of the Hotel's former Main Building designed by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright. Selected brand shops are lined up at the arcade on the first basement floor of the Main Building.

J-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku (03-3504-1111
 Some restaurants and brand shops at the arcade have different hours.





#### **Imperial Theatre**

The theatre standing facing the moat of the Imperial Palace and Hibiya-dori Ave. was opened as Japan's first Western-style theatre. It has always led Japan's theatrical world by hosting opera, ballet and Shakespeare drama performances. Currently, it's called a sacred ground for Japanese musical. There are some historical art objects in the lobby. The 7-color stained glass that dynamically represents Japanese festivals and stages is magnificent.

3-1-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku (03-3213-7221)



Masakado's tomb

There is the stone monument of Masakado's tomb to the south of OTEMACHI ONE in Otemachi. Taira no Masakado is enshrined here. This place is known as a power spot for increasing the luck in competition.

💋 1-2-1 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku

#### KONICA MINOLTA PLANETARIA TOKYO



A video experience complex centering on planetariums. At the Dome Theater, music live videos as well as 8K starry sky images are shown. It also has VR attractions.

Yurakucho Marion 9th floor, 2-5-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku
 03-6269-9952(10:00-19:00)
 10:30-22:30 (Last entry: 21:30)
 Open all year round (Closed in the maintenance period and while shows are being changed)

Some facilities and shows have different hours. For details, please see the website.



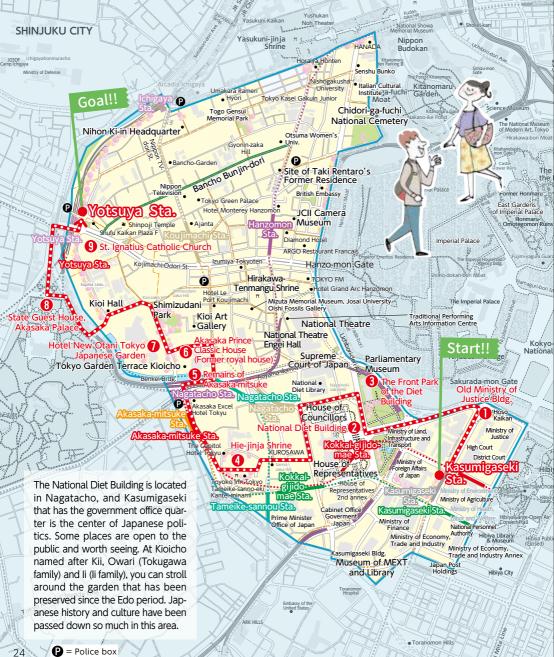
#### Full of the Showa-period vibes! The undertrack in Yurakucho

Yuraku Concourse, a bar district under the elevated track of JR Line around Yurakucho Sta. Nostalgic signs and posters of the Showa period remain here. Not only bars with a red lantern but also stylish bars are used by many people for girls-only gatherings and dating. There are table seats in front of the bars, and people enjoy talking over a drink. This district is popular among foreign tourists these days.



#### Visit Japanese central organizations and touch traditional culture Kojimachi / Bancho / Nagatacho Area

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\*The open hours, admission fee, etc. introduced here are the ones as of January 2021. They are subject to change, so please check them on official websites.



#### National Diet Building

ed in 1936. It is an architecturally beautiful

💋 1-7-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku

The National Diet Building is made up of the House of Representatives and the House of Councillors. It's a magnificent building made of granites, and the interior decoration is also worth seeing. Part of the building's interior is open to the public except when a plenary session or special events are held. The tour of the National Diet will take about 1 hour.



Chamber of the House of Representatives

#### Tour Information

#### House of Representatives

- 🕒 Weekdays only. Mondays (14:00),Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- × Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays in Japan and Dec.29-Jan.3

taking you to the House Chamber, Emperor's Room and Central Hall. You will be guided by a Diet guard in the tour, so you will never get lost in the large National Diet Building.

\*Both houses have baggage inspections, so please arrive in plenty of time.

\*For details, please see the official website.





#### Tour Information House of Councillors

- (Weekdays only) 9:00-16:00 every hour on

The souvenirs of National Diet are so unique that you can buy them only here. The National Diet Anyone can buy the souvenirs at the souvenir shop in the waiting area of the Souvenir Collection parking lot for group buses only on weekdays.



Tea cup of past prime ministers





Steel business card holder



Pottery only available in National Diet Building

#### The Front Park of the Diet Building Parliamentary Museum

It isn't well known that there is a park with rich greenery in front of the National Diet Building. There are North Garden and South Garden, and the total area is about 50,000 m<sup>2</sup>. Grass and trees that bloom from season to season are planted, and you would be so surprised with the rich nature that you can't believe that you are in the center of Tokyo.

#### The Front Park of the Diet Building

It was established on the hill where daimyos' residences were located in the Edo period. There are beautiful trees such as about 120 cherry trees that delight the eye.

There are South Garden and North Garden, and Parliamentary Museum that explains the system of the Diet and politics, and the history.

✓ 1-1-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku (€ 03-3581-1651
 (È 9:00-17:30 (€ Dec.29-Jan.3)
 (¥) Admission free



#### South Garden / Japanese Garden

There is a waterscape such as a stream and waterfall, and a gazebo near a pond in the garden. You can calmly stroll around the garden in a quiet atmosphere, hearing birds singing.



#### North Garden / Western-style Garden

A Western-style garden where many trees such as about 100 dogwoods donated by the US government in return for the cherry trees donated to Washington D. C. by Ozaki Yukio have grown. There are the Clock Tower, Sakura Well that was in front of li family's residence, and the Instrument Shelter for Origin of the Japanese Vertical Control Network which stores Japan vertical data that determine the heights above the sea level throughout Japan. Also, you can enjoy the views of the Imperial Palace and Marunouchi here.

#### Clock Tower

There are the clocks that represent the separation of the three powers, legislature, executive, and judiciary on the three sides of the tower. The chimes can be heard three times a day. Out of the chimes, 10:00 is the start time for the regular session of the House of Councillors, and 13:00 is the start time for the regular session of the House of Representatives.

#### **Parliamentary Museum**

An exhibition facility standing on the site of residences where Kato Kiyomasa and li Naosuke, the Tairo (chief minister) lived before. It was opened in 1972. The organization and management of the Diet are explained through materials and video here. There is a statue of Ozaki Yukio, the "father of parliamentary politics" at the entrance.

J 1-1-1 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku
 9:30-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30)
 Admission free
 Closed on the last day of every month and Dec.28 - Jan.4









#### The State Guest House, Akasaka Palace

The State Guest House, Akasaka Place was the only palace in Japan that was built based on the neo-Baroque style as Togu Gosho in 1909. After the World War II, it became the State Guest House and an important diplomatic place to welcome honored guests such as Kings and Presidents from abroad. After the massive repair work in 2009, it was designated as a National Treasure, and the building interior with graceful decorations is open to the public. You can see the main building, Japanese style annex and the garden. The admission fees are different depending on the area. For details on the public opening and open days, please check the official website.





2-1-1 Moto-Akasaka, Minato-ku (03-5728-7788 (10:00-17:00 (Last entry: 16:00))
 Closed on Wednesdays/irregular holidays
 Charged





10:00-18:00 (Last entry: 17:30)
 Closed on weekends and national holidays.

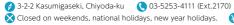
#### 🙀 Admission free

#### The Main Building of the former Ministry of Justice

The neo-Baroque style building of the former Ministry of Justice designed by the two German architects, Mr. Ende and Böckmann was completed in 1895. The building was destroyed by fire during the war, but it was restored to its original appearance in 1994. It's called the red-brick building, and the official residence dining hall for the former Ministers of Justice and others are open to the public as the exhibition rooms for judicial affairs related materials. The external appearance was designated as a National Important Cultural Property.

#### **Museum of MEXT**

The Museum of MEXT was prepared using the Office Building of the former Ministry of Education (Registered Tangible Cultural Property) built in 1933. It is an exhibition/event space dedicated to introducing MEXT's past and present. You can see the restored former minister's office and exhibitions on the history of education, science and technology, academic research, sports, and culture and the latest information here. Special exhibitions and events such as "Science Café" are sometimes held.





#### **National Theatre**

The National Theatre was built for the purpose of preserving Japanese traditional performing arts. It consists of the Large Theatre, Small Theatre, Engei Hall, Noh Theatre and Bunraku Theatre. At the Large Theatre, famous

Kabuki actors' Kabuki performance, and Kabuki performance classes for beginners and foreigners will be held.



💋 4-1 Hayabusacho, Chiyoda-ku 🛛 🔇 03-3265-7411



It is located right next to the National Theatre. Various kinds of planned exhibitions on traditional performing arts will be held and the reading room for related documents is also available.



4-1 Hayabusacho. Chiyoda-ku 03-3265-6300

- (Reading room for books) (Page 10:00-17:00
- The third Wednesday of every month: until 20:00
- Closed on weekends (Open on the second Sunday), national holidays, adjustment days at the end of a month, etc.

#### Kioi Hall



In 1995, Kioi Hall was opened to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the foundation of the former Nippon Steel (Current Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal). Kioi Hall is suitable for classical chamber music and Kioi Small Hall is furnished for Japanese traditional music.

💋 6-5 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3237-0061

#### Hanzo-mon Gate

This gate is on the western edge of the Edo Castle. It leads to the Koshu Highway. Currently, it's part of the Imperial Palace and used as the entrance to the Fukiage Imperial Gardens.



#### Nihon Ki-in Headquarter



It's a Go game place operated by Nihon Ki-in. In addition to general matches, Go classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced players are also held here. You can play Go games for a fee here.

7-2 Gobancho, Chiyoda-ku (03-3288-8840)
 11:00-18:00 (2000)
 Closed on Dec.29-Jan.4
 Adults: 1,500 yen, High school students: 810 yen, Junior high

Aduits: 1,500 yen, High school students: 810 yen, Junior high school students and younger: 570 yen

#### JCII Camera Museum

This Camera Museum is run by the JCII. About 300 Japanese Historical Cameras that tell the history of Japanese cameras are on display in the permanent exhibition. Special exhibitions by theme will be held.



JCII Ichibancho Bldg. B1, Ichibancho 25, Chiyoda-ku O3-3263-7110

Closed on Mondays (If Monday is a national holiday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday), new year holidays Adults: 300 yen, Junior high school students or younger: Admission free

🕖 Kojimachi 1, Chiyoda-ku



#### **Hie-iinia Shrine**

This shrine was founded in the early Kamakura period. It's famous for Sanno Festival, one of the Three Major Festivals in Edo. In the Shinko Festival that is to be held every other year, about 300-meter parade walking through streets is like today's dynastic picture scroll. Many people visit here to



pray for expelling evil spirits, Shichi-go-san and safe childbirth.

🚺 2-10-5 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3581-2471

#### Shimizudani Park

There were the residences of Kii Tokugawa family and li family around here in the Edo period. The place name comes from the valley in the boundary of the two families and the miraculous water (Shimizu) in the residence of Kii Tokugawa family. There is the memorial monument for Sir

Okubo Toshimichi in the park. The park is popular as an oasis in the city with rich greenery.



💋 2-1 Kioi, Chiyoda-ku Q 03-5211-4243(Road and Park Management Department, Chiyoda City)







#### Hirakawa Tenmangu Shrine

Sugawara no Michizane as the main deity, Hachimangu and Toshogu are enshrined in this shrine. It is said the shrine started when Ota Dokan requested the deities be transferred to Bairinzaka in the Edo Castle, then it was relocated to the current place in 1607. It was the shrine for Tokugawa and Ii families. The cow is a symbol of the shrine as well



as plums. It is said that you will receive a blessing if you touch the cow statue.

🚺 1-7-5 Hirakawacho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3264-3365

#### Site of Taki Rentaro's Former Residence

Taki Rentaro, a composer who is known for some famous songs such as Kojo no Tsuki and Flowers lived in Ichibancho from 1894 to 1901. The relief portrait of the composer was made and installed here to recall him.





**Supreme Court** 

The Supreme Court is the highest court in Japan. The current building was built in 1974. There are some trials onto which members of the public are admitted and the government building tour to see the grand bench. Reservations required.



4-2 Hayabusacho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3264-8151 (For reservations)

#### Hotel New Otani Tokyo Japanese Garden

The Japanese garden at Hotel New Otani Tokyo opened in 1964 has the grounds of about 40,000 m. With a history of more than 400 years, the garden had been the property of famous samurai lords such as Kato Kiyomasa and li family. It's one of the greatest gardens in Tokyo. Circulating pathways are provided around the large waterfalls, small waterfall and ponds in the garden with rich greenery. The garden shows seasonal

views such as cherry blossoms in spring. Visitors as well as the guests at the hotel can take a stroll through the garden.



✓ 4-1 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku
 ♦ 6:00-22:00
 ♀ Admission free





#### Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho

Tokyo Garden Terrace Kioicho is a large commercial complex built in the site of Grand Prince Hotel Akasaka. It's a new landmark with Kioi Tower which houses the hotel, offices and conference rooms, and Kioi Terrace which houses restaurants and shops. Also, Akasaka Prince Classic House is the former royal house. You can see gorgeous decorations both outside and



inside the building.

1-2 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku, etc.
 03-3288-5500
 Some shops have different hours.

#### St. Ignatius Church



The Catholic church in the Archdiocese of Tokyo has the official name, "Kojimachi Catholic Church". Inside the oval shaped main chapel, the alter is placed to be surrounded by attendants. The layout is unique.

💋 6-5-1 Kojimachi, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3263-4584

#### **Kioi Art Gallery**



The world's only museum that exhibits Edo Ise-Katagami, the Japanese craft of paper stencils. The museum has special exhibitions of Japanese art & culture. The natural light comes in the modern building. You can relaxingly appreciate art works. Reservations required.

3-32 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku ( 33-3265-4001
 11:00-17:00 ( Closed on national holidays.
 Adults: 1,100 yen

#### The Story of Bancho

Many writers and artists lived in the area around Bancho in the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods. The avenue that connects Kojimachi-Odori St. and Otsuma-dori Ave. is so called Bancho Bunjin-dori Ave., where Toson Shimazaki, Kyoka Izumi, Takeo Arishima, Tekkan Yosano, Tsuguharu Foujita, etc. lived. This place was a source for culture. Currently, sign plates are installed in the sites of the former residences.





The educational district where intellectuals in the Edo and Meiji periods walked

#### lidabashi / Kudan Area





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\*The open hours, admission fee, etc. introduced here are the ones as of January 2021. They are subject to change, so please check them on official websites.

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# Sotobori Park

Stretching from JR lidabashi Sta. to Yotsuya Sta. via Ichigaya Sta. along the Sotobori (Outer) Moat of the Edo Castle, this park has a length of 2km. It has a promenade that is higher than the roadway. You can stroll around the park, enjoying the scenery that changes from season to season.

🕖 Fujimi, Kudan-kita, Gobancho, etc. Chiyoda-ku

# Existing banks of Sotobori (Outer) Moat

The banks of Ushigome-bori, Shinmitsuke-bori and Ichigaya-bori Moats that were the Sotobori (Outer) Moat of the Edo Castle have the remaining of that time. They are National Historical Landmarks.

### A place famous for cherry blossoms

About 240 cherry trees such as Someiyoshino and Yamazakura are planted here. You can enjoy viewing cherry blossoms, taking a walk here.

#### Trains running along Sotobori Moat

JR Chuo Line and Sobu Line are running along Sotobori Park between Yotsuya Sta. and Iidabashi Sta. Railway fans will be fascinated by the view of the bank reflected on the moat and trains.



#### Chidori-ga-fuchi Green Way Promenade

The promenade is surrounded by nature, though it's in the center of Tokyo. You can walk along the Promenade, enjoying the scenery of Sotobori Moat that changes from season to season.



# **Tokyo Dome City**

Urban-type Entertainment leisure facilities in the north side of JR Suidobashi Sta. Various types of facilities such as an amusement park, commercial facilities, a spa, hotel and hall with a focus on Tokyo Dome are included here. The origins of the facilities lie in Korakuen Stadium for professional baseball built in 1937.

1-3-61 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku O3-5800-9999
 Some facilities have different hours.



The long history of Korakuen Stadium ended, and it was superseded by Tokyo Dome, an all-weather multipurpose stadium in 1988. Concerts and

various kinds of events as well as professional baseball games will be held here.

**Tokyo Dome** 

#### **Tokyo Dome Attractions**



An amusement park where you can enjoy with free admission. There are various attractions a wide range of age groups from children to adults can

enjoy, such as "Big O", a hubless Ferris wheel on which you can view Tokyo from an altitude of 80 meters, and the thrilling "Thunder Dolphin".

#### **TeNQ Space Museum**



The concept of this museum is "to be moved by the space". In this museum, you can see, touch and imagine the space.

Also, you can experience state-of-the-art science and culture inspired by the space here.

#### Korakuen Hall



A holy ground for Japanese martial arts on the 5th floor of Korakuen Hall Building. Games of martial arts such as boxing

and professional wrestling have been held here since the opening in 1962. This hall has seen great bouts recorded in history.

#### LaQua



A complex with Spa LaQua for relaxation and a members only fitness club as well as shops and restaurants.

#### <sup>7</sup>The Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum

This museum was opened in 1959. Then it was relocated to the inside of Tokyo Dome. Relief portraits of Hall of Famers are on display. The collected historical materials are also on display.

 1-3-61 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku 03-3811-3600
 10:00-18:00 (Open until 17:00 from Oct.to Feb. Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time)

Closed on Mondays (Open on national holidays and summer/spring vacations, and when baseball games are held at Tokyo Dome), new year holidays (Dec.29 - Jan.1)

Adults: 600 yen, High school/University students: 400 yen, Elementary school/Junior high school students: 200 yen



#### Tokyo Daijingu Shrine

It's called "O-Ise-sama in Tokyo". In 1880, this shrine was built to enable people in Tokyo to worship the deities enshrined in the Grand Shrine of Ise from afar. It's known for being the first one to have established the Shinto wedding ceremony in Japan. Three shrines of creation and growth are enshrined here, and it has become famous for having deities for matchmaking in recent years.

2-4-1 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku (03-3262-3566)
 6:00-21:00





#### What is Kagurazaka like?

When you cross Ushigome Bridge from the west exit of JR lidabashi Station, you will find a shopping street on the slope. Kagurazaka has flourished as a stylish town which reflects the times. After the Meiji period, the shopping street has rapidly developed because of the opening of Ushigome Station of Kobu Railway.

It flourished as an amusement center at the beginning of the Showa period. Persons of letters and students gathered here, and it became a culturally developed town. The shopping street is still lively and there are international gourmet shops that attract even foreign tourists at the back street. Agurazaka, Shinjuku-ku, etc.



Kagurazaka

Zenkokuji, Monzenmachi

Hyogo Yokocho

# lidabashi/Kudan Area

# **Remains of Ushigome-mitsuke**

It's one of the square-shaped defense gates built in Yotsuya, Ichigaya and Ushigome. It was located near JR lidabashi Sta. There are the remains of a stone wall on which the characters of "Matsudaira Awanokami" are

engraved.



💋 Fujimi 2, Chiyoda-ku



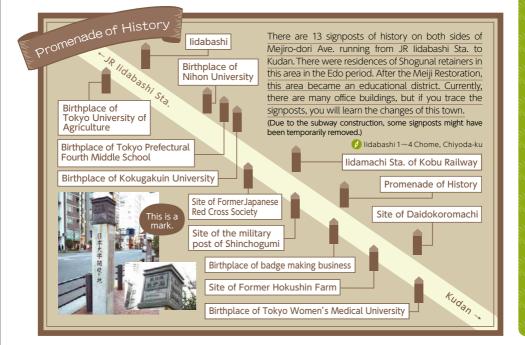
# Tokyo Lutheran Center Church

This church is a simple and friendly Northern European-style church built in 1937 (the early Showa period). It's a Western-style building designed by Eikichi Hasebe, and it's designat-



ed as a historical building by Tokyo.

1-2-32 Fujimicho, Chiyoda-ku





# Yasukuni-jinja Shrine

This shrine's origin lies in a shrine called "Shokonsha" established by the will of the Emperor Meiji to console the souls of the war dead of the Meiji Restoration in 1869. In 1879, its name was changed to "Yasukuni-jinja Shrine". The spirits of those who sacrificed themselves in the wars up to the World War II are enshrined here. There is a museum called "Yushukan" where articles of the enshrined deities and historical materials are exhibited in the precincts. The shrine is famous for its cherry blossoms and ginkgo trees.



 3-1-1 Kudan-kita, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3261-8326
 6:00-18:00 (Open until 17:00 in Nov.-Feb.)

# **National Showa Memorial Museum**

The National institutions was opened in 1999. The historical materials and information on the people's life during and after the World War II have been collected, preserved, and displayed in the Museum. You can see the permanent exhibition, related books, recorded video and photos, and special or planned exhibitions will be held.

- 💋 1-6-1 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku
- C 03-3222-2577 ( 10:00-17:30 (Last entry:17:00)
- Closed on Mondays (If Monday is a national holiday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday), new year holidays (Dec. 28-Jan. 4)
- Adults: 300 yen, High school/University students:150 yen Elementary school / Junior high school students: Admission free, 65 years old or older; 270 yen







### Senshu Bunko

Satake family (former Akita feudal lord) related materials have been collected and exhibited in this museum. About 2,300 valuable cultural materials such as ancient documents, ancient records, and old maps have been collected here.



2-1-36 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku 03-3261-0075

10:00-16:00Last entry:30 minutes before closing time

🔀 Closed on Sundays, Mondays, national holidays

Adults: 450yen, University / High school students: 350 yen Elementary school/Junior high school students: Admission free

# Nishogakusha University

In 1877, Nishogakusha, Chinese Classics Studies Academy was established by Chushu Mishima. The alumni include Chomin Nakae, Soseki Natsume, Tsuyoshi Inukai, Raicho Hiratsuka, etc.

6-16 Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku (\$ 03-3261-1292



# Statue of Omura Masujiro

Omura Masujiro is a strategist in the late Edo and Meiji periods. The statue is the oldest Western style one built in Japan in 1893. It's one of the greatest statues in Tokyo as well as Saigo Takamori's and Kusunoki Masashige's.

3-1-1 Kudan-kita, Chiyoda-ku (In Yasukuni-jinja Shrine)



# idabashi/Kudan Area

# Chidori-ga-fuchi Moat

The moat of the former Edo Castle running along Yasukuni-dori Avenue to Kitanomaru Garden. It's one of the most famous places for cherry blossoms in Japan. The Green Way promenade will be crowded with people during the period of "Chiyoda Sakura Festival". There is a boat pier, and you can see cherry blossoms on the boat.

- [Chidori-ga-fuchi Boat Pier operated by Chiyoda City]
- Ahead of Sanbancho 2, Chiyoda-ku 🜔 03-3234-1948
- () 10:00-17:00(Operating hours vary depending on the season. So please check) Light-up period in Sakura Festival: 9:00-20:30 🔀 Closed on Mondays (If Monday is a national holiday, it will be closed on the
- following Tuesday. Open throughout Cherry Blossom Festival. Dec.-Feb. 10 Soo yen per 30 min. In the period of Sakura Festival: 800 yen per 30 min.





# Chidorigafuchi National Cemetery

It's a national cemetery established by the government of Japan in 1959 to house the remains of the many unknown Japanese who died overseas including ordinary Japanese people and soldiers who died during the World War II. It houses approximately 370,000 remains as of October 2020. Memorial services are occasionally held by various associations throughout the year. Evergreen trees planted in this cemetery create an atmosphere of solemnity and tranquility suitable for such hallowed ground. 🚱 2 Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3262-2030 ( Apr.-Sep. 9:00-17:00 / Oct.-Mar. 9:00-16:00

# Koishikawa Korakuen Garden

Tokugawa family's garden in Edo. Tokugawa Yorifusa started to build the garden in 1629, and his son, Tokugawa Mitsukuni finished it. The garden features several scenes that represent famous Japanese and Chinese landscapes. As typical for strolling gardens, there is a pond in the center of the garden, and a path that leads around it. The landscapes that imitated various scenic spots are beautiful. It is designated as a National Special Historic Site and Special Scenic Spot.

- 🚯 1-6-6 Koraku, Bunkyo-ku 🌔 03-3811-3015 (🕒 9:00-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30)
- 🔀 Closed on new year holidays (Dec.29-Jan.1)
- Adults: 300 yen, Elementary school students or younger and junior high school students living in Tokyo: Admission free 65 years old or older: 150 yen





# **Italian Cultural Institute**

Baron Takaharu Mitsui donated his property in Sanbancho, Chiyoda-ku, to the Italian state for the establishment of Italian Cultural Institute. The institute opened in 1941, but it was fully rebuilt in 2005 by Italian architect Gae Aulenti. It has Italian language/cultural courses and a library, and runs high quality events such as exhibitions and concerts mostly free of charge throughout the year. 🔗 2-1-30 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku 🔇 03-3264-6011 (-) 10:00-18:00 Closed on Sundays, national holidays, Italian national holidays

# **Chiyoda City Tourist Information Center** (in Chivoda City Tourism Association)

The Information Center has sightseeing brochures of famous tourist sites in Japan including Chiyoda City and the vicinity areas. Staff members are providing tourist information in multilingual languages (English, Chinese, etc.).

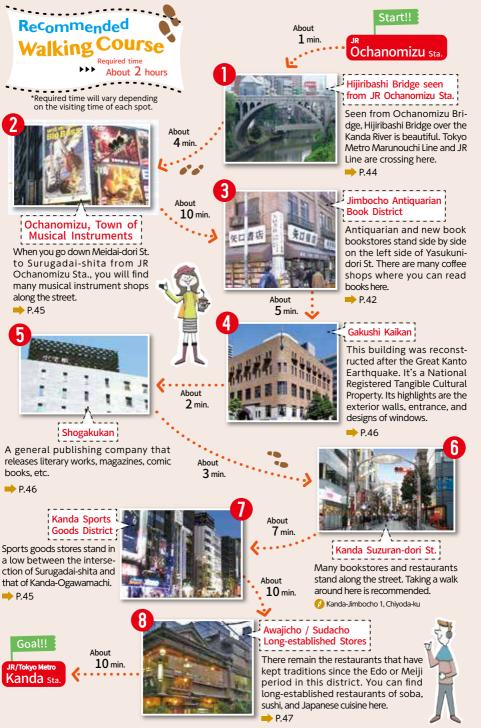


1-6-17 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku () 10:00-18:00 🔀 Closed on the 4th Sunday of every month and new year holidays 🜔 Chiyoda City Tourism Association 03-3556-0391 (weekdays only)



# Enjoy strolling in the antiquarian book district and Japanese traditional culture Kanda/Jimbocho/Ochanomizu Area





Kanda/Jimbocho/Ochanomizu Area

\*The open hours, admission fee, etc. introduced here are the ones as of January 2021. They are subject to change, so please check them on official websites.



When you walk to the west from the intersection of Surugadai-shita on Yasukuni-dori Avenue, you will find antiquarian and new-book bookstores standing side by side. The bookstores stand facing the north to prevent books from yellowing on the south side of the street. There are large general bookstores and small bookstores in the district. Especially, most antiquarian bookstores tend to sell specialized books such as old maps in the Edo period, woodblock prints like ukiyo-e, precious books in the Meiji, Taisho, and Showa periods, and comic books. This town is filled with the history of Japanese books.



# Jimbocho Antiquarian Book District

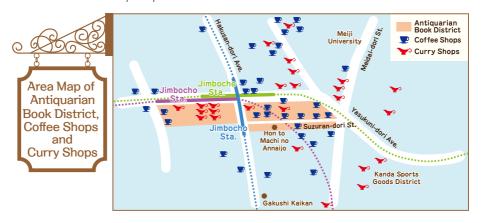
Kanda-Jimbocho has the largest antiquarian book district in Japan or the world. The number of bookstores is about 180. It's a large book district with many large and small bookstores which sell new books as well as the ones which sell old books. There are many coffee shops where you can read books and famous unique curry shops in the district.

# Hon to Machi no Annaijo

This Information Center is located at Shogakukan Gallery BH, Jimbocho. The staff of the Center will tell you the bookstore you are looking for and recommended restaurants.



🕖 1-15 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku 🛛 🕒 11:00-18:00 X Closed on Sundays, national holidays



# There used to be a China town in Kanda!?

Speaking of a China town, many people think of Yokohama and Kobe. Though this isn't well known today, there was a China town in Jimbocho from the end of the Meiji period to the Showa period. As the number of foreign students from Asian countries increased, educational institutions, boarding-house and restaurant districts were built. Those restaurants such as "Yosukosaikan" founded in the Meiji period, "Kanyoro" Shu Onrai used to visit when he studied in Japan, and "Shinsekai-saikan" founded in 1946 still remain. You can enjoy the taste of long-established Chinese restaurants. That's one of the attractions of Jimbocho.



# Coffee Shops in Jimbocho

When you stroll around a back alley of Jimbocho, a book town, you will find nostalgic Showa retro shops such as long-established coffee shops, authentic coffee shops, and jazz cafes. The number of coffee shops increased because the spaces to read books were needed. "Ladrio" that is said to be the oldest in this area was opened in 1949. Milonga Nueva was opened as a tango coffee shop. "Sabouru" which has a unique atmosphere is still a popular coffee shop. The inside of "Koseto Coffee Shop" is an art space. PIA-NO FORTE is a classical music cafe. How about finding your favorite coffee shop and enjoying reading there?



Milonga Nueva



Sabouru



**Koseto Coffee Shop** 

# Curry Shops

The eye-catching thing next to coffee shops in Jimbocho is curry shops. The number of curry shops is said to be more than 50, and there are European, Indian and Western style curry flavors. So you can enjoy various types of curry in Jimbocho. If you find your favorite book, you can eat curry, reading the book, or you can eat curry before finding a book. In recent years, there have been some annual events such as "Kanda Curry Grand Prix" that is selected by fan voting, and "Kanda Curry Town Eating Tour Stamp Rally".



Pork curry of "Sumatra Curry Kyoeido"

Chicken butter masala of "Indian Restaurant, Mandala"

"Bondy" is a representative of European curry.





Soup curry of "Audrey in Kanda-Surugadai"



# Nikolai-do

The official name is Holy Resurrection Cathedral (Orthodox Church in Japan). The Cathedral was founded by St. Nicholas Kasatkin. It was designed by Josiah Conder based on the basic design by Michael Schurupov and completed in 1891.

The Byzantine style building with the height of 35 meters is one of Ochanomizu's features. The bell-tower and dome were destroyed by the Great Kanto Earthquake. However, the cathedral was restored to its original design in 1929. It's open to the public. A National Important Cultural Property.  4-1-3 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3295-6879
 Open hours of the cathedral: Apr.-Sep.: 13:00-16:00 Oct.-Mar.: 13:00-15:30
 Charged

# Hijiribashi Bridge



The reinforced-concrete arch bridge was built over the Kanda River 1927.

The bridge name was chosen from submissions from the public as the bridge that connects Yushima Seido and Nikolai-do.

4 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, etc.

# Athénée Français Cultural Center



The Center has screening of movies and video works from around the world, lecture meetings, symposiums, workshops, etc. for the purpose of international cultural exchange through movies.

Athénée Français 4F 2-11 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku

This Museum is one of the

oldest museums of private

universities. The "Commodi-

ties Museum" of the School of Commerce. the "Muse-

um of Criminology" of the

School of Law, and the

"Archaeological Museum"

of the School of Arts and

Letters were integrated.

- 03-3291-4339
- 13:00-20:00
- Closed on Sundays, and national holidays

**Catholic Kanda Church** 

This Church built in 1874 is one of the oldest Catholic churches in Tokyo. The cathedral planned by a French priest was built in the early Showa period. The church is designated as a National Tangible Cultural Property.

🥖 1-1-12 Nishi-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku

- 03-3291-0861
- Open hours: 10:00-16:00 (Excluding the time when rituals are held)
- 🚫 Closed on Mondays



# Meiji University Museum



Academy Common B1, 1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku 03-3296-4448

- 05-5290-4440
- 🕒 10:00-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30)

Closed on Aug. 10-16, Dec.26-Jan.7 There may be temporary closure in Aug. (Please check on th

There may be temporary closure in Aug. (Please check on the website) Admission free (Might be charged in special exhibitions)

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## Musical Instrument Town, Ochanomizu

There are many musical instrument stores in and around Meiji-dori Ave. running from JR Ochanomizu Sta. to Surugadai-shita. Since there are many universities and schools, musical instrument shops gathered here.

General shops and specialty shops of various musical instruments ranging from classic or acoustic guitars, keyboards to drums line up here.



💋 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku



# Kanda Sports Goods District

There are many sports goods shops along Yasukuni-dori Ave. from Surugadai-shita to the intersection of Kanda-Ogawamachi. There are specialty stores for various ball games, running, mountain climbing, ski and snowboards here, and many shoppers visit here in the peak season. In autumn, Kanda Sports Festival and Kanda Curry Grand Prix will be held, and in winter ,Kanda-Ogawamachi Snowman Fair will be held.

Yasukuni-dori Ave. Kanda-Ogawamachi, Chiyoda-ku

# **Hilltop Hotel**



This elegant hotel with art deco style was designed by William Merrell Vories, an American architect. It opened in 1954. This hotel has been widely known as "the hotel loved by the intellectual" since its opening. Many writers and novelists stayed at the hotel for their writing. This hotel has 35 guest rooms, 7 restaurants & bar, and a



coffee parlor where you can take out cakes and baked confectionary.

1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku 03-3293-2311

# Ochanomizu Sola City

A complex building directly connected to Shin-ochanomizu Sta., Chiyoda Line. It houses "Sola City Plaza", a square anyone can use and many restaurants and shops.

4-6 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku
 Some shops have different hours.



# WATERRAS

A symbolic complex building in Kanda-Awajicho. WATER-RAS Mall is a shopping mall from B1 to 3F. It includes restaurants, cafes and shops.

2-101, 103, 105 Kanda-Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku

- 03-3526-3555
- Some shops have different hours.





# Gakushi Kaikan

Gakushikai was founded for the reunion of graduates of national universities. The current building was reconstructed after the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1928. Its features are the large semi-circular arch at the entrance, the differences in the window designs by floor, etc. It's designated as a National Registered Tangible Cultural Property, and used as a hotel and restaurant. Also, there are stone monuments of the birthplace of the University of Tokyo, Japanese baseball and Jo Niijima, the founder of Doshisha University.



3-28, Kanda-Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3292-5936



# **Jimbocho Theater**

A mini theater which shows masterworks of Japanese movies. You can see old movie stars on the screen. Check the official website for the screening schedules.

Jimbocho Theater Bldg. 1-23 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku 03-5281-5132

## Jimbocho Yoshimoto Manzai Theater

In this theater, young manzai comedians who have an entertainment career of up to 7 years improvise stories in an audition live performance. Some members from Osaka Yoshimoto Manzai Theater appear on stage. Since it's a small theater, you can enjoy a live performance of comedians who improvise stories on the spot.

 Jimbocho Theater Bldg. 2F, 1-23 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3219-0678

# Iwanami Hall

This hall was opened as a multi-purpose hall and became a movie theater later. Highly cultural works selected regardless of a production nation are shown here. It's a pioneer of mini theaters.



Iwanami Jimbocho Bldg. 10F
 2-1 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3262-5252

# Shogakukan

A general publishing company founded in 1922. A wide range of publications, especially many comic works have been published. You can have your commemorative photos taken with the life-sized Doraemon standing at the entrance. A big G pen with autographs for the 50th anniversary of Weekly Shonen Sunday is on display at the subway passageway. (The information is the one as of January 2021, and it's subject to change.)

2-3-1 Hitotsubashi, Chiyoda-ku (03-3230-5211)



# Awajicho / Sudacho Long-established Stores

Sudacho intersection on Yasukuni-dori Ave. was a key spot for transportation that connected five roadways. Located near a vegetable market, this area was very prosperous, and many gourmet restaurants to satisfy Tokyoites were established around here.

Many long-established stores have kept their tradition. There are many stores that escaped from war fire and keep the original appearance. So visiting the stores with a nostalgic atmosphere

is also recommended.













# Restaurants loved by intellectuals



Soseki Natsume

Awajicho and Sudacho, there are many long-established restaurants intellectuals visited frequently. It is said Soseki Natsume liked Western-style mixed vegetables and seafood tempura of Shoeitei. The omelet-shaped fried dish with a lot of meat and onions is said to have been developed at the request of Soseki. It has been the specialty of this restaurant.

Among restaurants in Kanda-



Shotaro Ikenami

Shotaro Ikenami, a historical novel writer is also known as a gourmet. He visited this area frequently. It is said he liked the omelet-shaped fried dish and potato salad as well as Ankou-nabe from Isegen, Chicken sukiyaki from Botan, handmade soba from Kanda Matsuya. Also, he liked fried Manju and Awa Zenzai from Takemura.



# Kanda Yabusoba

A soba restaurant established in 1880. It's the main store of Yabusoba that has kept the tradition of Edomae soba, and one of three branch Yabu families. "Sotoichi Soba" with 90.9% buckwheat flour and 9.1% binding agent is thin and shiny. If you dip the soba into thick soup and suck in noodles, you will feel the soba going down your throat smoothly.



2-10 Kanda-Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3251-0287

11:30-20:30(Last order: 20:00)
 Wednesdays (Open if Wednesday is a national holiday)

# Isegen

The only goosefish dish restaurant in Tokyo established in 1830. They have used a traditional cooking method since the Edo period. Goosefish tastes bland, but it has rich flavor, high protein and low fat. Goosefish liver is a dainty

called "the foie gras of the sea". The tasteful building is also attractive.

- 🕖 1-11-1 Kanda-Sudacho, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-3251-1229
- (4) 11:30-14:00, 17:00-22:00
- Open on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays Open (except for Saturdays, Sundays in Apr.-Oct., national holidays and new year holidays)







# Takemura

This café featuring Japanese-style sweets was established in 1930. The wooden three-story building with a half-hipped roof is selected as a historical building by Tokyo. Its specialty, "fried Manju" has a crispy crust, which goes well with bean jam of the inside. They use homemade bean jam made from beans from Hokkaido.



- 💋 1-19 Kanda-Sudacho, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-3251-2328
- 11:00-20:00
- Closed on Sundays, Mondays, national holidays
- national holiday

# Shoeitei

Japanese-style Western food restaurant established in 1907. Its specialty is Western-style mixed vegetables and seafood tempura loved by Soseki Natsume. Hamburg steaks and omlet rice are also popular.



2-8 Kanda-Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3251-5511
 11:00-14:00, 17:00-19:30 Closed on Sundays, national holidays

# **Ohmiya Yougashiten**

A long-established shop that has continued to make simple Western confectionaries since 1884. The shop strictly select fruits in season, so the shop owner buys them at a market every day. The coffee shop is open until 17:00.



2-4 Kanda-Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku ( 33-3251-1088
 9:00-19:00 (Sundays, national holidays: 10:00-17:30)
 Open all year round (Please ask for the open hours in new year holidays)

# Maruishi Building

This office building was designed by Yamashita Toshiro Architecture Office and completed in 1931. Toshiro Yamashita is the designer of Kasumigaseki Building. This building is characterized by two different types of exterior walls. The highlights are the arched exterior decorations on the first floor and relief sculptures of animals and plants that can be found everywhere.

💋 1-10-4 Kajicho, Chiyoda-ku





# Botan

A long-established restaurant which serves only chicken sukiyaki since the establishment in 1897. They still provide the original taste, using Binchotan charcoal and iron pots without using gas stoves. The building from the early Showa period remains as it was, and is designated as a historical building of Tokyo. You can enjoy chicken sukiyaki, relaxing in a tasteful building.



👩 1-15 Kanda-Sudacho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3251-0577 11:30-21:00(Last entry: 20:00) Closed on Sundays, national holidays

# Kanda Matsuya

Established in 1884. This restaurant uses buckwheat flour milled with a stone mill, and provides handmade soba made by skilled craftsmen with traditional techniques. The soba has rich strong flavor and goes well with a little thick soup, which is downtown taste. More than 1000 meals of Mori-soba, chilled soba served on a dish with

dipping soup can be sold in a day.

- 🚺 1-13 Kanda-Sudacho, Chiyoda-ku
- () 03-3251-1556
- (1) 11:00-20:00

(Saturdays, national holidays: until 19:00) 🔀 Closed on Sundays





# Kanda Shinodazushi

Established in 1902. Inarizushi. flavored boiled rice wrapped in a fried bean curd and Norimaki, vinegared rice rolled in seaweed with dried gourd are flagship products. It has a shop on the first floor and eat-in space in the basement.



💋 2-2 Kanda-Awajicho, Chiyoda-ku 🌔 03-3255-2525 ( 7:30-18:00 (Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays: until 17:00) Closed on Tuesdays

# Under-track of Kanda Station

The area around JR Kanda Sta. is a town for office workers. Izakaya and stand bars gather under the track of the station, and nostalgic Showa vibe remains here.

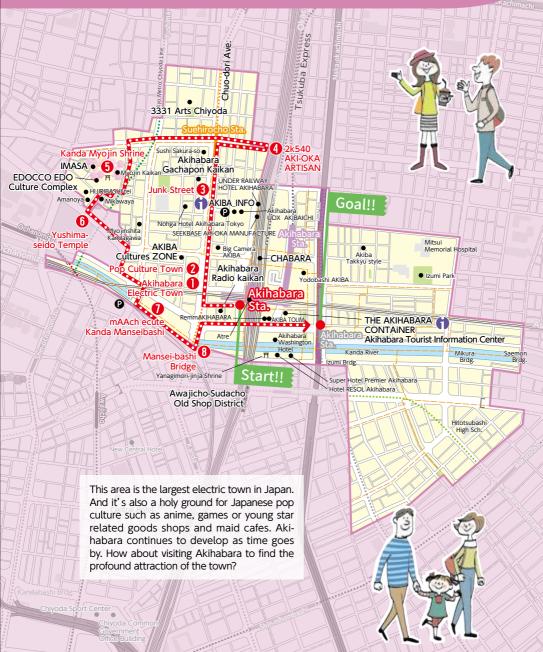
💋 Kajicho, Chiyoda-ku





One of the largest electric towns in the world & holy ground for pop culture

# Akihabara Area





kihabara Area

loved by many people as Edo Sochinju since the Edo period. Kanda Matsuri (Festival) is famous. P.54

#### mAAch ecute Kanda Manseibashi -----

A commercial facility that was built using the former Manseibashi Station that has red-brick arches.

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**Akihabara** sta

Akihabara Electric Town One of the largest electric towns

that has many electric appliance

stores. There are many complex facilities and restaurants.

current one was rebuilt after the Great Kanto

Earthquake.

\*The open hours, admission fee, etc. introduced here are the ones as of January 2021. They are subject to change, so please check them on official websites.



# Akihabara Electric Town

Akihabara has developed as time goes by—from the home appliance sales boom in the high economic growth period to the PC/multi-media period and prosperous period for the contents industry. The most advanced products and technology information have gathered here, so Akihabara has been garnering attention around the world.

From the black market after the war to History of Akihabara the leading electric town in the world

## 1 The origin of the name, Akihabara

The origin of the name, Akihabara dates back to the Meiji period. The area around Akihabara has been the key point for transportation since the Edo period. There were many fires at that time. When there was a big fire and Akihabara was burnt down by the fire in 1869, the burnt-out field was left as a firebreak and Akiba Shrine (currently located in Taito City) was founded there. Since then, it has been called "Akibanohara" or "Akibappara" which means Akiba's field.

# The black market after the war changed into an electric town

In 1890, Akihabara Station, a freight station was established in the field. Since Akihabara has railways and arterial roads, it became a logistics base, and assembly and sales of telecommunication equipment and radio parts became prosperous. It was burnt down because of the World War II, but electric businessmen gathered here shortly after the war, and an electric town of street stalls was established. This town became a radio department and was developed into the Akihabara Electric Town.

# Developed into one of the largest electric town in the world through the home appliance sales boom



Japanese home appliance sales boom started with the Three Sacred Treasures of black-and-white TVs, washing machines, and refrigerators in 1950s or 1960s. Various kinds of home appliances, audios and games appeared one after another, and Akihabara Electric Town had its best days. Japanese home appliances came to have a world-class quality and became popular among foreigners. In the second half of 1970s, microcomputer shops appeared, and junk shops that sell used parts also appeared.

4 Developed into Akiba, a holy ground for pop culture



Became a holy place for pop culture

In 1990s, Akihabara changed into a computer town and became the town that has the most advanced multi-media. As the computer lovers called geeks who had visited Akihabara seeking for computer parts expanded their interests into games, anime and model figures, Akihabara developed into the town of contents industry. The geek culture got popularized, and Akihabara came to be known as a source of pop culture.

# Leave it to the masters of Akiba! Akihabara Information Center & Tours

# AKIBA\_INFO

The center is sending the information on Akihabara and Tokyo maps and events in the area. It can provide the latest information on Akihabara and distribute local free paper, flyers and brochures on Akihabara. English Available.

- Akihabara UDX 2F, 4-14-1 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
- 11:00-17:30
- 🚫 Closed on Mondays, new year holidays
- http://www.akiba-information.jp/

Akihabara Tourist Information Center

A Tourist Information Center certified by Japan National Tourism Organization. You can get maps of Akihabara and flyers of shops, apply for the guided tours in Akihabara, and purchase various kinds of tickets through the Tickets Today terminal here. Free Wi-fi is available.

- Within THE AKIHABARA CONTAINER Chomp Chomp AKIHABARA 1F,1-13 Kanda-Sakumacho, Chiyoda-ku
- (-) 12:00-17:00 🚫 Closed on new year holidays

# **Akiba Deep Travel**

A tour guide company in Akihabara. Experienced guides who know sightseeing spots ranging from ordinary ones to deep ones will guide you. First Akiba Experience Tour is available at 6,000 yen or more per person (available for 2 or more persons). "Deepon", a smartphone ticket with which you can experience Akihabara at a reasonable price is on sale here.

- UFOPK AKIHABARA Akihabara UDX 4F, 4-14-1 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
- Closed on new year holidays
- (L) 10:00-17:00 (E) https://akiba.tours/



# Japanese idol culture

Since the establishment of this theater, the idol culture has flourished in Akihabara. There are many theaters and live music clubs where idols perform. Cafes to foster young idols are also popular.



# **Maid Cafes**

Maid cafes are popular sightseeing spots in Akihabara. @home cafe is recommended for beginners. The cafe has omelet rice on which maids draw a picture with ketchup and pink curry for which maids cast a spell. Taking a picture and playing games with maids are also popular.



Photo by Akiba Deep Travel

# **Rental Showcase Shops**

A rental showcase is a small showcase system which anyone can rent to display and sell their items. There are many showcase shops in Akihabara, and items such as anime, game plastic models, model figures, stuffed animals, miniature cars, idol goods, are on display. It's a treasury of Akiba culture.



Photo by Volks Akihabara Hobby Paradise

# Model figures

Since a plastic model / model figure shop was opened in Akihabara Radio Kaikan, there have been a variety of shops ranging from a large model figure shop building to shops which sell rare items, and workshops to make model figures.



Photo by Creative Space Nano Lab

# **Concept Cafes**

There are various kinds of concept cafes other than maid cafes in Akihabara. You can enjoy the extraordinary with entertainment properties at a railway cafe, Gundam cafe, and Ninja cafe. There are precious railway goods and models that entertain anyone from adults to children at Little TGV, a railway bar.



Photo by Little TGV, a railway Izakaya

The term refers to dressing up as a comic book/ anime/game character. There are many shops that sell cosplay goods and shooting studios for cosplayers. Also, there are studios where you can experience cosplay. You can go there empty-handed because they can provide clothes rental and makeup systems.

Cosplay



Photo by Akihabara Shooting Studio, Studio BAHIR



# Kanda Myojin Shrine

This shrine has been called "Kanda Myojin" since the Edo period and loved by the shogunate and ordinary people as the Edo Sochinju. It was built near the current Masakado's tomb in Otemachi, and it was relocated to the current place which was the guardian place of the northeastern di-

# **CHABARA AKI-OKA MARCHE**

This Japanese food culture facility is located under the elevated tracks between Akihabara and Okachimachi Stations, where Kanda Vegetable and Fruit Market was located before. This facility incorporates "Nippon Department Stores Shokuhinkan" that sells selected specialty foods around Japan, "Yanaka Coffee Shop" that roasts coffee beans after receiving orders, and Komaki Shokudo, Kamakura Fushikian, a vegetarian restaurant.



8-2 Kanda-Neribeicho, Chiyoda-ku

- 03-5334-1097
- 11:00-20:00

Closed on Jan.1, the first Wednesday of Jun. and Nov.

# Akihabara Gachapon Kaikan

A specialty store which has about 500 gachapons (capsule toy vending machines). As it assorts goods from rare ones to the latest ones, collectors should not miss it. About 50 new items will arrive every month, so you will find new items every time you visit the store.



 3-15-5 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
 03-5209-6020
 Mon. -Thu. 11:00-20:00/ Fri, Sat, the day before a holiday:11:00-22:00/ Sun, national holi days: 11:00-19:00 rection of the Edo Castle in 1616. Kanda Matsuri (Festival) is one of the three largest festivals of Edo. EDOCCO, Edo Culture Complex has souvenir shops, restaurants, and events in which you can experience traditional culture.

💋 2-16-2 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3254-0753

# Imasa (Endo family's former store/house)

This house with a store was built by Endo family who was running lumber business since the Edo period in 1927. Many precious woods and various techniques of craftsmen are used in this building. It is designated as Chiyoda City's Tangible Cultural Property. Seasonal events such as displaying Endo family's furniture which shows the lifestyle of the Edo period will be held. It can be used as a cafe.



Inside Miyamoto Park, 2-16
 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3255-3565 (L) 11:00-16:00

03-3255-5565

Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, National holidays, new year holidays, temporarily closed in summer season. (Café) Closed on Mondays / irregular holidays

# Akihabara Radio Kaikan

Located in front of the Electric Town Exit of JR Akihabara Sta., this hall is a holy ground for audio devices, computers, and model figures. It houses typical Akiba culture stores which sell electronic equipment such as electronic parts, audio devices and security goods, cards, model figures,



dolls, and plastic models.

- 1-15-16 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
   03-5298-1570
- 10:00-20:00、B1F 12:00-22:00 (Sundays/national holidays: 12:00-21:30)

# Chuo-dori Ave.

The area around Chuo-dori Ave. which is the main street of Akihabara is one of the largest electric towns in the world, and a source of pop culture that attracts the world's attention. AKB48 Theater, anime, games, and idol related shops, concept cafes developed from maid cafes gather in this area.



#### 🚺 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku



# Yushima Seido

Confucius's Mausoleum was relocated to Yushima for the promotion of Confucianism by Tokugawa Tsunayoshi, the 5th shogunate in 1690. After that, Shoheizaka Gakumonjo was established right next to that.



1-4-25 Yushima, Bunkyo-ku (03-3251-4606
 9:30-17:00 (Winter season:until 16:00)
 Admission free
 Closed on Aug.13-17, Dec.29-31

# **AKIBA Cultures ZONE**

This is a source of Akiba culture. The facility houses shops of anime character model figures, society magazines, railway models, etc., a voice actor theater and idol cafes.



🕖 1-7-6 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku

Some shops have different hours and closed days. Please check on the website. http://akibaculturesone.com/

# mAAch ecute Kanda Manseibashi

A commercial facility that was built using the former Manseibashi Station's viaduct that has beautiful red-brick arches. There is no partition between the shops inside the facility. When you come out of an arched tunnel, you will find another shop in the next arch. Many stylish shops and cafes are lined up here. There are some remains of steps, wall surfaces, platforms, etc. One of its highlights is the diorama that reproduced the former Manseibashi Sta. in the Taisho period and its surroundings. Some railway tracks are running on the both sides of the outdoor observation deck, so you can see JR Chuo Line at close range.

I-25-4 Kanda-Sudacho, Chiyoda-ku (03-3257-8910
 Shops:11:00-20:00, Restaurants:11:00-23:00 (Sundays and national holidays: until 21:00)

# 3331 Arts Chiyoda

This art center was founded using the former Rensei Junior High School. It houses galleries, offices, and cafes. It's the base of cultural activities such as exhibitions and workshops. It has some space that anyone can use for free of charge.



6-11-14 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku (0) 03-6803-2441
 10:00-21:00 (2) Closed on new year holidays, Bon Festival (Mid-Aug.)

# **2k540 AKI OKA-ARTISAN**

A "Town of Manufacturing" under the elevated tracks between Akihabara and Okachimachi Stations. Various kinds of ateliers and shops of canvas, furniture, wooden or leather products, metal-carving, pottery, plant dyeing, etc. are lined up.



5-9 Ueno, Taito-ku (03-6806-0254)
 11:00-19:00 \*Some stores have different hours.
 Closed on Wednesdays. \*Some stores have different closed days.

# Arts / Museums

# These are also recommended!

The Museum of art pieces owned by the Imperial family **Sannomaru Shozokan** 

[→P.13]

- 🚺 1-1 Chiyoda, Chiyoda-ku
- 🔇 03-5208-1063 🛛 🙀 Admission free
- •Mar.1-Apr.14, Oct.1-the end of Oct. 9:00-16:15 •Apr.15-the end of Aug., Sep.1-the end of Sep. 9:00-16:45 •Nov.1-the end of Feb. 9:00-15:45 \*Last entry:15 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays and Fridays (Apart from the Emperor's Birthday, it opens if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday.) Dec. 28-Jan. 3, exhibition changeovers.

Museum within Tokyo Station Marunouchi Station Building

#### **Tokyo Station Gallery**

#### [→P.21]

- 🚺 1-9-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-3212-2485
- 10:00-18:00(Fridays: until 20:00) \*Last entry:30 min. before closing time
- Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday), and new year holidays
- (Charged (Different depending on a planned exhibition)

Traditional Performing Arts documents owned by National Theatre

#### Traditional Performing Arts Information Centre, National Theatre

[→P.29]

💋 4-1 Hayabusacho. Chiyoda-ku

03-3265-7411

- Planned exhibitions are different depending on the content.(Reading room for books) 10:00-17:00 (Third Wednesday of every month: Open until 20:00. If the third Wednesday is a national holiday, it will be open until 17:00 on the following Thursday.)
- Closed on Saturdays, Sundays (Open on the second Sunday of every month), national holidays, adjustment days at the end of a month, etc.

Fossils of fish and dinosaurs that lived 100 million years ago are displayed Mizuta Memorial Museum, Josai University Oishi Fossils Gallery

- 💋 2-3-20 Hirakawacho, Chiyoda-ku
- 🔇 03-6238-1031 🛛 😭 Admission free
- 11:00-17:00(Closed at 11:30-12:30 on Saturdays and national holidays)
- Closed on Sundays, national holidays, exhibitions changeovers, summer season and new year holidays (There is a temporary closure)

# The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo

Japan's first national art museum. One of the largest collections in Japan of more than 13,000 works includes many National Important Cultural Properties such as Taikan Yokoyama's and Shunso Hishida's. You can trace the history of Japanese arts at a stroke in MOMAT's collection period. (→ P.15)

- 💋 3-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku 🔇 03-5777-8600 (Hello Dial)
- 10:00-17:00 (Fridays and Saturdays: Open until 20:00)
- \*Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday, and closed on the following Tuesday.),new year holidays.
- Adults: 500 yen, College students:250 yen, Admission free for high School students and younger than 18 years old, 65 years old or older, persons with a disability certificate and his/her attendant



# **Idemitsu Museum of Arts**

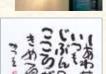
The museum founded by Sazo Idemitsu. Collections centering on East Asian antiques are introduced through planned exhibitions. Georges Rouault's works are also introduced in the annex. You can overlook the area around the Imperial Palace from the lobby.  $(\rightarrow P.21)$ 

- Feigeki Bldg. 9F, 3-1-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
- 🔇 03-5777-8600 (Hello Dial)
- 10:00-17:00(Fridays: Open until 19:00) \*Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays, national holidays, while exhibitions are being changed.
- Adults: 1.200 yen, College students/High school students: 800 yen, Junior high school students or younger: Free of charge (Need to be accompanied by a guardian)



# Mitsuo Aida Museum

The Museum of Mitsuo Aida, a calligrapher and poet known for the best seller of "Ningen damono". He has pursued his calligraphies and poems, and created unique expression styles. Planned exhibitions as well as display of popular works are being held.



© Mitsuo Aida Museum

- Tokyo International Forum B1F, 3-5-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
   03-6212-3200 (D) 10:00-17:30(Last entry: 17:00)
- Closed on Mondays (Open if Monday is a national holiday) Adults:800 yen, Junior high school/High school students:500 yen, Elementary school students:200 yen, Seniors (70 or over):600 yen

There are many unique museums and galleries of companies and individuals as well as national and university museums in Chiyoda City. The City has places to satisfy your intellectual curiosity such as to experience arts freely and know the history more.

# Mitsubishi Ichigokan Museum

Planned exhibitions with the theme of modern art from the second half of the 19th century to the first half of the 20th century will be held three times a year. The Mitsubishi Ichigokan, a red-brick building completed in 1894 was restored and opened as a museum. The museum houses works of Henri de Toulouse-Lautrec, Odilon Redon, etc., centering on Western arts of the same period as the building's. ( $\rightarrow$  P.21)

💋 2-6-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-5777-8600 (Hello Dial)

- 10:00-18:00 Fridays: 10:00-21:00 (If Friday is a national holiday, close at 18:00.) The second Wednesday of every month: 10:00-21:00. Weekdays in the final week of exhibitions: Open until 21:00 "Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time
- Closed on Mondays (except when Monday is a national holiday or final week of exhibitions), year-end holiday, Jan.1 and while exhibitions are being changed.

B Different depending on an exhibition









# **Science Museum**

A comprehensive museum of science technology and industrial technology. The exhibitions are based on experiences, so you can deepen your knowledge on science technology by enjoying seeing and touching them. A variety of experiment shows are being held here.  $(\rightarrow P.14)$ 

- 💋 2-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku 🔇 03-3212-8544
- ( 9:30-16:50(Last entry: 16:00)
- Closed on Wednesdays irregularly (Open in long school vacations, and Nov.- Feb.), new year holidays (Dec.28 Jan.3)

Adults:800 yen, Junior/Senior high school students:500 yen, Children (4 or over):400 yen

# These are also recommended!

Japanese and foreign cameras are on display

#### JCII Camera Museum (→P.29)

- JCII Ichibancho Bldg., Ichibancho 25, Chiyoda-ku
   03-3263-7110 (1) 10:00-17:00
- Closed on Mondays (If Monday is a national holiday, it will be closed on the following Tuesday), and new year holidays
- Adults: 300 yen, Junior high school students or younger: Admission free

The materials of the people's life during and after the World War II are displayed

#### National Showa Memorial Museum (→P.38)

- 💋 1-6-1 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-3222-2577
- (Last entry: 17:00)
- Closed on Sundays, national holidays, exhibitions changeovers, summer season and new year holidays (There is a temporary closure)
- Adults: 300 yen, High school / College students: 150 yen, Elementary school / Junior high school students: Admission free, People aged 65 and older: 270 yen

Museum of Satake family (former Akita feudal lord) related materials

#### Senshu Bunko

[→P.38]

- 💋 2-1-36 Kudan-minami, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-5208-1063
- A 11:00-16:00
- \*Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time

X Closed on Sundays, Mondays, national holidays

Adults: 450 yen, College / High school students: 350 yen, Elementary school / Junior high school students: Admission free

Tools of torture and execution from Japan and other countries are on display

# Meiji University Museum

[→P.44]

- Academy Common, B1 1-1 Kanda-Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku
- 03-3296-4448
- 10:00-17:00 (Last entry: 16:30)
- Closed on Aug.10 16, Dec.26 Jan. , There may be temporary closure in Aug.
- Admission free (Might be charged in special exhibit
  - (Might be charged in special exhibitions)

# Historical Buildings

Western-style buildings and Japanese wooden buildings built in the Meiji and early Showa period are worth seeing.



# Hibiya Matsumotoro (→P22)

The restaurant in Hibiya Park was founded in 1903. The three-story Western building with a mansard roof was rated as a stylish one at that time. The current building was reconstructed. You can enjoy Western grilled dishes and French dishes.

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Within Hibiya Park, 1-2 Hibiya-koen, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3503-1451

Western cuisine, Grill & Garden Terrace: 11:00-21:00 French cuisine: 11:00-22:00

🚫 Open all year round

## Gakushi Kaikan (→P41·P46)



Gakushikai was founded for the reunion of the graduates of national universities. The current building reconstructed after the Great Kanto Earthquake was completed in 1928. It features the large semi-circular arch at the entrance and the design of windows. It is designated as a National Registered Tangible Cultural Property.

3-28 Kanda-Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku 03-3292-5936

# Maruishi Building (→P49)

This office building was designed by Yamashita Toshiro Architecture Office and completed in 1931. Toshiro Yamashita is the designer of Kasumigaseki Building. This building is characterized by two different types of exterior walls. The highlights are the arched exterior decorations on the first floor and relief sculptures of animals and plants that can be found everywhere.



## **Catholic Kanda Church** (→ P44)



This Church built in 1874 is one of the oldest Catholic churches in Tokyo. The cathedral was planned by a French priest and built in the early Showa period. The concrete-made church with 3 naves is designated as a National Tangible Cultural Property.

1-1-12 Nishi-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
 Open hours: 10:00-16:00(Excluding the time when rituals are held)
 Closed on Mondays.

#### **Imasa** (Endo family's former store/house) $[\rightarrow P54]$

This house with a store was built by Endo family who had been running lumber business since the Edo period, after the Great Kanto Earthquake in 1927. Many precious woods and various techniques of craftsmen are used in this building. It is designated as Chiyoda City's Tangible Cultural Property, and it's currently used as a cafe.



💋 Within Miyamoto Park, 2-16 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku

- 03-3255-3565 (-) 11:00-16:00
- Closed on Saturdays, Sundays, national holidays, new year holidays (There is temporary closure in summer)

🕖 1-10-4 Kajicho, Chiyoda-ku



There are historical shrines that thrived under the patronage of the Tokugawa Shogunate around the Edo Castle. Traditional festivals are also popular.



# Hie-jinja Shrine (→ P30)

This shrine was founded in the early Kamakura period. The shrine is famous for Sanno Festival, one of the largest festivals of Edo. In the Shinko Festival that is to be held every other year, about 300-meter parade walking through streets is magnificent.

2-10-5 Nagatacho, Chiyoda-ku O3-3581-2471

# Kanda Myojin Shrine (Kanda Shrine) (→ P54)

This shrine was built in 730. It has been called "Kanda Myojin" since the Edo period, and loved as the Edo Sochinju. Kanda Festival is one of the three largest festivals of Edo. In the festival that is to be held every two years, the parade of mikoshi (portable shrines) and festival floats will walk in the City.



2-16-2 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3254-0753

# **Tokyo Daijingu Shrine** (→P36)



It's called "O-Ise-sama in Tokyo". In 1880, this shrine was built to enable people in Tokyo to worship the deities enshrined in the Grand Shrine of Ise from afar. It's known for being the first one to have established the Shinto wedding ceremony in Japan. Three shrines of creation and growth are enshrined here, and the shrine is said to have deities for matchmaking.

2-4-1 Fujimi, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3262-3566
 Open hours: 6:00-21:00

## Yasukuni-jinja Shrine (→ P38)



This shrine's origin lies in a shrine called "Shokonsha" established by the will of the Emperor Meiji in 1869. In 1879, its name was changed to "Yasukuni-jinja Shrine". The spirits of those who sacrificed themselves in the wars from the end of the Edo period to the World War II are enshrined here.

- 3-1-1 Kudan-Kita, Chiyoda-ku 03-3261-8326
- 6:00-18:00 (until 17:00 in Nov.- Feb.)
   Open all year round



The shrine was established to worship Sugawara Michizane as the main deity and Hachimangu and Toshogu. It is said the shrine started when Ota Dokan requested the deity be transferred to Bairinzaka in the Edo Castle, then it was relocated to the current place in 1607. It was the shrine for Tokugawa and If families.

1-7-5, Hirakawacho, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3264-3365

# Hirakawa Tenmangu Shrine (→ P30)





# What's Izakaya?



Izakaya means the Japanese-style bar the general public in Japan visit for drinking. Officer workers often visit Izakayas at the end of a day to heal fatigue of the day and deepen communication with their colleagues. Japanese people don't eat expensive Japanese cuisine or Kaiseki every day. How about enjoying Izakaya where you can drink sake and eat Japanese dishes at a reasonable price? You can learn about Japanese drinking culture there.

# step 1 Select an Izakaya.

General Izakayas have various types of alcoholic drinks and a variety of side dishes. Sometimes Izakaya featuring Yakitori (grilled chicken) is called Yakitoriya and Izakaya featuring Oden is called Odenya. There are various types of Izakayas ranging from common-type to high-class. First, you need to decide what you want to eat, then select a store that suits your budget.

# 2 Order a drink.

When you enter an Izakaya and have a seat, you will be asked what you want to drink. Most Japanese people answer, "Beer as a starter!" It sounds like a magic password. However, general Izakayas

have a wide variety of alcoholic drinks like distilled spirit, sake, whiskey, wine, etc. as well as beer. They also have non-alcoholic drinks and soft drinks.



# **3** A compulsory appetizer will be served.

Some stores serve a small compulsory appetizer you don't order. The appetizer is just like a greeting by the store or a small dish to satisfy customers until the ordered dishes are served. However, it's not a free service and you will be charged when you pay the check. This is unique to Japan. Please take this as a venue cost or table charge.



# 4 Order side dishes that will be served quickly.

It's boring to have only alcoholic drinks while you are waiting for side dishes to come. So you should order side dishes that will be served quickly such as green soybeans, cold Tofu, pickles and prepared cooked dishes. It would be good to ask staff about side dishes that will be served quickly.



# Bar Districts in Chiyoda City

Chiyoda City situated in the center of Tokyo is one of the largest office towns in Japan. When the night falls, office worker finish their work and go drinking. So there are bar districts where many Izakayas gather here and there. Some famous bar districts will be introduced below. You might find a deep side of Tokyo in the bar districts.

# Kanda

Kanda is called a "town for salaried workers" because there are many company offices in Kanda. Many Izakayas gather around the north and west exits of JR Kanda Sta. There are a wide variety of Izakayas ranging from cheep ones



to high-quality ones suitable for entertaining clients in multi-tenant buildings or under the tracks of the Sta. Some Izakayas carefully select ingredients and others serve Japanese local cuisines, which are nostalgic to those who came to Tokyo for work and popular among them.

# Yurakucho

There are many Izakayas under the track between Yurakucho Sta. and Shimbashi Sta. on JR Yamanote Line. Many people visit the bars on Friday night, so every store is full. Those bars tend to serve side dishes at a reasonable price.



# 5 Order side dishes

Next, order various types of side dishes. You should ask staff about signature dishes or recommended dishes. It would be also good to ask about seasonal food. Various types of dishes such as broiled fish, cooked food, fried food, food cooked in a pot and Sashimi (sliced raw fish) are lined up in the menu. Japanese people like fried chicken, fried potatoes, seasonal fish Sashimi, broiled arabesque greenling, etc. In winter season, food cooked in a pot is popular.

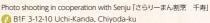
# 6 Order a finishing dish

Ordering a finishing dish such as a rice dish at the end even if you are full is a Japanese-style. Some Izakayas have Ramen and Udon noodles as well as boiled rice with tea and rice

balls. Since each dish has a small portion, people can have a rice dish after having a few dishes. That indicates Japanese people like rice.

Now you understand part of Japanese food culture, don't you? Try various types of Izakayas and learn about Japanese taste. You might meet new people with whom you can hit it off through drinking.







Assorted Sashimi

# Night View Spots

Night views in the center of Tokyo are very urban. The historical buildings and trees in the streets of office buildings are lit up sometimes warmly and other times gorgeously, which creates a romantic atmosphere. Let's go for a walk to see the beautifully-decorated city after dinner.



Kokyo Gaien

National

Garden

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# Marunouchi

# Marunouchi Illumination

Marunouchi Naka-dori St. is a beautiful street with trees planted on both sides of the street. About 220 trees are illuminated with 1.2 million LED lights at night. It's recommended to take a walk along the street after dinner.

Marunouchi 1-3, Chiyoda-ku Barly November-Mid February

# Wadakura Fountain Park

This park is located in the Kokyo Gaien National Garden, which are close to Tokyo Station. The fountain is lit up at night, which creates a fantastic atmosphere. The park is also popular as a dating spot.

🕖 1-1 Kokyogaien, Chiyoda-ku ( 03-3213-0095





# **"KITTE Garden" on the rooftop**

The garden is on the 6th floor of the KITTE complex in front of Tokyo Station. It's one of the most beautiful view spots to overlook Tokyo Station Marunouchi Station Building and the Square in front of the station. At night, it turns into a romantic space overlooking the lit-up station building.

- 2-7-2 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku Contention (Contention)
   Rooftop Garden 11:00-23:00
- (until 22:00 for Sundays and national holidays)
- 🔀 Closed on Jan. 1 and legal inspection dates
- Admission free (Closed in case of stormy weather)

# Night Views in Akihabara

Akihabara is famous as an electric town and pop-culture town. It's crowded with many shoppers even at night and decorated with colorful neon signs.

💋 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku





# Tokyo International Forum

A convention and arts center equipped with a range of facilities including small-tolarge-size halls. The building is known as one of Tokyo's leading landmarks, and the glass atrium in the east makes the whole building glitter like a lighting.

3-5-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku
 03-5221-9000



Hotel lounge bars with stunning views, a high-quality live music restaurant, and some famous night spots in Tokyo. How about enjoying Tokyo nights in a gorgeous space?

A classic bar with the vestiges of famous architecture

## **Old Imperial Bar**

The main bar preserves the traces of the Imperial Hotel's former Main Building, designed by master architect Frank Lloyd Wright.It is a singular location that passes along a design hailed as a masterpiece of world construction artistry, with Oya stone and terracotta remaining just as they were originally. Savor one of the brilliantly individualistic, colorful cocktails—such as the Mount Fuji—in a moodily lit up classic atmosphere.

 Imperial Hotel, Tokyo, Main Bldg., Mezzanine 1-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
 03-3539-8088
 11:30-24:00 (LO)
 Open all year round





#### A top floor hotel bar with a popular cocktail hour

## Peter: The Bar

This bar is on the 24th floor, the top of The Peninsula Tokyo. Within, a contemporary space harmonized with the views of Ginza and Shiodome unfolds. In this high-quality, modern atmosphere, you can enjoy signature cocktails, carefully selected high-quality sake, and rare vintage wines. Cocktail hour (17:00-20:00 from Sun. to Thu.) is especially popular, with beers and cocktails on offer for 1,000 yen (excl. tax and service charge).

 THE PENINSULA TOKYO 24th Floor, 1-8-1 Yurakucho, Chiyodaku, Tokyo
 03-6270-2763
 12:00 - 24:00 (Fridays and Saturdays: until 1:00 am)

Have a cocktail in a high-impact space of glass art

## Sky Gallery Lounge Levita

A cocktail lounge bar on the 35th floor of The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho. The space within the two-story atrium, surrounded by glass art in the image of waterfalls, has an awe-inspiring scale that will have you feel as if you' re floating. From the giant glass windows, you can enjoy the city center's scenery, shifting from moment to moment. Savor the "Tales of 8" cocktail made with Bacardi Reserva Ocho premium rum— top 8 winner of the World Cocktail Championship.

 The Prince Gallery Tokyo Kioicho 35F, 1-2 Kioicho, Chiyoda-ku
 03-3234-1136 Weekdays: 12:00-2:00 am aturdays, Sun-X Open all year round days, national holidays: 11:00-2:00 am



# COTTON CLUB

A live music restaurant that recreates the legendary New York nightclub. You can eniov French cuisine and alcoholic beverages in front of stunning stage acts in a space full of chandeliers and red carpet that sets the mood. Jazz, soul, funk, Latin music, and world music are the focus, and top artists active worldwide appear night after night. A rich live music experience awaits.

TOKIA 2F, TOKYO Bldg., 2-7-3 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku X Irregular holidays

🔇 03-3215-1555 🕒 Mon.-Fri.:17:00-23:00 Sat urdays, Sundays, national holidays:16:00-22:30

#### A nostalgic and tasteful izakaya full of history

## Mimasuya

Performance by Nicole Henry Photo by Y.Yoneda

A long-established Izakaya loved by people in Kanda since its establishment in 1905. This popular bar has a lantern that says "loach fish" and shop curtains made of rope, and it also has one of the most distinguished histories in Tokyo. Inside, where the Showa-period vibe can be strongly felt, there are table seats, raised floor seats, and private rooms deeper within. The famous Yanagawa hot pot and "sakura sashimi (horse meat)" are popular. For evenings, we recommend you make a reservation.

🔗 2-15-2 Kanda-Tsukasamachi, Chiyoda-ku 03-3294-5433 🕒 Mon. - Fri: <u>11:30-13:30, 17:00-23:00</u>

Saturdays: 17:00-22:00 🗙 Closed on Sundays, national holidays. new year holidays



Have an original cocktail from a world-famous bar

# STAR BAR

A flagship of Ginza's famous bars that was selected as one of the World's Best Bars. Have a signature cocktail or seasonal fruit cocktail in front of shelves filled with rare and famous sake, seated at the incredible 12-meter-long counter. Uncommon single-malt liquors and rum are also available. Enjoy witnessing the bartender's exquisite skills in the form of stunningly transparent "ninja ice", or the "brilliant ice", which sparkles like a diamond.

- 🚺 Tokyo Midtown Hibiya 3F, 1-1-2 Yurakucho, Chiyooda-ku 03-6206-1560
- 16:00-24:00
- Closed on Mondays and 1st Tuesdays of every month



# Calendar of Festivals and Events

Various kinds of timeless events ranging from traditional festivals and downtown style events to high technology experiences will be held in Chiyoda City.

# Jan.1-3



Hatsumode (Shrines and Temples in Chiyoda City)

Shrines in Chiyoda City will be crowded with people who visit there for the first time in a new year. Tokyo Daijingu Shrine





# Setsubun Festival

(Kanda Myojin Shrine, Hie-jinja Shrine, Tokyo Daijingu Shrine, etc.)

A traditional event in winter in which beanthrowing will be done.



Chiyoda Sakura Festival (Chidori-ga-fuchi Moat and others) Cherry blossoms in Chidori-ga-fuchi Green Way will be illuminated.

January	1st-3rd Hatsumoude (Shrines and temples in Chiyoda City)
	2nd General Congratulatory Palace Visit (Imperial Palace)
	2nd/3rd Start/Goal of Hakone Ekiden (In front of Yomiuri Shimbun Co., Ltd.)
	Mid Jan. Kanda Myojin Shrine Festival (Kanda Myojin Shrine)
	Late Jan. Kanda Ogawamachi Snowman Fair (Ogawa Square, Kanda-Jimbocho Area)
February	3rd Setsubun Festival (Kanda Myojin Shrine, Hie-jinja Shrine, Tokyo Daijingu Shrine, etc.)
	Mid Feb. Chiyoda Cat Festival (Chiyoda City Hall)
	17th Kinen Festival (Hie-jinja Shrine, Tokyo Daijingu Shrine)
March	Early Mar. Girls' Festival (Tokyo Daijingu Shrine)
	Late Mar Early Apr. Chiyoda Sakura Festival (Chidori-ga-fuchi Green Way, etc.)
April	Late Apr. JAZZ AUDITORIA in WATERRAS (WATERRAS)

\*The events are subject to change for some reasons.



# LA FOLLE JOURNÉE TOKYO

A classical music festival where musicians from Japan and overseas gather. You can enjoy top flight music performance freely here.

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Kanda Matsuri (Festival) (around Kanda Myojin Shrine) Kanda Myojin Shrine's regular festival. It will be held in odd-numbered years. Its highlight is carrying many portable shrines into the shrine.



Sanno Festival (around Hie -jinja Shrine) A 300-meter parade will go around the

town in the festival. It will be held in even-numbered years.



# Some photos in this guidebook are the ones taken by the winners of "Chiyoda City Photo Contest", which finds the attractions of Chiyoda City.



The 2nd Chiyoda City Photo Contest "Cool Attraction" by Yukinori Hasumi



"The road entrusted for the future" by Kazuo Mochizuki



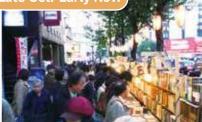
Photo Contest "Calm autumn weather" by Masaru Kubo



# Mitama Festival (Yasukuni-jinja Shrine)

The spirits of those who sacrificed themselves in the wars are enshrined here. About 30,000 votive lanterns will color the night in summer.

Late Oct.-Early Nov.



# Tokyo's Specialty, Kanda Used Book Festival

(Kanda-Jimbocho Antiquarian Book District) A variety of book related events such as "Open-air Secondhand Book Market"

# Marunouchi Ondo Bon-odori Festival (Hibiya Park)

People dance Marunouchi Ondo, making a circle and surrounding the Grand Fountain in Hibiya Park. Tens of thousands of people will come to this festival.

July	Early Jul.	Akita Yuzawa Tanabata Edoro Festival in Kanda (Kanda Sta. West Exit Shopping Street) will be held every other year/ Tanabata Festival (Kanda Myojin Shrine, Hirakawa Tenmangu Shrine, etc.)/Kigan Festival (Tokyo Daijingu Shrine)
	13-16th	Mitama Matsuri (Festival) (Yasukuni-jinja Shrine)
	Late Jul.	Chiyoda Lantern Festival (Operated by Chi-dori-ga-fuchi Boat Pier)
	Late Jul Early Aug.	Otemachi, Marunouchi, Yurakucho Summer Festival (Otemachi, Marunouchi, Yurakucho)
	Early Aug.	Bon-odori Festival (Tokyo Daijingu Shrine)
August	Mid Aug.	Kanda Myojin Shrine Summer Festival (Kanda Myojin Shrine)/Marunouchi Kids Jamboree (Tokyo International Forum)
	Late Aug.	Marunouchi Ondo Bon-odori Festival (Hibiya Park)
	Late Aug End of Nov.	Kanda Curry Town Eating Tour Stamp Rally (around Kanda-Jimbocho)
S	Early Sep.	Kanda Gigei Festival (Kanda/Shussefudo-dori St.)
September	Early-Late Sep,	Art Award Tokyo Marunouchi (Marunouchi, Gyoko-dori Underground Gallery, etc.)
	Late Sep.	Autumn Night mikagura (Yasukuni-jinja Shrine)/Mid-autumn Kangen-sai Festival (Hie-jinja Shrine)
	25th	10 yen Curry Charity (Hibiya Park, Hibiya Matsumotoro)



## Ochanomizu JAZZ Festival (Meiji University Academy Hall) A local event to revitalize the town through music.

Many live music concerts will be held.

# Mid Nov.-Late Dec.



WHITE KITTE (KITTE) Illumination in a Christmas season



# Kanda Curry Grand Prix Final Match (Ogawa Square)

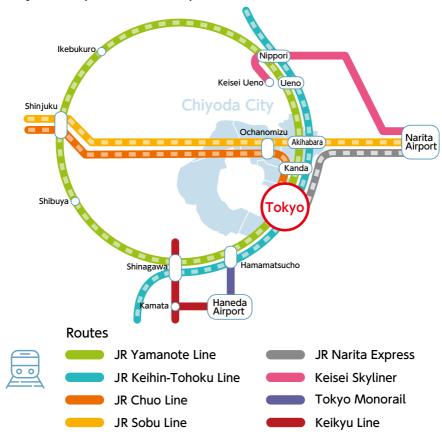
The main event of a Curry Grand Prix. The best curry of the year will be selected.

October	Early Oct.	Ochanomizu Art Picnic (around JR Ochanomizu Sta.)/Tokyo Ajiwai Festa (Sponsored by Tokyo Metropolitan Government)/Railway Festival (Hibiya Park)/ Ochanomizu JAZZ Festival (Meiji University Academy Common)
	Mid Oct Mid Nov.	Chiyoda's Autumn Culture and Art Festival
	Late Nov.	Hibiya Park Gardening Show (Hibiya Park)
	Late Oct Early Nov.	Tokyo's Specialty, Kanda Used Book Festival (Kanda-Jimbocho Antiquarian Book District) Jimbocho Book Festival (Kanda Suzuran-dori St. Sakura-dori St.) Kanda Sports Festival
November	Early-Late Nov.	Tokyo Tourism Chrysanthemum Exhibition (Hibiya Park)
	Early Nov.	Ochanomizu Passionate Musical Instrument Festival (Saint Clair Square in front of Ochanomizu Sta.)
	Mid Nov	Kanda Curry Grand Prix Final Match (Ogawa Square)
	Late Dec.	WHITE KITTE (KITTE)
	Mid Nov Late Feb.	Illumination in Chiyoda City
December	Late Dec Early Jan.	Lighting up of Nijubashi Bridge, etc. (around the Imperial Palace)
	Late Dec.	Tokyo Michiterasu (around Marunouchi)

\*The events are subject to change for some reasons.

# Chiyoda Access Map

# Access from Narita Airport, Haneda Airport and major nearby stations to Tokyo Sta.





# From Narita Airport

About 60 min. by Narita Express. About 90 min. by Sobu Line Express (bound for Tokyo Sta.).

About 80-110 min. by Limousine Bus (bound for Tokyo Sta. / Nihonbashi district).

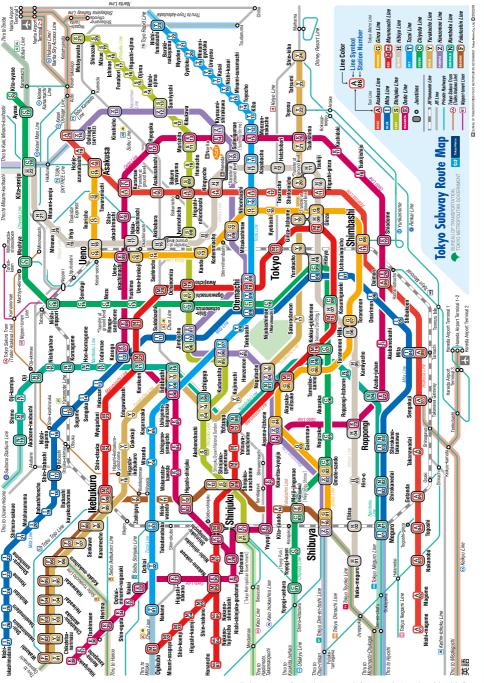


# In case of using expressways,

Inner Circular Route using Yaesu Exit, Kandabashi Exit, Takaracho Exit



About 35 min. by Tokyo Monorail (to Hamamatsucho) and Keihin-Tohoku Line or Yamanote Line (from Hamamatsucho to Tokyo Sta.). About 40 min. by Airport Limousine Bus (bound for Yaesu South Exit of Tokyo Sta.).







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