

World66's guide to Tokyo

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Tokyo

Tokyo is really really big. It actually consists of 23 different cities that have their own special attractions. Since it doesn't make too much sense to tell about all of these different cities as if they were one city, we have subdivided Tokyo in the following way.

Akihabara has the largest concentration of electronics shops in the world. There are good deals to be found. Most shops have English speaking staff. Foreign visitors can get refunds for taxes paid. Remember to bring your passport as proof of foreign residency. The big shops also have locations in Shinjuku West Exit with prices being about the same but Akihabara specializes in the foreign market.

Asakusa is famous for its temples and pagoda. Across the river you can see the Asahi Beer building. It's the cube-shaped black building with the gold **thingy** on top. If you don't know what is supposed to represent... don't feel bad. The gold worm like thing is commonly referred to as the 'turd'. Enjoy the view but if you want to drink down some suds and eat some food the restaurant on the ground floor of that building can accommodate any hunger or thirst.

Ginza has fabulous shopping opportunities for equally fabulous prices. It is an extremely busy place. Apple's first retail outlet is located in Ginza. The Mac Store has English speaking staff & 4 floors of that computer cult culture for all to enjoy.

Harajuku Takeshite dori is a high school girl's dream street. With cheap fashions abounding and sickly sweet crepes made **Japanese** style guaranteed to rot your teeth and add buxom to your fashion vocabulary. On the other side of the spectrum, continue to Omotesando, the fashion avenue, with names like Armani, DKNY, Jean-Paul Gauthier, and Christian Dior to name a few, fashion is everly where! How much you want to spend is up to you!

Marunouchi is the area around the huge Imperial Palace. The newly renovated Marunouchi Building is filled with spectacular dining opportunities.

Roppongi is the place to go to for nightlife. Filled at night with energy, people from around the world walk the streets in search of fun and excitement. This part of Tokyo never sleeps. Adult entertainment, a playground of sorts is yours for the enjoyment.

Shibuya is north of the center and has shrines and trendy shops. With its neon, traffic, and huge tv screens, it resembles New York City's Times Square. This is the center of youth fashion for the affluent Japanese teenager. Styles change weekly with hip designers along side more established names in the big **departo**. Be sure to visit **centa-gai** the main street just across the scramble crossing in Shibuya (it world's busiest pedestrian crossing). Great food awaits visitors who venture into mid-range Izakaya. Traditional Japanese food is very healthy, light and nutritious!

Shinjuku offers good shopping facilities and high skyscrapers. Famous for the movie-famed hotel in "Lost in Translation" and Takashimaya Department stores flagship location TIME SQUARE. Shinjuku station is one of the busiest in the country.

Ueno has a beautiful park, some good museums and temples.

To get from one end to the other, the best thing to do is to use the metro system. Although it takes some time to get used to it, it is by far the fastest and cheapest way to get around. For more info see Getting Around. With the new *foreigner friendly* revision (April 2004) even the most novice of traveller can get from 'Shimokitazawa' to 'Kokuritsu Koujijou Tokyo-to taiku kan mae' with no problem. All the lines have a designated letter, and all the stations have a number. Navigating the 'Tokyo Metro' has never been easier!

Among the highlights of Tokyo no one can afford to miss are: the Sony building in Ginza, the Imperial Palace, the temples of Asakusa, Shinjuku Gyoen park in Shinjuku, Meiji Shrine, Korakuen Garden, the sight of the sacred mountain of Fuji in early morning (mainly visible during winter. A good spot is from top of Government Building in Shinjuku "the To cho" long vowels), the Tuna auction at dawn in Tsukiji Market. If you can, try to see a Kabuki performance as well.

Banks are open from 09:00am to 03:00 pm Monday to Friday (closed on national holidays). There are Citi-bank locations in the largers centers for those people using the *PLUS* system but be warned, the Japanese banking system is not always as advanced as other industrialized countries.

Tokyo – Getting Around

The Tokyo subway system is without a doubt the most efficient way to get around the city. (Not only are taxis unbelievably expensive; they also get caught in the tangle of traffic.) True the system is complex. The secret to using it is to know the color code of the line that stops closest to your destination. If you have one of the free color-coded maps with you youve solved the majority of the problem.

The stations are not always convenient (expect a lot of steps, with only the major subway stations having escalators and elevators) and the ticket machines can be baffling at times but the attendants will be as gracious and helpful as they can. Many of the subways have ticket machines in English as well as Japanese... keep an eye out for these. When asking for help from the locals, we found it best to have something for them to look at a map say with either English or Japanese words. They were not as skilled in understanding spoken English.

Try to avoid the subway at rush hour however unless you want to see the legendary pushers literally pack as many people on the trains as possible.

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MikeyMike

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Cheers MikeyMike

Tokyo – Accommodation

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Country style shed

A horribly priced Country style shed in the Fukomoto district of Tokyo. The price of a table & matress (for two people) with it's dunny hole was about \$590/nite. It would have been cheaper if the exchange rate was in our favor (at the time we went, it was about 110yen=\$1 USD) The room service was great, and unlike some sheds and ryokans, there was no curfew or wake up time. So we could stay out all morning and then sleep all night.

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Notes:

Akihabara

Akihabara is where all the Giants of modern Electronics are. But if you want to dander around then go to Lidcome. The Hunt (or huntman) danders there frequently up to 12 times a day.

The best place to start browsing the shops is Chuo Dori, the main street. Books shops in Jimbocho. The biggest selection of export model electronics can be found at LaOx.

Furthermore there are two important shrines you can visit, the Yushima and the Kanda. Both were destroyed in the big 1923 earthquake but rebuilt in the thirties with good taste.

Akihabara – Shopping

The shopping experience of Akihabara is best enjoyed by just walking Chuo up and down a few times, entering some shops. Many of the electronic equipment for sale is displayed on the sidewalk. In this district it's also possible to discuss prices a bit.

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laox

Pronounced Raokkusu, Laox is the biggest shopping experience imaginable. So many electronic equipment you wouldn't know how to use!

Kinokuniya Kan Yakkyoku

Old shop selling Chinese herbs and spices for medical use.

Yasukuni Dori

This big street, just off Chuo Dori houses all the sporting goods shops. s:Jimbocho For Japanese (and English) books head for Jimbocho.

Akihabara – Sights

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Yushima Seido

Set in a nice environment the Yushima Confucius shrine is an important holy place for Confucianists. The building was rebuilt in 1934.

Transportation Museum

A great museum to take your kids.

address: 25 Kanda Sudacho, 1-chome

Kanda Myojin

This Shinto hloy place dates back to the 8–th century. The shrine was rebuilt in 1930 but the original look has been preserved.

Akihabara – Internet Cafes

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Notes:

Asakusa

Asakusa retains the old atmosphere of Edo. Although most of the buildings are actually quite new (this part was heavily bombed during World War II) the low-rise buildings evoke a time long gone by.

Asakusa – Museums

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Asakusa Historical Museum

Asakusa has quite a good Historical Museum highlighting the long history of Edo. This interesting museum attempts to bring alive some of the old traditions.

address: 2-7-3 Asakusa

Asakusa – Shopping

Best shopping is in the Nakamise. Nakamise literally means something like "shops inside". You find the Nakamise just past the Kaminarimon Gate. There are many stalls where you get something to eat like rice crackers or cakes and the area always looks like it is some sort of a festival.

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Bairindo

Candy shop in the Nakamise area.

Sukeroku

Traditional toy shop in the Nakamise area.

Asakusa – Sights

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Kaminarimon Gate

The Gate has large statues of the guardian gods of thunder and wind. Be sure to have your picture taken with when you are standing under the red lantern.

Demboin Temple

Five storey Pagoda

Sensoji Temple

The temple dates back to the 7th century when local fishermen found a gold statue of Kannon, the Bodhisvatta of Mercy.

Asakusa Shrine

Shrine in honour of the fishermen who found the Kannon statue.

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Ebisu

Ebisu is a district located on the just south of Shibuya on the Yamanote Line, the JR (Japan Rail) railway. The name Ebisu, pronounced (ebis) is named after the fishing God per Japanese Shinto religion. Ebisu is hip happening place known for fine shopping and dining. The main attraction is Ebisu Garden Place Plaza, with a movie theater, the Mitsukoshii shopping center and the Sapporo Brewery and Museum.

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Ginza

For more than 100 years Ginza has stood for luxury, high society and shopping. The whole of Ginza was designed by an English architect after it was destroyed in 1872. At first the brick shops focused on selling western-style consumer goods, like men's suits and women's dresses. Unfortunately Ginza was flattened again in the Second World War. The Wako Department store is one of the few buildings still standing and gives you an idea of what Ginza must have been like. For more info see the shopping.

But Ginza has managed to keep its image as the major expensive shopping area of Tokyo.

Be sure not to miss a performance at the Kabuki-za, see entertainment for details.

Ginza – Museums

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Idemitsu Museum of Rats

Founded by the oil company of the same name, the Idemitsu has a superb collection of oriental art.

address: Hibiya Dori

Ginza – Nightlife and Entertainment

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Kabuki-za

Kabuki is the traditional Japanese form of theatre. Buy a ticket for one act to get an impression what it's like .

address: Higashi Ginza Station

Ginza – Shopping

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Mitsukoshi

One of the most exclusive department stores of Tokyo.

address: Harumi Dori & Chuo Dori

Wako

The only building to have survived the air raids of WW II. The prices are sky high.

address: Harumi Dori & Chuo Dori

Matsuzakaya

Big department store famous for its Kimono's.

address: Chuo Dori

Hakuhinkan Toy Park

The biggest toy shop in Japan. For everyone who is young @ heart.

address: Chuo Dori

Takumi

Great Folk craft shop.

address: Sotobori Dori

Ginza – Bars and Cafes

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Hihonshuo Center

The Japanese Sake center offers you one of the best Sake drinking deals in town. 4 cups for 300 Yen.

address: Harumi Dori

Ginza Budo-no-ki

When you are done with shopping, this is the place to sit down and have a cup of tea. *jay*: Excellent views and relaxation from the exhaustive walking of the Ginza.

address: 5-8-5 Ginza

tel: +81 (0)3 3574 9779

Lion Sapporo Beer Hall

For a beer (shopping makes thirsty) this is a good place. They have nice mosaics on the wall.

address: Chuo Dori

Ginza – Eating Out

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Shabuzen

One of the cheap places in Ginza.

address: Chuo dori, in Ginza-Core building

Top of Ginza

The best view of Ginza! Good restaurant with Chinese and South East Asian food.

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Marunouchi

Marunouchi is the area from Tokyo central station to the Imperial Palace. The main reason for visiting this area is the Imperial Palace. It is huge. From the Tayasumon Gate in the north to the south near Hibiya park is a good walk.

Within the great moats of the Imperial Palace there is one thing missing though: a big imperial palace. The residence of the Emperor is there but it is small and you will hardly notice it. The walls, the gates and the many museums are the main attractions you are here for. To visit all of them you could easily spend a day. Furthermore this is a very green area: the lungs of the city.

Marunouchi – Sights

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East Garden

It is best to take the Otemon Gate to enter this garden. great for relaxing a bit after a long day. The garden does close a bit early though (4:30 pm).

Kitanomaru Park

Once the home of the imperial guard and now the abode of many cultural institutions, see also museums.

Chidorigafuchi Park

Hundreds of Cherry trees, best in spring. The main sight in the park is the Yasukuni Shrine and the war museum

Imperial Court Museum

Small museum with a part of the Imperial family's collection of Art.

address: in East Garden

Museum of Modern Art

Great collection of more modern Japanese art, Meiji and onwards.

address: 3-1 Kitano-marō Koen

Japan Science Museum

Great place to take the kids, lots of hands on exhibits.

address: in Kitanomaru

Japan War Museum

No signs in English but most of the stuff is rather self explanatory. From samurai swords to kamikaze pilot

suits.

address: 3-1-1 Kudankita

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Roppongi

Roppongi is an international district filled with restaurants, discos bars clubs and shops. the international flavour of this part of Tokyo probably goes back to the days when Tsukiji was assigned a foreign settlement and this was where all foreigners had to live. When they were free to move elsewhere Japanese came in, but the international atmosphere still lingers.

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Roppongi – Sights

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Zojo-ji

One of the Shogun family of the Tokugawas temples and could have been used as a fortress. The main gate is the only part of the building that is really old, the rest was rebuilt in the 1970s.

Reiyukai

Neo Buddhist temple.

Kyu Shiba Rikyu garden

Fairly small garden, but very peaceful and nice.

address: 1-4-1 Kaigan

Hama Rikyu garden

Once the private duck hunting reserve of the Matsudaira (branch of the Tokugawa). The garden is on the water which gives it a really open feeling. From the pier in the garden you can take a boat to [Asakusa](#).

address: 1-1 Hamarikyu Tei-en

Tokyo Tower

It's big, but also expensive has long queues and there are other places to get a good view of Tokyo.

Axis building

address: Gaien Higashi Dorji

Roppongi Crossing

This is the place to meet. If you get a date in Tokyo and you do not know where to say you will meet, this is

your best bet. Try the Almond Coffee shop.
Matsuoka Museum of Art

Very good collection of Chinese ceramics and other Oriental Art. Closed on Mondays.

address: 5-22-10 Shimbashi

Roppongi – Eating Out

all

Takamura

Very expensive kaiseki restaurant.

address: 3-4-27 Roppongi

Nanban-Tei

Rather inexpensive yakitori. They have an English menu.

address: 4-5-6 Roppongi

Roppongi – Nightlife and Entertainment

all

Birdland

One of many clubs in the same building. Birdland is an intimate jazz club worth checking out.

address: 3-10-3 Roppongi

Roppongi Pit Inn

Features acts by many famous musicians.

address: 3-17-7 Roppongi

Body and Soul

Jazz by Japanese musicians.

address: 7-14-12 Roppongi

Valfarre

Biggest disco around. Closes at midnight. *obie*: hip place to go

address: 7-14-22

Lexington Queen

When you want to meet Japanese movie stars this is the place to go.

address: 3-13-14 Roppongi

Almond Coffee Shop

address: Roppongi Crossing

Wallstreet

Wallstreet Bar, the best followed by Geronimo's and Mogambo's are very popular pubs, small but very cosy. Great place to meet new people as bar is round and somehow interacting goes easier. Great bartenders who will remember you even after weeks of absence. Crowded on weekends and fun during weekdays. Beware of the shots! Go there to pick up or be picked up, or just to watch other people be all over each other. Take off clothes and dance on bar, these is a very sleazy but fun places to be. Wallstreet. Simple bar (low stools) and great rum-coke's. Waitresses are friendly and always in for a dance. Don't try to talk to anyone, you go here when you're absolutely wasted and nothing in the world makes sense anymore. Wallstreet is the-end-of-the-night-bar, early evenings NO-ONE will be there. Enjoy!

email: VALVINIS@HOTMAIL.COM

address: Ask anyone waiting at Almonds

openinghours: 18.00-0.800

tel: 819015061760

Amanis Cafe

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Amanis cafe is a new establishment set to create a difference in the Tokyo entertainment scene. In-house bar, restaurant, cigar lounge, private theatre piano lounge, game lounge, and an outer terrace with a seating capacity of 150 persons. For your business meeting, luncheon, dinner, party or any form of gathering, Amanis Cafe provides the setting in an atmosphere created with your comfort in mind.

address: ROPPONGI, ROI BUILDING 5-5-1 ROPPONGI, MINATO-KU, 106-0032

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Shibuya

Shibuya is the most trendy place in Tokyo and probably the most trendy place East of London. It's always busy, always crowded and there is always something unexpected going on.

It mostly attracts young people who want to have a good time. Shibuya is just about that. The place to go is Hachiko Plaza, which is close to the Shibuya station and where you will find a small statue of the dog Hachiko. This is one of the best places to meet friends before a night on the town. Gaspanic is close to the station and is a bar where your drink never leaves your hand because the punishment is to be kicked out onto the streets!

The whole area of Shibuya only gained its popularity after the 1923 earthquake when people from Tokyo slowly started to move to the west of the City. The cut throat competition between department stores of Tokyu and Seibu, with each trying to offer a more complete shopping experience than the other, has played a big role in the popularity of Shibuya. If you have a map you can walk to Harajuku which is less than 15min from Shibuya.

Also be sure not to miss the Meiji Shrine, an important shrine in a nice park. It is located in Shibuya ward but a bit north of the Shibuya area. Take a train to Harajuku Station and walk towards Yoyogi park. The Meiji Shrine is right near there.

Shibuya – Eating Out

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Hassan

Does good all you can eat Shabu Shabu.

address: B1F Junikagetsu building, 1-18-7 Jinnan

Shabu Zen

Reasonable prices Shabu Shabu.

address: 10-20 Kamiyama-ya

Kujira

For all you greenpeace members: this is the place you can eat whale meat.

La trattoria Sabatini

Good pasta and pizza at quite reasonable prices.

address: 2-6-17 Dogenzaka

Raj Mahal

Great tandoori food. They have a menu in English and the owner is very friendly.

address: 30-5 Udagawa cho

Citrus

Overlooking a bamboo garden, this restaurant serves light meals (French style) with great tastes.

address: 1F Junikagetsu building, 1-18-7 Jinnan

Shibuya – Sights

all

Hachiko Plaza

Very crowded and busy and absolutely a hot spot in Tokyo. Big neon signs, billboards and video screens all around.

Meiji Shrine

Built for the Meiji Emperor who died in 1912. This is still an important shrine and you have a good chance of seeing some Shinto ceremonies.

Treasure House

Treasure house of the Meiji Shrine displays artifacts of the Meiji Emperor.

Hachiko statue

This statue is the meeting point of Shibuya, and commemorates the loyal dog that always went to the trainstation to pick up his boss and continued doing so for years even when his boss was already dead for years.

address: Hachiko Plaza

Toguri Museum of Art

2000 pieces of Cermaics from China, Japan and Korea.

tel: 03-34650070

Gallery TOM

Bronze stone and wood sculptures in this gallery.

tel: 03-34678102

Tobacco and Salt Museum

A somewhat strange combination, maybe, but both products were state monopolies. They have quite good expositions on the history of Tobacco (consumption and production) in Japan, as well as on the Salt trade.

address: 1-16-8 Jinnan

Shibuya – Shopping

all

Bic Camera

A big department store that sells lots of electronic equipment.

address: Hachiko Plaza

Tokyu Department Store

One of the biggest and most complete department stores.

Tower Records

The world's largest cd store.

Parco

One of the best fashion shops. Focus on Issey Miyake, Yohji Yamamoto.

address: Koen Dori

Kobeya

If you want to eat out cheap, self cater and go to this good bakery shop.

address: Hachiko Plaza

Shibuya – Nightlife and Entertainment

For love hotels, Maruyama Cho is the place to head for. Most listings in this section are legitimate places, but in the same area.

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On Air West

Live music performances.

address: 2-3 Maruyama-cho

Club Quattro

Mostly rock music. They frequently feature live performances.

address: 32-13 Udagawa-cho

Club Asia

For a taste of Asian pop music, this is the best place to go to.

address: 1-8 Maruyama-cho

Dr. Jenkins

VR amusement parlor in Maruyama Cho.

Wood and Stone

in the Maruyama part of town this is a good place to have a drink.

Womb

A very warm and comfortable place? If clubbing and music make you *genki* then climb into WOMB. Top DJ from around the world and cutting edge up and comers making a name for themselves. Check their website for the latest parties. Tix are steep but if you're into the music, worth the price.

address: by dergen

Shibuya – Internet Cafes

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Club Asia

Maruyama-cho 1-6, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Phone : 03-3280-1787

Charge:

Opening hours:

address: 11:00 – 04:00

10 Windows PC's.

Open Mar. 20.

Indonesian style restaurant. Also Thai, Chinese, Japanese foods.

Bar on the 2nd. floor.

Cyber Net Cafe

tel: #03-3423-7406

hours: 12:00-22:00

address: FACE Building 6F,2-32-5, JINGUMAE, SHIBUYA-KU,TOKYO #150

Cyber Plaza PROVISION

price: Surf the Web or stay in touch with
family and friends.

address: Tokyo Tatemono Shibuya bldg, Higashi 1-26-20, Shibuya-ku
Phone : 03-5469-1551

Charge :
300 yen/hr
soft drinks 200 yen –
Opening hours :
10:00 – 20:00
Closed on weekends.
7 PC's
Organized by Dainippon Screen
Digital design stu

SOLARIS

Jingu-mae 1-20-9
Phone : 03-3404-0463
Charge :
free
address: Haircut 5500 yen –
Opening hours :
12:00 – 23:00
1 Mac
This is a DJ hair salon!

Tower Records Shibuya

Jinnan 1-22-4, Shibuya-ku
Phone : 03-3496-3661
Charge :
Free
address: Opening hours :
10:00 – 22:00
2 Hitachi FLORA PC's, 1 NEC PC-9821 Xa12
Windows95
Netscape only

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Shinjuku

Shinjuku west of the station and Shinjuku east of the station are probably as different as east and west Berlin once were. Nishi (West) is full of skyscrapers and other high rise buildings. From a distance it looks like an immensely big forest of trees without branches. East of the station is a lively quarter that revolves about one thing: party all night.

When you visit Shinjuku, it is advisable not to try and go there during rush hour. The station is the most busy in Tokyo – which means the most busy on the planet. It can take ages to get from one side to the other. Places to stock up on film and other technological gadgets are Sakuraya, Bic Camera and Yodobashi Cameras.

Places to shop abound in this popular area. A huge 100Yen shop can be found on the 7th floor of the department store above the Seibu train line Shinjuku station. A large collection of foreign language books can be found at Kinokuniya store, just head for Takashimaya department store, walk through Tokyu Hands and across the above the street walkway from (possibly) level 5 of Tokyu Hands to Level 6 of Kinokuniya book store. Kinokuniya has a fabulous selection of books on Japan, including english anime. Tokyu Hands offers an array of quirky products, you can even get your own Japanese name stamp made for you, taking only one hour and about 600Yen.

Shinjuku – Shopping

Most shopping is west of the station.

all

Keio

Close to the station. Big department store. s:Odakyu One block from the station this is a big department store.
Yodobashi Camera

An excellent selection of camera's and other lectronic gear. You will get good prices here.

Toto

Why would you visit a bathroom store, when on a holiday. COme here and find out. Many things you never imagined you would need are for sale here.

Isetan

One of the best department stores in Tokyo. Good collection of fashion by Japanese designers.

address: Meji Dori and Shinjuku Dori

Shinjuku – Sights

all

Seji Togo Museum

Houses a Van Gogh, a few Cezannes, Renopirs and a good collection of Togo Seiji (Japanese painter). The view form the 42 floor is great!

address: Yasuda Kasai Kaijo, 1–26–1 Nishi Shinjuku

Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building

The best views of the city are for free!

Shinjuku Park Tower

A 52 story example of Japanese postmodern architecture.

Shinjuku – Nightlife and Entertainment

Nightlife is mainly to be found east of the station.

all

Pit Inn

Jazz and rock.

address: 3–16–4 Shinjuku

Liquid Room

Has good live music in the weekends.

address: 1–20–1 Kabuki–cho (Humax Pavilion, 7–th floor)

Indigo blues

address: 7F Lumine 2 Builing (Shinjuku Station)

Fuji

address: 2–12–16 Shinjuku

Kinsmen

address: 2–18–5 Shinjuku

Kinswomyn

Hardly surprising: a lesbian bar.

tel: 03-33548720

Delight

Good place for dancing.

address: Dai-ni Hayakawaya Building, B1, 2-14-6 Shinjuku

Shinjuku – Internet Cafes

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dual-g@shrine.cyber.ad.jp

Charge : Mon – Fri : 2000 yen (incl. 1 drink)

Sat : 2500 yen (incl. 1 drink)

address: Opening hours : 21:00 – midnight

2 Mac's

This is a cool club. Dancefloor, salon, gallery.

AUTOMATIX

address: Nishi-Shinjuku 2-15-26, Shinjuku-ku

Phone : 03-3358-2255

E-face Internet Park

This is a cute, funkily-decorated pleasant cafe with friendly proprietors.

customer

satisfaction is our motto and cheatingless business is our principal....

we have millions of satisfied user in the world. hope to see you at

our place...nameste, welcome, bonjour....

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our place...nameste, welcome, bonjour....

price: 390yen per person per half hour

tel: (03)-5332-9201

hours: 10:30-23:00

address: Kagaya Bld. 2F, 7-10-7
Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo Japan

url: e-face.co.jp

Inter Bureau

address:

Koike Bldg. 2F, Shinjuku 1-20-2, Shinjuku-ku
Phone : 03-3351-8042
Charge :
1000 yen / hr.
Opening hours :
10:00 – 21:00 (reservation required)
18 Windows PC's
1 Mac
Dedicated digital 64kbps
WWW only
various seminars are con

NTT Shinjuku Nishi-Shinjuku

address: 3-19-2, Shinjuku-ku
Charge : Free

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1 or 2 PC

price: Free
tel: 03-3253-9406
hours: Weekdays : 11:00 – 20:00
Sun., Hol. : 10:00 – 19:00
address: Shinjuku

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Tokyo Odaiba

This is the newest part of Tokyo. You can go there by monorail and subway. Very few people live there and the mall (Ocean City) is very big and crowded – mainly with young people who come to Odaiba to see and be seen. Fuji television center and the Toyota car exhibition and of course Rainbow bridge are things you must see.

There is also TIEC – Tokyo International Exchange Center – an international dormitory – probably the best place for living normally in this city.

Tokyo Odaiba – Getting There

Odaiba, the fairly new shopping center in the middle of the harbor, with an excellent view of the skyline of Tokyo. Take a boat from Asakusa, the famous Sumida River Cruise (not that spectacular, but hey, do DO have karaoke on board) and get off at Odaiba. Have a stroll in the park, along beachside, nice though polluted, visit Venus Fort, shopping mall in Italian style for women only and visit Toyota's showroom. Walk back to Hamamatsu-cho station over the 2 km. long Rainbouwbridge and enjoy spectacular view.

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Ueno

Ueno Park is the cultural center of Tokyo. It houses important temples and shrines as well as cultural institutions and museums. Ueno attracts different kinds of people: people from the countryside visiting Tokyo, children on school excursions (it's perfect for that!) shoppers looking for good price deals in Ameyoko, foreigners (some of whom are illegal aliens) as well as homeless.

The best time to visit is, without any doubt, April when all of the cherry trees are in blossom.

Ueno is best reached by the JR Yamamoto line to Ueno Station. Use the park exit on the west side.

Ueno – Sights

all

Ueno park

Ueno park is half of Ueno. This is where all the museums and temples are. Best visited in springtime when the cherry trees blossom.

Ueno Zoo

address: 9–83 Ueno Koen

Toshogu Shrine

Built in 1651 this shrine honours the first Tokugawa shogun. The style is very ornate.

Benzaiten Shrine

Dedicated to the patron goddess of music, beauty and the arts, Benten, this shrine is located on a little island in the Shinbazu Pond just south of Ueno Park.

address: Shinbazu Pond

Yushima Tenjin Shrine

This is the place to go when you are in doubt whether or not you have passed an exam. At least this is where Japanese students go to pray. *René Mans:* Quite a nice shrine. I enjoyed myself.

Kanei-ji Temple

Originally an important temple of the Tokugawa clan, but destroyed in 1878. The area was then converted into a park and all you can see now of the temple is a 5 storey pagoda inside the Ueno Zoo.

Tokyo Metropolitan Festival Hall

Built in 1961 the architecture of the Hall was accepted positively by the international critics and constitutes an important point in Japanese History of Art.

National Museum of Western Art

A design of Le Corbusier, the building was recently renovated. Good collection of Rodin sculptures.

address: in Ueno park

Science Museum

Very nice museum to go with children.

address: in Ueno park

Tokyo National Museum

Almost 100,000 objects in this complex of 4 buildings. The largest houses Japanese art. There are also good collection of Asian art, as well as archeological finds from all over the country.

address: in Ueno park

Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum

Does good exhibits on modern Japanese art.

address: 8-36 Ueno Koen

Shitamachi Museum

This museum houses a reproduction of a merchant's area in Old Edo.

address: 2-1 Ueno Koen

Ueno – Shopping

all

Ameyoko Outdoor Market

The best place to go shopping in Ueno is Ameyoko market. A boisterous place, Ameyoko started as a black market after World War II. The outdoor markets runs along side the train tracks and you will find fish, spices, coffee, tea and a whole lot of other things here at very competitive prices (at least when compared to the rest of Japan).

Ameyoko Shops

The shops are east and under the tracks. They mostly sell clothing, shoes and suitcases.

Ueno – Eating Out

all

Hantei

A charming old wooden building with lots of charm. They serve kushi-age sticks which are brought to you even if you do not order them. After 12 sticks they ask if you want more.

address: 2-12-15 Nezu

Sasa-no-Yuki

One of the better vegetarian restaurants. You will need to reserve.

address: 2-22-15 Negishi

tel: 03-38731145

Honte Ponta

A good place to go for Japanized western food. Quite inexpensive.

address: 3-32-2 Ueno

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