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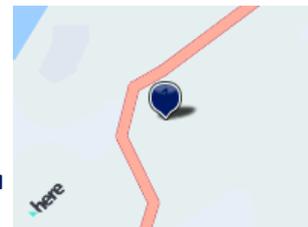


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Tokyo Station

"Commuting Centre in Tokyo"

Located in the east of the city, Tokyo Station handles a vast array of commuter trains running north, south, east and west. All trains are color-coded to match the lines on which they run. Most lines run local, rapid and express trains. Tokyo Station is also the terminal for bullet trains running to all corners of the country. Tickets for these may be purchased at all major JR stations at the Midori Madoguchi (Green Window). It is best to make a seat reservation in advance. Moreover, the imperial red building also houses a plethora of shops, eateries and even a hotel within its premises, making it a premiere attraction.



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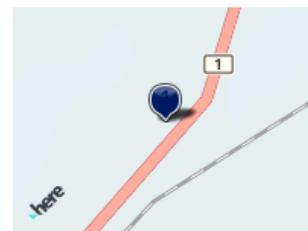


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Tokyo International Forum

"Excellent Venue for Arts"

Tokyo International Forum is an excellent venue for music, theater, dance performances, cinema and art exhibitions. It consists of four buildings, each with its own venue hall. Live performances are usually staged in Hall A and Hall B. The facilities are marvelous and include a variety of restaurants that cater to a wide range of culinary tastes. Concerts are also sometimes staged in the afternoon and evening.



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National Diet Building

"Center of Politics in Japan"

The National Diet Building was built in 1936. It is about 65.5 meters (215 feet) high and takes up 103 square meters (1108.7 square feet) of space. There are two free tours available: the first one is offered by the House of Representatives (this tour is not offered on Saturdays, Sundays and a holidays) and the second one is offered by the House of Councilors. In these tours, you will see the lobby, conference hall and central hall of the National Diet Building. You don't need to book in advance if you're going with less than nine people.



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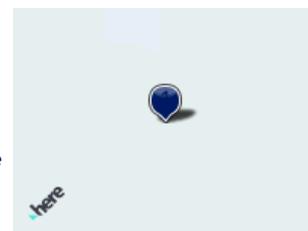


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Tokyo Tower

"The Eiffel Tower of Tokyo"

Gleaming in swathes of orange and white during the day, the Tokyo Tower rises from a sea of skyscrapers in its latticed glory, and soars above the city at 332 meters (1,092 feet). The tower, constructed in 1958, was inspired by the charming form of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, and its architect, Tachū Naitō, instantly imbibed this design into his plans for the magnificent tower. A remarkable landmark in this thriving city, the Tokyo Tower hosts a variety of entertainment along its steep stretch. At 150



meters (490 feet), the Main Observatory hosts a viewing platform, while the special platform with incomparable views is located at 250 meters (820.21 feet). On a clear day, the views extend to as far as the lofty pinnacle of Mount Fuji. The Tokyo Tower, among other things, is a dazzling beacon symbolizing the city's success, and appears the most beautiful when illuminated in incandescent colors.



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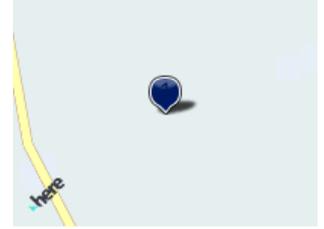


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Kyū-Iwasaki-tei Garden

"Tradition Preserved"

The vast Iwasaki estate that was founded in 1886 by the Iwasaki family is an important cultural asset, whose crown jewel is the Kyu-Iwasaki-tei Gardens. It has a beautiful western style residence, a princely Japanese style house and extensive gardens. The craft of making 'kinkarakawa paper'(gold leather work like paper) has almost disappeared. But if you visit the Kyu-Iwasaki-tei Gardens, you will see this work on the garden's wall, adding further cultural significance to this landmark. The gardens are free to visit for Junior High school and Elementary school students living in Tokyo.



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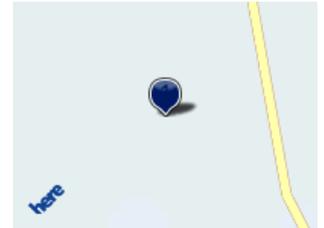


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Akamon

"Elegant National Treasure"

The elegant Akamon, a symbol of the University of Tokyo, is also an important national cultural treasure. Built to welcome Yasuhime, the daughter of the 13th generation Shogun Ienari, on her visit to the samurai Maeda Family in 1828, the gate got its name from its beautiful vermilion color, and its eaves still retain the Maeda Family crest. While you are on the grounds, pause to consider this century-old masterpiece.



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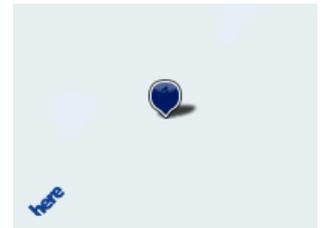


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Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

"Sticking to Tradition"

Founded in 1926, the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum displays a wide range of Japanese art forms in its six huge galleries. Apart from organizing exhibitions of traditional Japanese crafts, graphic design and calligraphy by contemporary Japanese artists, the museum also holds art lectures and workshops for upcoming enthusiasts. Admission prices vary as per the exhibition. For more details, check the website.



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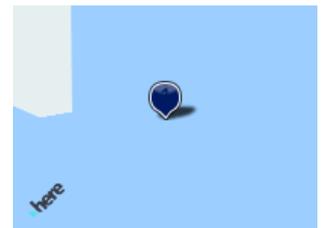


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Rainbow Bridge

"Beautifully Lit Bridge over Tokyo Bay"

So named because of its colorful lights, Rainbow Bridge spans the bay from Shibaura Wharf to Odaiba, one of Tokyo's premier dining and dining areas. Comprising eight traffic lanes and two railways, the bridge also has a pedestrian walkway and observation towers. Inaugurated in 1993, the suspension bridge is 918 meters long with a distance of 570 meters between the two towers. Another way to see this spectacular bridge would be to travel over it on the Yurikamome monorail line departing from Shimbashi. Or you could take a cruise boat upriver from Hinode Pier to Asakusa.



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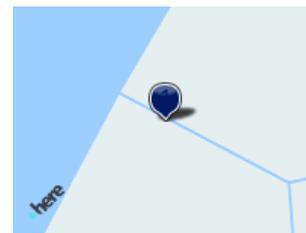


by Wei-Te Wong

Tokyo Skytree

"Landmark Tower of Tokyo"

Watching over the cosmopolitan landscape of Sumida, Tokyo Sky Tree is one of the tallest towers in the world. The tower is a beacon of the city's contemporary persona and an amalgam of traditional and neo-futuristic architecture elements. Boasting a monumental scale of 634 meters (2080 feet), this lofty tower is home to many attractions including a restaurant, a cafe, an aquarium, and observatories that afford astounding views of Tokyo's cityscape. Tokyo Skytree is a sight of magnificence at night, forming not only a dominating feature of Sumida's skyline but also appearing as a majestic embodiment of the city's ever-evolving face.



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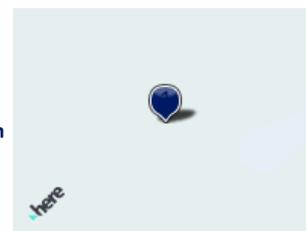


by Kazuhisa OTSUBO

Nezu Museum

"First Rate Fine Art"

Here is another businessman's collection (Kaichiro Nezu 1860-1940) which has become a first-rate museum. Well represented are traditional Japanese art works. The museum is well known for its 14th century painting of "Nachi Waterfall", its screens (the irises by Korin) and its tea ceremony ware. There is also an excellent collection of Song and Yuan Chinese dynasty paintings. The facility itself is breathtaking with plenty of trees, a small pond and traditional sculptures dotting the landscape. Overall, this museum is guaranteed to fill you with tranquility and awe.



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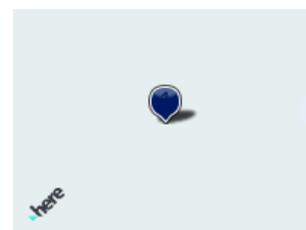


by scarletgreen

Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum

"Artist's Vision Brought to Life"

Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum is home to the works of the great artist, Taro Okamoto. Magnificent sculptures and paintings fill the museum. This Museum was his house and atelier, where he created many famous artworks. Here you can also catch a glimpse of rare manuscripts, which also hosts variety of exhibitions. His strange artworks will stimulate your creativity. For a nominal price you can learn all about this visionary artist and truly learn the meaning of abstract art.



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Diver City Tokyo Plaza

"All Day Shopping"

Located in Daiba and fronted by a life-sized model of a Gundam, the seven-floor Diver City Tokyo Plaza has all the leading fashion brands, such as Old Navy, Uniqlo, Lacoste, Adidas and Diesel. On the ground floor, there is a food court, and the sixth floor has more formal restaurants serving a variety of world foods. First-time visitors to Japan can take a peek in the maid café for a unique experience, or make reservations to explore Gundam Front Tokyo, a shop/exhibit dedicated to the Japanese animated TV series. More run-of-the-mill entertainment options include tennis and bowling. There is an exchange bureau, and duty free shopping is available at some stores. The restaurants stay open later than the boutiques.



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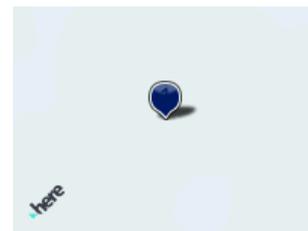


by Bear

Shinjuku Station

"World's Busiest Railway Station"

The busiest railway station in the world, Shinjuku Station handles some four million passengers daily. Japan Railways East, Odakyu, Keio and Seibu Shinjuku are some of the private companies operating trains in and out of this terminal. The station is packed with bars, restaurants, a couple of department stores, and kiosks selling everything from ties to tissues. Coin lockers are also available. The biggest thing to worry about here is the crowds, but they are generally quite orderly except on Saturday nights.



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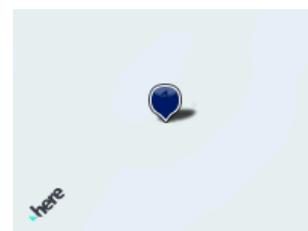


by Markus Leupold-Löwenthal

Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building

"Soaring Civic Pride"

Watching over the increasingly cosmopolitan expanse of Tokyo, this lofty building is an architectural wonder. The Kenzo Tange-designed building, with its two distinctive towers, was the tallest building in Tokyo until 2006, when it lost its title to the Midtown Tower. Completed in 1990, the enormous building takes up three city blocks. Designed to look like a computer chip, the building has been called a beacon of technological advancement that embodies the contemporary vigor that the city is known for. The building itself is stunning and is topped by observation decks which afford dynamic views of the city sprawled below. The gargantuan scale of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building befits the sheer enormity of its function; it is from here that all of the 23 wards, as well as the various towns and villages of Tokyo are governed.



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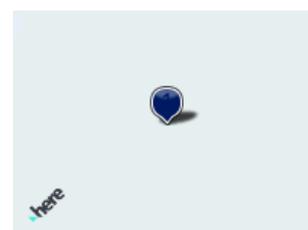


by Kentaro Ohno

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

"Past Perfect"

Ever wondered how Japanese houses and shops looked decades ago? Well, here is your chance to gain knowledge. Much of Tokyo's architectural heritage had been destroyed in the Great Kanto earthquake and the World War II bombings. In order to retrieve its past, the Tokyo Metropolitan Government established the Tatemono-en (open air architectural museum) as part of the Edo-Tokyo museum in 1993. The museum has 27 buildings (with plans for four more) that run along small streets and span architectural time-lines from the mid-Edo period through the mid-Showa. Do not miss the Tsunashima family's thatched-roof farmhouse, the old post box, the top of the watchtower from the Ueno Fire Station and the bricks from Ginza Brick Town. Walk through the streets and take history lessons! Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum closes every Monday (When Monday is a national holiday, closes on the following day.)



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