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Enjoy Tokyo as a City of Water: Tokyo Cruising



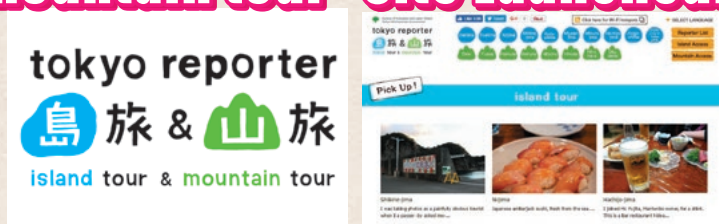
On the redesigned Official Tokyo Travel Guide "GO TOKYO" website, you can now check out information about water tourism at "Tokyo Cruising" of ten kinds, in nine languages. The website contains a search engine for various cruise courses including *yakatabune* (traditional Japanese houseboat) tours, water bus tours, and lunch cruises, views of Tokyo from boats, and gourmet food information. Rediscover Tokyo from a brand new angle in the water areas.

www.gotokyo.org/shuun/en/

"tokyo reporter: island tour & mountain tour" Site Launched!

The "tokyo reporter: island tour & mountain tour" site is now open! Popular bloggers from China, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong, Singapore, and Japan visit the Tama regions and islands in Tokyo and describe their visits with photos and words. You can find lots of useful information for visiting the sites yourself. It is in English, Korean, and Chinese (traditional and simplified).

tokyoreporter.jp/en/



New Complex Facility and Museum of Katsushika Hokusai Opening in Ryogoku!

Enjoy Cool Food beloved by the people of Edo at "Ryogoku Edo NOREN"

A new complex facility specialized in food under the theme of "enjoying the cool food culture of the Edo period" is now open in a renovated old station building of JR Ryogoku Station. The facility has a large inner space for recreating the atmosphere of old Edo town, offering a place for enjoying not only food but also traditions and culture from the Edo period.

Ryogoku Sta.

www.jrtk.jp/edonoren/



Viewing Sunset over Ryogokubashi Bridge from the Ommayagashi Embankment from the series Thirty-six Views of Mount Fuji



The Sumida Hokusai Museum

This new museum has a huge collection of more than 1,500 pieces of artworks by Katsushika Hokusai, a renowned Japanese *ukiyo-e* artist. Believed to have spent most of his life in Sumida, Hokusai left many works of Sumida and the Sumida River. Visit the places in his works, and it may be one fun way of enjoying his famous *ukiyo-e*.

Ticket Tickets at door 400 yen (Fees for different exhibitions vary. Tickets for the opening memorial exhibition are 1,200 yen.)

Ryogoku Sta.

hokusai-museum.jp/

Kyobashi Edogrand Opened in East Area of Tokyo Station



A new landmark was born at a perfect site with direct connection from Kyobashi Station and within a 5-minute-walk distance from JR Tokyo Station. The many tenants include Toshi Yoroizuka TOKYO, a dessert shop produced by a charismatic pastry chef, and Tokyo Gyoza, the famous *gyoza* restaurant in Sangenjaya.

Kyobashi Sta., Tokyo Sta.

www.edogrand.tokyo/

Newly Opened Hotels Information

Opening on Mar. 30, 2017, remm ROPPONGI, 400 guest rooms www.remm.jp/roppongi/

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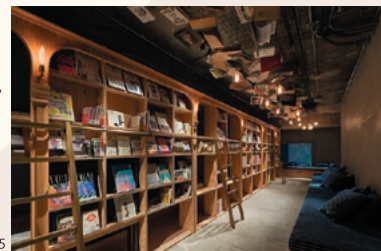
Tokyo has many unique accommodation facilities, including a hostel that is like a sleeper train, a near-futuristic “capsule” hotel, a hotel that looks like a book store, and a super “avant-garde” facility. Have a unique accommodation experience in Tokyo!

1 BOOK AND BED TOKYO

bookandbedtokyo.com/

This facility uses the theme of “an accommodation bookshop” with beds in bookshelves. It has more than 1,700 books, providing a perfect place for lying down and relaxing on a sofa or bed while reading your favorite books. ◇30 beds / 3,780 yen and up per stay 📍 Ikebukuro Sta.

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2 UNPLAN Kagurazaka

unplan.jp/

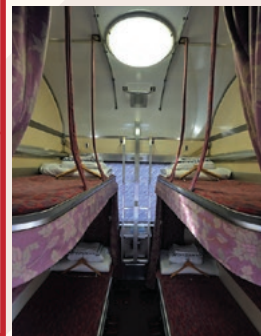
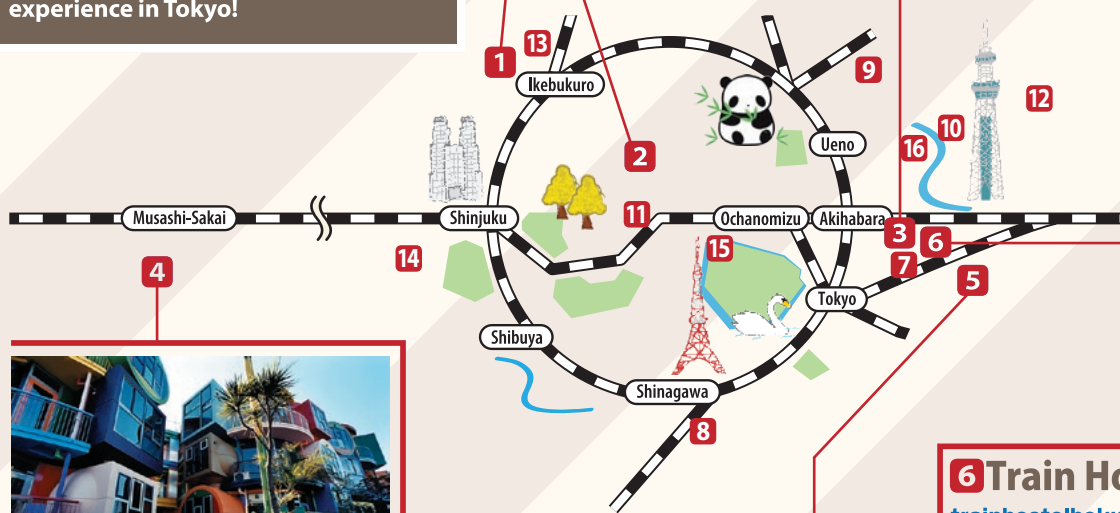
The hotel offers dormitory room pods (some are female only) as well as private-type rooms with a large private balcony. You can enjoy delicious coffee made by a barista and more than 50 kinds of cocktails at the lounge on the 1st floor. ◇78 beds / 4,500 yen and up per stay 📍 Kagurazaka Sta.

3 FIRST CABIN Akihabara

first-cabin.jp/

Recreating first-class seats on planes, the hotel features almost-private “cabins.” There are two types of cabin, business-class cabins with a space of 2.5 square meters and first-class cabins with a space of 4.4 square meters. The facility also has a large public bath. ◇149 cabins / 5,800 yen and up per stay 📍 Akihabara Sta.

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6 Train Hostel Hokutosei

trainhostelhokutosei.com/

This hostel recreates a space of the famous sleeper train Hokutosei, which was recently discontinued, using the actual parts from the train for its interior.

◇78 beds (dormitory-type bunk beds with some private-room-type beds) / 2,500 yen and up per stay

📍 Bakurocho Sta.



4 Reversible Destiny Lofts MITAKA - In Memory of Helen Keller -

www.rdloftsmitaka.com/

Decorated with 14 bright colors inside and outside, these residential units were designed by architects/artists Shusaku Arakawa and Madeline Gins. Two rooms are available for short stays of at least three nights and four days. The whole space is designed to make people use their entire body. ◇2 rooms / 69,200 yen and up per three nights 📍 Musashi-Sakai Sta., Chofu Sta. (take bus from either station)



5 IRORI NIHONBASHI HOSTEL and KITCHEN

irorihotel.com/

This hostel with an *irori* fireplace offers rooms (for males and females mixed) and a dormitory space (for females only). You can cook for yourself, bringing your own ingredients, at the kitchen in the lounge. ◇71 beds / 2,800 yen and up per stay

📍 Bakurocho Sta., Higashi-nihombashi Sta., Bakuroyokoyama Sta.

Affordable Accommodations for Educational Tours

	 Private Rooms	Beds	Curfew	Room Rate	Nearest Station 
7 IRORI Nihonbashi Hostel & Kitchen http://irorihotel.com/en/	0	71	free	¥2,500-	Bakuro Yokoyama
8 Guesthouse Shinagawa-shuku ゲストハウス品川宿 http://bp-shinagawashuku.com/en/	9	25	free	¥3,300-	Kitashinagawa
9 Andon Ryokan Tokyo 行燈旅館 http://www.andon.co.jp/	24	48	free	¥4,320-	Minowa
10 TOKYO HUTTE ゲストハウス 東京ヒュッテ http://www.tokyohutte.co.jp/en/	1	14	free	¥3,000-	Oshiage
11 Tokyo Central Youth Hostel 東京セントラルユースホステル http://www.jyh.gr.jp/tcyh/e/top.html	33	179	23:00	¥2,900-	Iidabashi
12 Shibamata FU-TEN Bed and Local http://shibamatafuten.com/	33	74	free	¥4,000-	Shibamata
13 Sakura Hostel Ikebukuro サクラホステル池袋 https://www.sakura-hotel.co.jp/	103	236	free	¥3,300-	Ikebukuro
14 Sakura Hostel Hatagaya サクラホステル幡ヶ谷 https://www.sakura-hotel.co.jp/	75	122	free	¥4,125-	Hatagaya
15 Sakura Hostel Jimbocho サクラホステル神保町 https://www.sakura-hotel.co.jp/	43	105	free	¥3,300-	Jimbocho
16 Sakura Hostel Asakusa サクラホステル浅草 https://www.sakura-hotel.co.jp/	29	162	free	¥3,000-	Asakusa

School Exchange Case Study

Assumption College Sriracha (Thailand) /
Dai-yon Sunamachi Junior High School in Koto City

On October 19, 2016, the students from Assumption College Sriracha visited Dai-yon Sunamachi Junior High School in Koto City, Tokyo.

Assumption College Sriracha is a private, Catholic-run school in Chonburi Province in the central area of Thailand. Twenty-three students accompanied by four of their teachers arrived at Dai-yon Sunamachi Junior High School around 9:00. They were welcomed by Sunamachi students and teachers with signboards that read "Welcome" in Thai and were ushered into a gymnasium. After the greetings of the teachers and students from both schools, Assumption college students, divided into two groups, joined the classes.

In the art class, each student made an *origami kabuto* (paper-folded samurai helmet) hardened with nail polish and with a strap, with the final product being a personalized charm. It was the Thai students' first time to try origami

and we were impressed by their great enthusiasm.

They launched "bath bomb rockets" at the science class. At first they created "rockets" by decorating tubes with materials the teacher had prepared. The Thai students got advice from the Japanese students next to them while helping each other. Sunamachi students also worked hard making rockets. After finishing creating the rockets, they went outside to launch them. They put bath bomb and water in the tubes, shut the lids and quickly ran



away. When the rockets blasted off and flew high in the sky, everyone clapped and cheered.

After the Thai students performed Muay Thai Dance in the gymnasium, the students had school lunch in the classrooms. The Thai students left the



school a little after 13:00. The Sunamachi students accompanied them to the bus and waved them goodbye.

We had feedbacks from a Thai student:

• I was glad to have this exchange experience..

And from the Japanese students:

• It was amazing that we could communicate even if we do not speak the same language..

• This experience motivated me to learn foreign languages to communicate with many people.

■ Schedule

9:00	Arrival
1st period	Welcome ceremony
2nd period	Joint classes (1) art (2) science
3rd period	Joint classes (1) science (2) art
4th period	Ceremony (Muay Thai Dance performance by the Thai students)
12:10	lunch
13:15	Departure



At TCVB we arrange and facilitate educational trips from abroad and exchange with Tokyo schools. If you contact us two months ahead of your intended visit, we can help you search for an appropriate school. After you have reached your decision and until the day of the actual visit, we can take care of any fine adjustments that might need to be made. If you are planning such a visit, we'll be happy to be of assistance.

<Note> * Class participation lies at the discretion of each school.

* Depending on the time of the scheduled visit, availability of participating schools might be limited.

Model Walking Route

- 1 Akihabara Sta.
4 min on foot
- 2 mACh ecute KANDA MANSEIBASHI
7 min on foot
- 3 Akihabara Gachapon Kaikan



AKIHABARA RADIOKAIKAN

This building contains the essence of Akihabara, including stores selling trading cards, audio equipment, figures, models, and popular dolls. A directly managed store of Kaiyodo, a famous manufacturer of elaborate figures.
akihabara-radiokaikan.co.jp/



mACh ecute KANDA MANSEIBASHI

This facility utilizes the remains of Manseibashi Station, which was closed in 1943. The redbrick elevated-track building is filled with stylish cafés, restaurants, various shops and stores.
www.maach-ecute.jp/



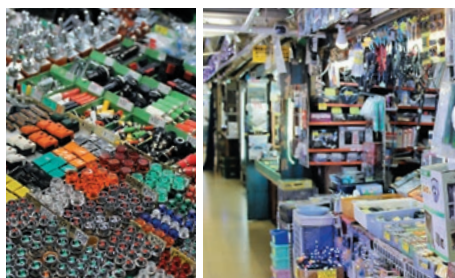
Akihabara Gachapon Kaikan

One of the largest Gachapon shops in Japan has 500 gachapon (capsule toys) vending machines in various sizes. About 50 new kinds come in every month.
www.akibagacha.com/



With the streets lined with hobby-related shops, including anime, manga, game, computer, audio equipment, and idol goods, Akihabara is a center of Japan's geek culture.

Akihabara



Akihabara Radio Center

This specialty shops mall has many shops and stores selling electronic equipment and electronic parts, symbolizing the town of electronics, Akihabara. On both sides of the pathways, which can barely accommodate 2 people passing by, there are numerous shops filled with parts and items. It is an interesting place to walk around.
www.radiocenter.jp/

AKIBA Cultures ZONE

This building has shops selling character items, trading cards, figures, etc. along with AKIBA Culture's Theater on the first basement floor. There is also a cosplay shop with a full lineup of costumes and cosplay-related items.
akibacultureszone.com/



Gourmet Guide

★ Can's Bar
www.nre.co.jp/shop/tabid/223/stoid/599/brnid/37/Default.aspx
This place offers you a place to casually drop in and enjoy drinking with canned food. You can try more than 30 kinds of canned food, including a popular can of *saba* mackerel and a can of *oden*, which was first recognized in Akihabara. Various sour cocktails with a can of peaches or a can of oranges are also popular.

★ Milk Stand
Located on the JR Sobu Line platform in Akihabara Station, this milk stand sells a wide lineup of various kinds of milk, from famous brands to local brands. Other products, such as coffee milk, fruit milk, and *amazake* (sweet fermented rice drink), are also available.