

"Best Hidden Gems in Tokyo"

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The Shitamachi Museum

"Edo Era Nostalgia"

Wreathed in an atmosphere of a working-class neighborhood set in the pre-1923 Great Kanto Earthquake days, the Shitamachii Museum is an evocative representation of the bygone glory of Japan. It is home to a string of traditional, Japanese-style houses which, much paradoxically, lie nestled amid the soaring high-rises of Tokyo. A mural on the landing between the first and second floors depicts peddlers, artisans and blue-collar workers going about their daily life during the Edo period. The extensive display of household items gives a fascinating peek into a lifestyle from days gone by. A striking nexus of antiquity and unhindered cultural intrigue, the museum displays insightful exhibits which can be explored and understood with the help of an English speaking guide. A glimpse of Japanese history, the museum is no less than a time machine, transporting its visitors to the Edo era.



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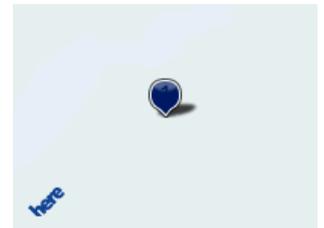


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Erawan

"Refreshing Thai Massages"

Take a break from your hectic schedule and pamper yourself with some relaxing spa therapies at Erawan. This day-spa is known for offering authentic Thai massages and spa treatments. Operating since 2004, the spa takes you away from the chaos of the city with its serene ambiance and oriental decor. Opt for the classic foot reflexology session or indulge in some relaxing aroma therapies, the spa menu has a lot to offer. The friendly staff is well-trained and assures you of the much needed rejuvenation. With their special couple offers, the spa is a great romantic getaway where both of you can relax.



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Tokyo Toy Museum

"Amusing Museum for Children"

Since this museum was built, the Tokyo Toy Museum has been loved by all generations. It displays about fifteen thousand works, such as toys from around the world and traditional toys from right here in Japan. Visitors can play with most toys in the museum; it will surely be a good time spent with your family. If you wish to learn more, please check the website.



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Ukiyo-e Ōta Memorial Museum of Art

"Rare Collections"

Established in 1980, the Ota Memorial Museum of Art presents the personal collection of Ota Seizo V's collection of Ukiyo-e art works. Driven by his passion for Ukiyo-e art, which was recognized and adored worldwide, Seizo kept collecting these art works. The collections amount to more than 12000 pieces, and are all displayed in rotation within the museum.



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Samurai Museum

"Samurai History"

Samurais have been a powerful symbol of warfare, courage, power, and masculinity over the years in Japan. The Samurai Museum is the perfect place to showcase the iconic fighters with explanations about backgrounds and history. The museum houses a breath-taking collection of the samurai warfare items, their costumes, their evolution, and other details. Established in 2015, this place is the perfect way for locals and foreigners to understand this era of Japan's history.



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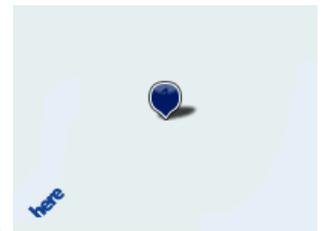


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Grimoire

"Antiques and Vintage Items"

Grimoire, located on Jinnan is one of two shops which offers a miscellaneous treasure-trove of items from vintage and historic eras. If vintage fashion is your style you should definitely check out their clothing collections which include a wide variety of vintage dresses, skirts, blouses and the like. Shoes, accessories and bags can also be found here. Another section of the shop offers antiques and curios dating all the way back to the 1800s.



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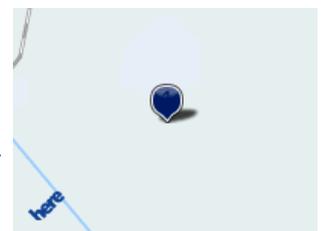


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Tokyo Photographic Art Museum

"World of Photography"

If you are an amateur photographer and want to know more on the art of clicking pictures, visit the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography for some practical information. The museum organizes various exhibitions, lectures and collage competitions on this underrated form of art. Additionally, there is an in-house Museum Shop and a library to give you more knowledge about the intricate details of photography. Participate actively in the programs and check out how different the world looks through your camera's lenses. Capture it!



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Tokyo Somei Onsen Sakura

"Healing Baths"

Though Tokyo has several hot water baths, what sets Tokyo Somei Onsen Sakura apart is the fact that the spring water is filtered to remove the odor and color without compromising on its benefits. In addition to the sodium-chloride rich natural springs, the venue is the ultimate spot for relaxation and offers spa and chiropractic therapies. Soothe your muscles with the chiropractic treatments or pamper yourself with nourishing body scrubs, this place is a pure self indulgence.



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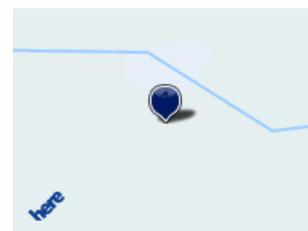


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Niwa no Yu

"Relaxation, Rejuvenation & Healing"

Take a break from your hectic schedule and pamper yourself with a rejuvenating bath at Niwa no Yu. This spring bath is known for its natural hot spring, rich in minerals, and has several health benefits. Designed by famed Japanese architect, Kenzo Kosugi, this is noted as one of the most beautiful baths in town. The outdoor Jacuzzi which boasts of the beautiful views of the Japanese gardens allows a unisex crowd, while otherwise the bath has separate zones for males and females. The whirlpool here, contains water heated up to 35 degrees Celsius (95 degree Fahrenheit) to ensure your comfort. Besides, Niwa no Yu also has enclosed spaces where you can freely soak in the mineral water and relax with some privacy. In addition, there is also a sauna and a steam room in the property. There are well-trained instructors by the Bade pool who guide you to stretch effectively in the pool for your fitness.



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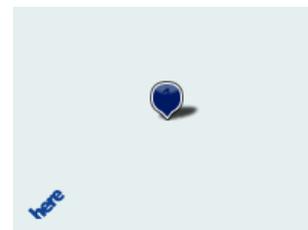


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Utsukushi no Yu

"Relax & Refresh"

Tucked away in the city of Tokyo, where hot water springs are a common feature, Utsukushi no Yu is a popular public bath that doesn't dig a hole in your pocket. This bathhouse offers outdoor and indoor baths with hot as well as cold water. The carbonated spring bath is a popular feature of Utsukushi no Yu and is known to detoxify you by soaking extra carbon dioxide from your skin thus improving the blood circulation. There is a facility for bubble baths with jet nozzles that massage your body improving the overall blood flow. Besides, there is a Jacuzzi tub, open-air sauna, infra red sauna where you can relax while burning the unnecessary fat. Utsukushi no Yu also offers therapeutic massages and a relaxation room for your rejuvenation.



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