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1. Geographical location

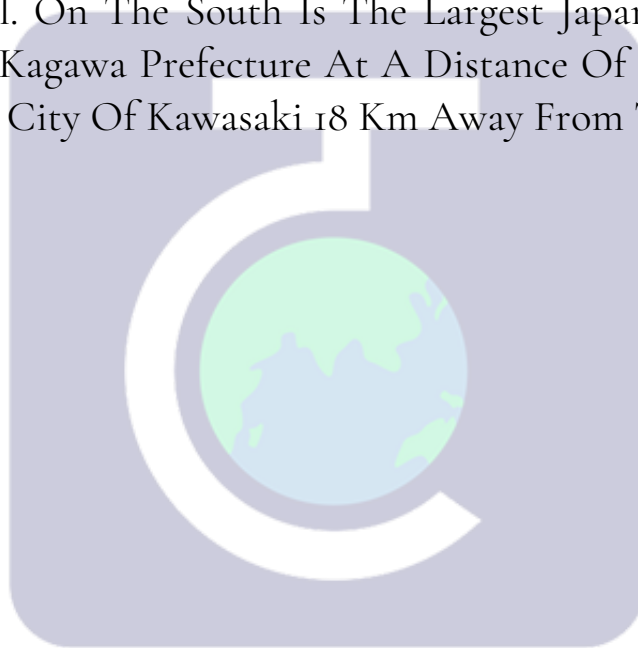
Located on the Kanto Plain on the south-eastern side of the Honshu Island, Tokyo is to the northwest of the Tokyo Bay which is connected to the Pacific Ocean. Average elevation of the city is 40 m. Tokyo Metropolis includes the Izu Islands and Ogasawara Islands. The metropolis area covers 2,187.66 square kilometers. Tokyo is situated in an active subduction zone, near the boundary of three plates and is highly prone to earthquakes and tsunamis. The Sumida River and the Tama River flow through Tokyo. Mt. Fuji is located around 100 kilometers southwest of Tokyo and is a dormant volcano. The western side of Tokyo is a mountainous area. The highest mountain is Mount Kumotori at 2,017 meters.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

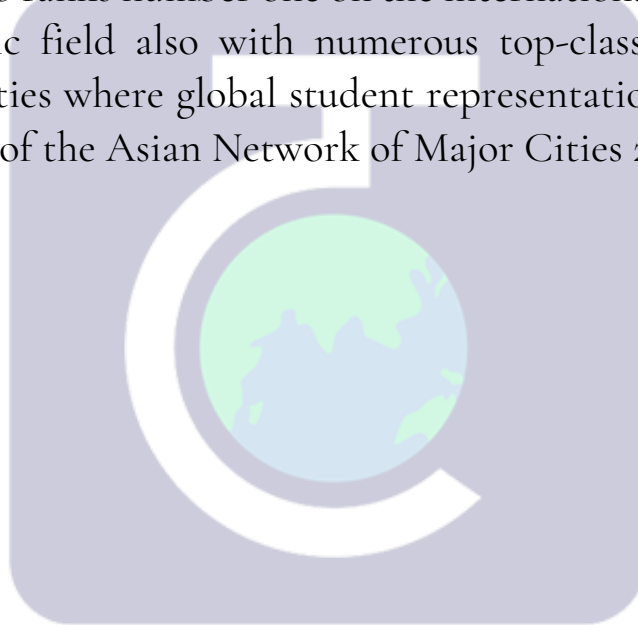
Tokyo Is Bordered By Four Prefectures And Their Cities. The Nearest City Is Saitama On The Northern Side, The Capital Of The Saitama Prefecture At A Distance Of 15-30 Kilometers. On The Eastern Side Lies Chiba City, Capital Of The Chiba Prefecture, 40 Km Away From Tokyo. The City On The Western Side Is The Capital Of The Yamashi Prefecture Kofu Which Is 127 Km Away From The Japanese Capital. On The South Is The Largest Japanese City Yokohama, The Capital Of The Kagawa Prefecture At A Distance Of 40 Km. On The Way To Yokohama Is The City Of Kawasaki 18 Km Away From Tokyo.



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3. Significance

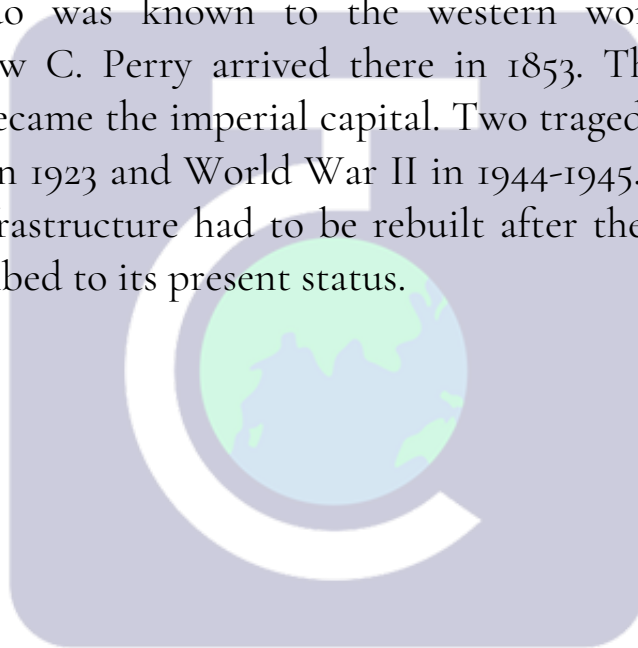
Tokyo is a wealthy metropolis with 51 Fortune Global 500 companies and several other foreign investments and international relations. Being the capital city Tokyo has more resources than any other city in Japan, not just in terms of economy. It is the hub of television networks, transportation, electronics and broadcasting industries, and international tourism. In terms of lifestyle, facilities, and hospitality Tokyo ranks number one on the international scene. Tokyo scores high in the academic field also with numerous top-class colleges, vocational schools, and universities where global student representations are high. It is also the founder member of the Asian Network of Major Cities 21.



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4. History

The earliest settlements in the region were in 3rd millennium BC. The history of Tokyo is the fairy tale story of how a small fishing village called Edo became a global power through centuries. The place first became an important area when the Edo clan built their castle there. Shrines and temples were set up near the castle and gradually merchants came and businesses flourished with ferry and shipping routes. Edo was known to the western world when American Commodore Matthew C. Perry arrived there in 1853. The city was renamed Tokyo in 1869 and became the imperial capital. Two tragedies hit the city in the form of earthquake in 1923 and World War II in 1944-1945. The entire city with its buildings and infrastructure had to be rebuilt after the war and slowly this magnificent city climbed to its present status.



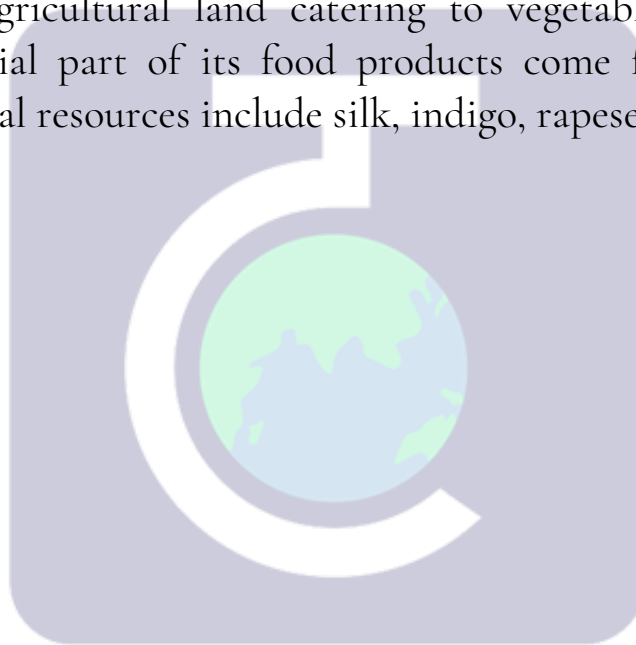
5. Cultural identity

Tokyo has a very metropolitan culture and the people are very busy with their lives and work. The city houses a number of museums specializing in traditional Japanese art, Western art, emerging science and innovation, modern art, etc. Performing arts have a special place in the capital city mainly due to the presence of tourist population. Several theatres where regular performances are held can be found in and around Tokyo. A number of festivals are celebrated periodically like the biennial Kanda Festival, annual fireworks display, etc. During the cherry blossom season, the local people and visitors from all over the world flock to the parks and gardens for picnics.



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The major natural resource in Tokyo is marine wealth. Fishing is mostly concentrated on the outer islands of Tokyo like Izu Oshima and Hachijojima. The main products include nori, skipjack tuna, and aji. 36% of Tokyo is covered by forest with trees like cryptomeria and Japanese cypress. The forests are mostly in the western mountainous region. Tokyo is a very populous city with less than 8,000 hectares of agricultural land catering to vegetable, fruit, and flower farming. A substantial part of its food products come from the rest of the country. Other natural resources include silk, indigo, rapeseed, cotton, etc.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)**7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Tokyo National Museum**

Address : 13-9 Uenokoen, Taito, Tokyo 110-8712, Japan

Zipcode : 110-8712

Location : 35.7187026, 139.7763106

Contact : +81-338221111

Website : <http://www.tnm.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Uguisudani Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults – 620; group (20+) - 520 yen University Students – 410; group (20+) - 310 yen

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Edo-Tokyo Museum

Address : 1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida, Tokyo 130-0015, Japan

Zipcode : 130-0015

Location : 35.6965972, 139.79573359999995

Contact : +81-336269974

Website : <http://www.edo-tokyo-museum.or.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ryogoku Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Over 65 years – 300 yen Vocational School Students & College Students – 480 yen High School Students – 300 yen

Open & Close Timing : Saturday 09:30hrs-19:00hrs; Tuesday-Friday, Sunday 09:30hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Tokyo Tower

Address : 4 Chome-2-8 Shibakoen, Minato, Tokyo 105-0011, Japan

Zipcode : 105-0011

Location : 35.6585696, 139.74548400000003

Contact : 03-3433-5111

Website : <https://www.tokyotower.co.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Akabanebashi Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : Adult – Main Observatory - 900 yen; Special Observatory – 700 yen;

Main + Special – 1600 yen Children – Main Observatory – 500 yen; Special

Observatory – 500 yen; Main + Special – 1000 yen Children (over 4 years) – Main

Observatory – 400 yen; Special – 400 yen; Main + Special Observatory – 800 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.4. Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden

Address : 11 Naitomachi, Shinjuku, Tokyo 160-0014, Japan

Zipcode : 160-0014

Location : 35.68517629999999, 139.7100517

Contact : +81 3-3350-0151

Website : <http://www.env.go.jp/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Sendagaya Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Adults – 200 yen; group (30+) – 150 yen Junior High School and

Elementary Students – 50 yen; group (30+) – 25 yen

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.5. Subway Museum

Address : Japan, 〒134-0084 Tokyo, 東京都 Higashikasai, 6 Chome-1-1

Zipcode : 134-0084

Location : 35.66351780000001, 139.873872

Contact : +81 3-3878-5011

Website : <http://www.chikahaku.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kasai Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 210 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Tokyo Disneyland

Address : 1-1 Maihama, Urayasu, Chiba Prefecture 279-0031, Japan

Zipcode : 279-0031

Location : 35.6328964, 139.88039430000003

Contact : +81 45-330-5211

Website : <http://www.tokyodisneyresort.jp/tdl/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Tokyo Disneyland Station – Monorail Station

Entry Fee : 1 day pass – Ages 18 and over – 7400 yen; junior – 6400 yen; Senior citizen -4800 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 7

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.7. Hamarikyū Gardens

Address : 1-1 Hamarikyuteien, Chuo, Tokyo 104-0046, Japan

Zipcode : 104-0046

Location : 35.6597374, 139.76349249999998

Contact : +81 3-3541-0200

Website : <http://teien.tokyo-park.or.jp/contents/index028.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Takeshiba Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Adult - 300 yen 65 and over – 150 yen Discount of 20% on 20+ people

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. Ueno Zoo

Address : 9-83 Uenokoen, Taito, Tokyo 110-0007, Japan

Zipcode : 110-0007

Location : 35.7164535, 139.77131770000005

Contact : +81 3-3828-5171

Website : <http://www.tokyo-zoo.net/zoo/ueno/>

Nearest Public Transport : Keisei-Ueno Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : 600 yen

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday–Sunday 09:30hrs-27:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 30 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.1.9. Samurai Museum

Address : Japan, 160-0021 Tokyo, 2 Kabukicho, 2-25-6 6

Zipcode : 160-0021

Location : 35.6954844, 139.7035426

Contact : +81 3-6457-6411

Website : <http://www.samuraimuseum.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Seibu-Shinjuku Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Grown up – 1800 yen 12 years old – 800 yen 3 years or less – FREE

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:30hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.10. National Museum of Nature and Science

Address : 7-20 Uenokoen, Taito, Tokyo 110-8718, Japan

Zipcode : 110-8718

Location : 35.716357, 139.77638260000003

Contact : +81 3-5777-8600

Website : <http://www.kahaku.go.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Ueno Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Individuals – 620 yen Group of 20 – 310 yen

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday-Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs; Monday Closed

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.11. Koishikawa Kōrakuen Garden

Address : 1-6-6 Koraku, Bunkyo, Tokyo 112-0004, Japan

Zipcode : 112-0004

Location : 35.7054498, 139.74966670000003

Contact : +81 3-3811-3015

Nearest Public Transport : Korakuen Station – Subway Station

Entry Fee : 300 yen Age 65 and over - 150 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.12. Tokyo Skytree

Address : 1 Chome-1-2 Oshiage, Sumida, Tokyo 131-0045, Japan

Zipcode : 131-0045

Location : 35.71006269999999, 139.81070039999997

Contact : +81 570-550-634

Website : <http://www.tokyo-skytree.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Tokyo Skytree Station – Train Station

Entry Fee : Single Ticket – 4 to 11 years – 1500 yen; 12 years and older – 3000 yen

Combo Ticket - 4 to 11 years – 2000 yen; 12 years and older – 4000 yen

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-22:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes



7.2. Free

7.2.1. Meiji Jingu

Address : 1-1 Yoyogikamizonochō, Shibuya, Tokyo 151-8557, Japan

Zipcode : 151-8557

Location : 35.67639760000001, 139.69932589999996

Contact : +81-333795511

Website : <http://www.meijijingu.or.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Harajuku Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. Ueno Park

Address : 110-0007 Tokyo Ueno Park, Taito-ku, 5-20

Zipcode : 110-0007

Location : 35.714981, 139.773296

Contact : +81-338285644

Website : http://www.kensetsu.metro.tokyo.jp/toubuk/ueno/index_top.html

Nearest Public Transport : Ueno Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 05:00hrs-23:00hrs

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Roppongi

Address : Roppongi, Tokyo 106-0032

Zipcode : 106-0032

Location : 35.6641222, 139.729426

Nearest Public Transport : Roppongi Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.4. Imperial Palace

Address : 1-1 Chiyoda, Tokyo 100-8111, Japan

Zipcode : 100-8111

Location : 35.685175, 139.75279950000004

Contact : +81 3-3213-1111

Website : <http://sankan.kunaicho.go.jp/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Sakuradamon Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday–Thursday 09:00hrs–17:00hrs; Saturday & Sunday 09:00hrs–17:00hrs; Friday & Monday Closed

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Rainbow Bridge

Address : Minato, Tokyo 105-0000, Japan

Zipcode : 105-0000

Location : 35.65806809999999, 139.7515992

Website : <http://www.shutoko.jp/fun/lightup/rainbowbridge/>

Nearest Public Transport : Shibaurafuto Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Asakusa

Address : 2 Chome-3-1 Asakusa, Taito, Tokyo 111-0032, Japan

Zipcode : 111-0032

Location : 35.71187690000001, 139.79669709999996

Contact : +81 3-3842-0181

Website : <http://www.senso-ji.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Asakusa Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Shinjuku

Address : Shinjuku, Tokyo, 160-0021 Japan

Zipcode : 160-0021

Location : 35.6938401, 139.70354940000004

Nearest Public Transport : Shinjuku Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Harajuku

Address : Harajuku, Tokyo 150-0001, Japan

Zipcode : 150-0001

Location : 35.6716283, 139.7102847

Nearest Public Transport : Meijijingu-Mae Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Yoyogi Park

Address : 2-1 Yoyogikamizonochō, Shibuya, Tokyo 151-0052, Japan

Zipcode : 151-0052

Location : 35.671736, 139.69494469999995

Contact : +81 3-3469-6081

Website : <http://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/park/format/index039.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Yoyogikoen Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Zojoji-j

Address : 4-7-35 Shibakoen, Minato, Tokyo 105-0011, Japan

Zipcode : 105-0011

Location : 35.6574236, 139.7482079

Contact : +81 3-3432-1431

Website : <http://www.zojoji.or.jp/map/index.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Shibakoen Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. Yasukuni Shrine

Address : 3 Chome-1-1 Kudankita, Chiyoda, Tokyo 102-8246, Japan

Zipcode : 102-8246

Location : 35.69413600000001, 139.74384899999995

Contact : +81 3-3261-8326

Website : <http://www.yasukuni.or.jp/>

Nearest Public Transport : Kudanshita Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 06:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. Kabukicho

Address : Kabukicho, Shinjuku, Tokyo 160-0021, Japan

Zipcode : 160-0021

Location : 35.6949372, 139.70286050000004

Contact : +81 9033003911



Nearest Public Transport : Seibu-Shinjuku Station – Train Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 3

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Golden Gai

Address : 1 Chome Kabukicho,   Tokyo 160-0021, Japan

Zipcode : 160-0021

Location : 35.69378759999999, 139.70461380000006

Contact : +81 195-75-1319

Website : <http://the-goldengai.com/>

Nearest Public Transport : Higashi-Shinjuku Station – Subway Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday–Saturday 20:00hrs-05:00hrs; Sunday 20:00hrs-00:00hrs; Monday 04:00hrs-05:00hrs; 20:00hrs-05:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Akihabara

Address : Taito, Tokyo 110-0006

Zipcode : 110-0006

Location : 35.7020691, 139.77532689999998

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. The Broadway Arcade in Nakano

Address : 5-52-15 Nakano, Tokyo 164-0001, Japan

Zipcode : 164-0001

Location : 35.709249, 139.665919

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. The Antique Mall

Address : japan, 〒104-0061 Tōkyō-to, Chūō-ku, Ginza, 1 Chome-13-1



Zipcode : 104-0061

Location : 35.6740119, 139.76970329999995

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. Chuo Dori

Address : Chuo Dori street

Zipcode : 640-8212

Location : 35.69998, 139.873299999999

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No



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8. Key sites sports & adventure

Tourists have several choices when it comes to adventure and extreme sports in Tokyo. Hiking the mountains, cycling in the hilly neighbourhoods, stream climbing, forest canoeing, skiing, surfing, indoor wall climbing, bungee jumping, and mountain biking are some of the outdoor activities that the visitors can enjoy. There are many theme parks with the best rollercoaster rides as well.

- **Hiking -**

Address : Fujinomiya, Shizuoka Prefecture 418-0112

Location : 35.360555,138.727776

Nearest Public Transport : Nishi-Fujinomiya Station – Train Station (NR)

Entry Fees : 1000 yen per person

Open / Close Time : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 4.00



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Tokyo has a wide range of sports including baseball, sumo, football, basketball, etc. A number of international sporting events are hosted by Tokyo including the Summer Olympics. Its world-class stadiums witness global sporting events like tennis, rugby, swimming, judo, karate, and many more. The 2020 Summer Olympics will be held in the city.

- **Ry?goku Kokugikan:**

Address : Japan, 〒130-0015 Tokyo, 〒130-0015 Yokoami, 1 Chome-3 〒130-0015 28

Location : 35.6969104,139.7935116

Contact No : +81 3-3623-5111

Website : <http://www.kokugikan.co.jp/index.html>

Open/Close time : Depends upon events

- **Tokyo-Dome City:**

Address : 1 Chome-3-61 Koraku, Bunkyo, Tokyo 112-0004, Japan

Location : 35.70636,139.75440000000003

Contact No : +81 3-5800-9999

Website : <http://www.tokyo-dome.co.jp/dome/>

Open/Close time : varies according to events

- **Jingu Stadium:**

Address : 3-1 Kasumigaokamachi, 〒160-0013 Tokyo 160-0013, Japan

Location : 35.67451,139.71704899999997

Open/Close time : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

10. Spas and relaxation

- **The Spa at Mandarin Oriental:**

Address : 2-1-1 Nihonbashi-Muromachi, Chuo, Tokyo 103-8328, Japan

Location : 35.686784,139.77301999999997

Contact No : +81 3-3270-8300

Website : http://www.mandarinoriental.com/tokyo/luxury-spa/?htl=MOTYO_spa&eng=google&src=local

- **The Peninsula Spa at The Peninsula:**

Address : 6F, 1-8-1 Yurakucho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-0006, Japan

Location : 35.674763,139.76064199999996

Contact No : +81 3-6270-2299

Website: http://www.peninsula.com/en/default#/Tokyo/en/Wellness/The_Peninsula_Spa/

- **Aman Tokyo Spa:**

Address : The Otemachi Tower, 1-5-6 Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0004, Japan

Location : 35.685341,139.76536599999997

Contact No : +81 3-5224-3344

Website : <https://www.aman.com/resorts/aman-tokyo/spa>

11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Hatsumode @ Meiji Jingu Shrine (1st)

An event where people gather at various temples with a large crowd going to Meji shrine to usher in the new year.

Ukera Shinto Ritual @ Gojo Tenjinja Shrine (3rd)

A ritual that includes bean tossing, driving out evil spirits and the Setsubun festival.

Kinryu no mai (golden dragon dance) @ Senso-ji Temple (18th)

This is a day that the golden dragon dances as the Japanese celebrate a rich harvest and the renovation of the Main Hall (Kannonodo Hall).

Hana Matsuri (Floral Festival) @ Sensoji Temple (8th)

A day that the Japanese gather in temples to celebrate the birthday of Bussho-e, Buddha.


Okunitama Jinja Shrine:

Kurayami Matsuri (Darkness Festival) @ Okunitama Jinja

Shrine (1st to 6th)

An event whereby mikoshi (movable shrines) are carried in the darkness that is why the name darkness festival

Tenno Matsuri @ Shinagawa Shrine and Ebara Jinja Shrine (early June)



An event where the Japanese carry the mikoshi (movable shrines) across the sea praying for rich harvest of fish and vegetables.

Hozuki-Ichi (Ground Cherry Pod Fair) @ Senso-ji Temple (9th to 10 th)

An event whereby the Japanese gather in temples to pray as they believe one prayer made on 10th of this month is equivalent to prayers made in 46,000 days and also to sell cherry pods.

Hibiya Park Marunouchi Ondo Bon-odori Dance Festival @ Hibiya Park fountain and second flower garden (26th to 27th)

**An annual event whereby people from all over gather to dance to the Marunouchi song,
The 15th Tokyo Jazz @ Tokyo**

International Forum Hall A (2nd to 4th)

This is the largest jazz event organized in Tokyo with musicians from all over performing live.

Zojo-ji Temple Takigi Noh (Firelit Noh) @ Zojo-ji Temple premises (1st)

An outdoor performance that is usually illuminated by firelight and draws spectators from all over the world.

Bunkyo Kiku Matsuri (Chrysanthemum Festival) @ Yushima Tenmangu Shrine's precincts (1st to 23rd)

An event whereby flower farmers showcase their flowers and dolls made from the flowers.

Oji Kumade Ichi (bamboo rake festival at Oji Shrine) @ Oji Shrine (6th)

An event whereby people purchase a bamboo rake believed to bring good luck.

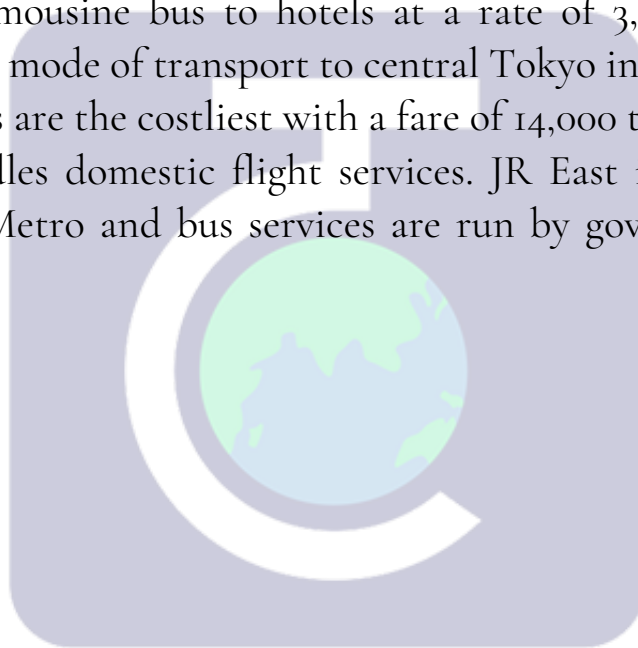
12. Key local guides and tours

Tokyo offers a plethora of sights and activities for the foreign visitors. It is quite impossible to reach all the places and do everything within the short span of a tour. Local guides and tour packages that suit your interests and budget can be very helpful in exploring Tokyo. Licensed private guides can be hired for a day or for a number of days as you require. Different types of tour packages include cycling and biking tours, hiking and walking tours, shopping tours, adventure tours, nature and wildlife tours, out of city tours, after dark tours, youth and family tours, religious heritage tours, etc.



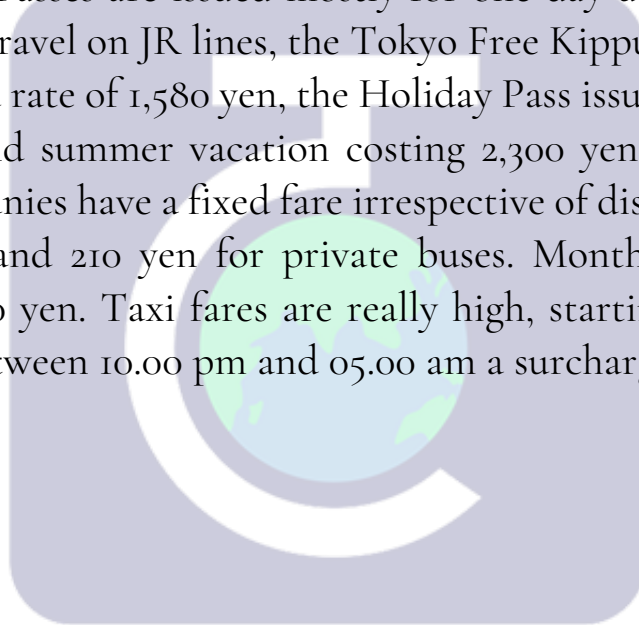
13. Transportation hubs

Tokyo's main international airport is Narita Airport at a distance of about 60 kilometers from central Tokyo. Travelers have diverse options to reach the city centre from the airport depending on budget and time. The cheapest option is the Keisei Limited Express train at 1,000 yen and takes about 75 minutes to reach. Several shuttle bus services also charge 1,000 yen for a one-way trip. The easiest way is taking the limousine bus to hotels at a rate of 3,100 yens. The Keisei Skyliner is the fastest mode of transport to central Tokyo in 40 minutes and costs about 2500 yen. Taxis are the costliest with a fare of 14,000 to 40,300 yen. Haneda Airport mainly handles domestic flight services. JR East is the largest railway network in Tokyo. Metro and bus services are run by government and private operators.



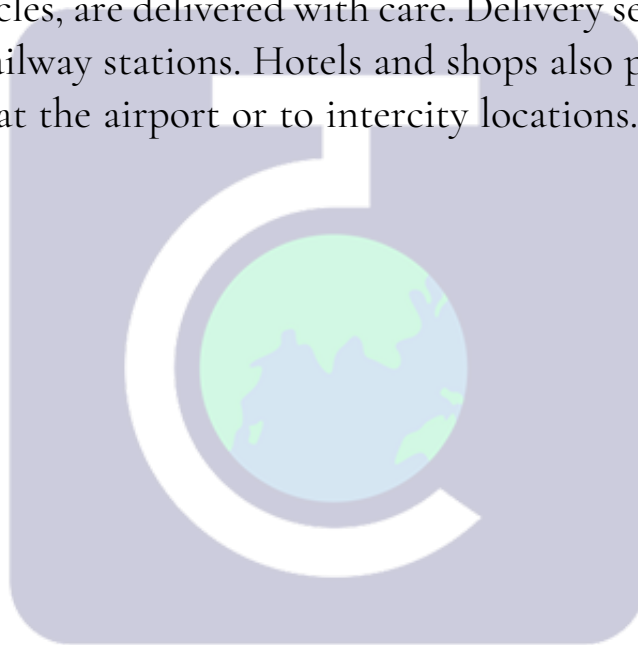
14. Transportation cost

Trains and subways are the most popular form of public transport in Tokyo. The fare system is based on distance starting from 110 yen to 310 yen for stops within central Tokyo. There are prepaid fare cards offered by JR East and private lines. These cards can be used on subway, train, and bus lines in Tokyo. An initial deposit of 500 yen is paid to get a fare card. Each card can store a maximum of 20,000 yen in value. Passes are issued mostly for one-day use. The Tokunai Pass for 730 yen used for travel on JR lines, the Tokyo Free Kippu used on JR, subway, and city bus lines at a rate of 1,580 yen, the Holiday Pass issued only on weekends, national holidays, and summer vacation costing 2,300 yen, etc. are all one day passes. All bus companies have a fixed fare irrespective of distance. The rate is 200 yen for Toei buses and 210 yen for private buses. Monthly pass for busses is approximately 10,000 yen. Taxi fares are really high, starting at 710 yen for the first 2 kilometers. Between 10.00 pm and 05.00 am a surcharge of 20% is required.



15. Baggage allowance

Only a few trains in Tokyo have space for large pieces of luggage, and buses have none. It is advisable not to travel with a lot of luggage on public transport, especially during rush hours. Travelers can leave their luggage at the left luggage facilities costing 500 to 1,000 yen per day. Baggage delivery services are available in Tokyo that carries your luggage to the address given. Luggage of all size and shape, including bicycles, are delivered with care. Delivery services are available at airports and major railway stations. Hotels and shops also provide this service to deliver your luggage at the airport or to intercity locations. The cost varies from 1,500 to 3,000 yen.



16. Must try food and local savouries

Most of the finest restaurants are located in the Akasaka area.



17. Restaurant & Nightlife

Food -

- **Sushi-sho:**

Address : Japan, 〒160-0004 Tokyo, Shinjuku, Yotsuya, 1-11, 1F

Location : 35.685580699,139.72829350

Contact No : +81 3-3351-6387

Open / Close Time : Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday – 18:00hrs-22:30hrs;
Monday, Wednesday and Friday – 11:30hrs-13:30hrs; 18:00hrs-22:30hrs;
Sunday Closed

- **Tonkatsu Maisen Aoyama Honten:**

Address : 4 Chome-8-5 Jingumae, 〒150-0001 Tokyo 150-0001, Japan

Location : 35.667981999,139.71153000

Contact No : +81 120-428-485

Website : <http://mai-sen.com/restaurant/>

Open / Close Time : Daily – 11:00hrs-22:45hrs

- **Tenshige:**

Address : 3-6-10 Akasaka, Minato, Tokyo 107-0052, Japan

Location : 35.673352000,139.73845270

Contact No : +81 3-3584-3746

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday – 11:30hrs-14:00hrs;
18:30hrs-20:30hrs; Saturday & Sunday Closed

- **Ginza Kojyu:**

Address : Carioca Bldg. 4fl., 5 Chome-4-8 Ginza, Chuo, Tokyo, Japan

Location : 35.671425,139.763012

Contact No : +81 3-6215-9544

Website : <http://www.kojyu.jp/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-13:00hrs; 18:00hrs-21:30hrs

- **Ishikawa:**

Address : Japan, 162-0825 Tokyo, Shinjuku, Kagurazaka, 5-37, 162-0825

Location : 35.7012753,139.73938859

Contact No : +81 3-5225-0173

Website : <http://kagurazaka-ishikawa.co.jp/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday – 17:30hrs-00:00hrs; Sunday Closed

- **Nobu Tokyo:**

Address : Japan, 105-0001 Tokyo, Minato, Toranomon, 4 Chome-1-28, 105-0001

Location : 35.6662627,139.7437731

Contact No : +81 3-5733-0070

Website : <http://noburestaurants.com/tokyo/experience>

Open / Close Time : Lunch – 11:30hrs-14:00hrs Dinner – Monday-Saturday – 18:00hrs-22:00hrs Dinner – Sunday & Holidays – 18:00hrs-21:30hrs

- **Narisawa:**

Address : Japan, 107-0062 Tokyo, 107-0062 Minamiaoyama, 107-0062


Location : 35.6718742,139.72208260

Contact No : +81 3-5785-0799

Website : <http://www.narisawa-yoshihiro.com/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday-Saturday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs;
18:30hrs-23:00hrs; Sunday & Monday Closed

- **Aronia de Takazawa:**

Address : 3 Chome-5-2 Akasaka,  Tokyo 107-0052, Japan

Location : 35.6736692,139.73850360

Contact No : +81 3-3505-5052

Website : <http://www.takazawa-y.co.jp/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-21:00hrs

- **WOMB:**

Address : 2-16 Maruyamacho,  Tokyo 150-0044, Japan


















Location : 35.658403,139.695038

Contact No : +81 3-5459-0039

Website : <http://www.womb.co.jp/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 22:00hrs-05:00hrs

- **Arty Farty:**

Address : Japan,  160-0022 Tokyo,                

Location : 35.6904227,139.70730679

Contact No : +81 3-5362-9720

Website : <http://www.arty-farty.net/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 18:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **CASABLANCA:**

Address : Japan, 〒160-0021 Tokyo, Shinjuku, 東京都渋谷区

Location : 35.6941991,139.70277469

Contact No : +81 3-6457-6501

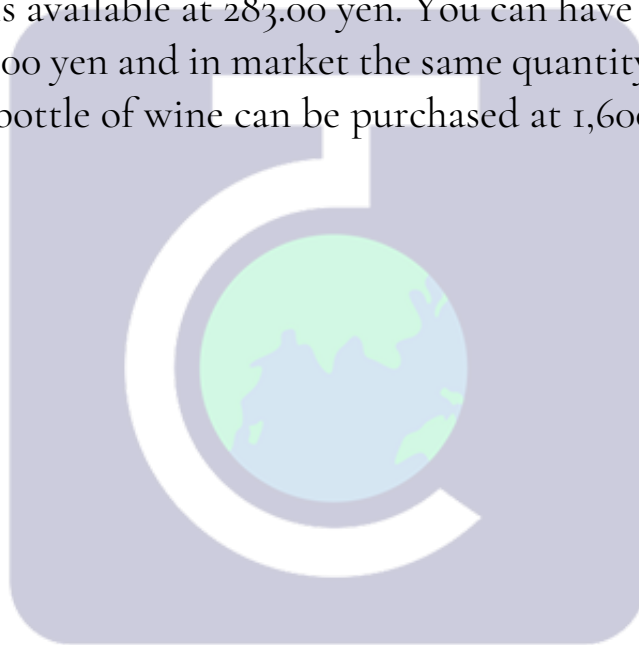
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Open / Close Time : Daily 20:00hrs-05:00hrs



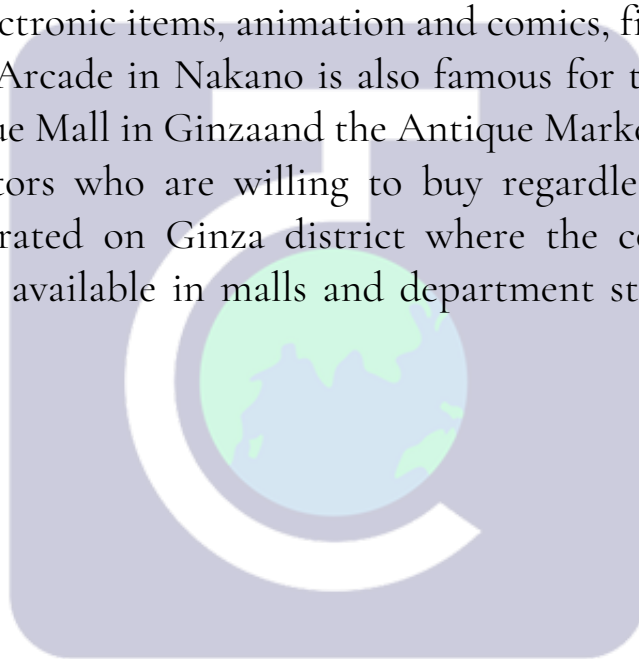
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At an inexpensive restaurant, a normal meal costs 900.00 yen. A three course meal for two people at a mid-range restaurant is available at 5,700.00 yen. A combo meal at McDonald's is available at 680.00 yen and a fresh cappuccino can be purchased at 396.92 yen. You can have 11.2 oz small bottle of water at 110.41 yen. Whereas 1 pint draught of domestic beer can be purchased at 350.00 yen and in market 0.5 lt of it is available at 283.00 yen. You can have 11.2 oz small bottle of imported beer at 500.00 yen and in market the same quantity is available at 340.30 yen. The mid- range bottle of wine can be purchased at 1,600.00 yen.



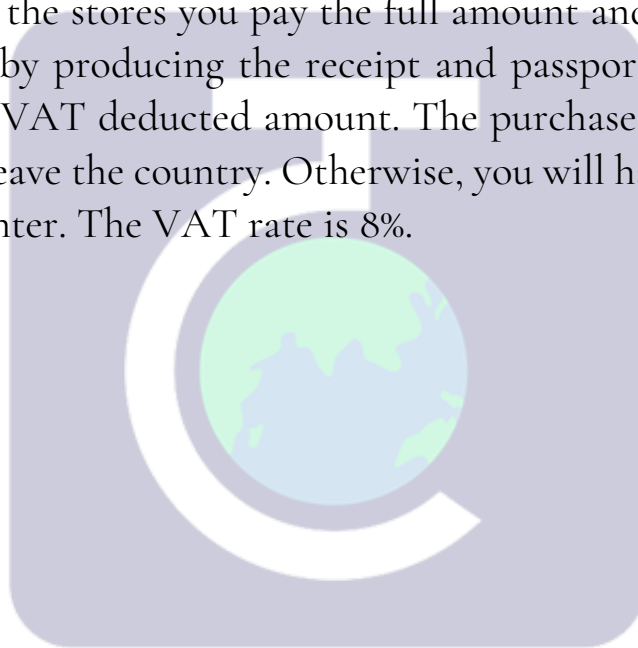
19. Shopping

Tokyo has everything that you want to buy. Goods and products sold all around the world can be bought from here. From electronic items to popular cartoon toys, from clothes to kitchenware, from antiques to souvenirs, Tokyo offers a dream destination for the shopping aficionados. Akihabara is the Electric Town of Tokyo selling every technological gadget imaginable. The things you can buy from here include electronic items, animation and comics, figures, and collectible toys. The Broadway Arcade in Nakano is also famous for the anime and manga products. The Antique Mall in Ginza and the Antique Market in Omotesando are for hard-core collectors who are willing to buy regardless of prices. Fashion shopping is concentrated on Ginza district where the costliest and branded fashion products are available in malls and department stores like Mitsukoshi, Marui, Sogo, etc.



20. Tourist benefits

Tax refunds or tax-free shopping are available for tourists in many department stores, malls, and souvenir stores in Tokyo. The stores will display the tax-free logo. To avail this benefit the purchase amount should be more than 5000 yen. The tax refund process must be completed on the same day at the store or tax-free counter. There is no tax refund service at the airports. The refund is given in two ways. In most of the stores you pay the full amount and get the refund from the tax-free counter by producing the receipt and passport. In some stores you only have to pay the VAT deducted amount. The purchased items must be kept unopened until you leave the country. Otherwise, you will have to pay the GST at the immigration counter. The VAT rate is 8%.



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21. Essential local apps

There are many travel and local apps that make your tour of the city a lot easier and cheaper by finding the best places and rates for each of your needs. TABIMORI is an offline guide to Japanese culture, customs, commonly used phrases, train information, currency converter, etc. Tokyo Taxi Association – TAKKUN taxi app to request nearest available taxi pick-up service.



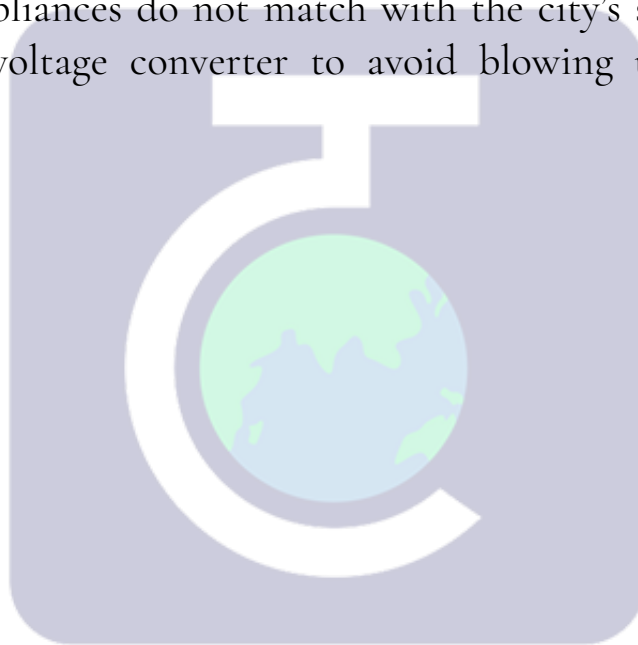
22. Driving

Foreign tourists can drive around in Tokyo if they have an International Driving Permit. Japan does not issue this license. The visitors have to get it from their home countries. International Driving permits based on the 1949 Geneva Convention issued by several countries are recognized in Japan. Some countries that do not issue such licenses have an agreement with Japan by which their citizens can drive in the country for a maximum of one year. The national licenses they hold must be accompanied by a Japanese translation of the information provided. Citizens from other countries whose international driving permits are not valid in Japan must get a Japanese driver's license. Tourists with national driving licenses from countries with bilateral agreements with Japan do not have to take written or practical exam to get the Japanese license. All others must undergo theory and practical tests.



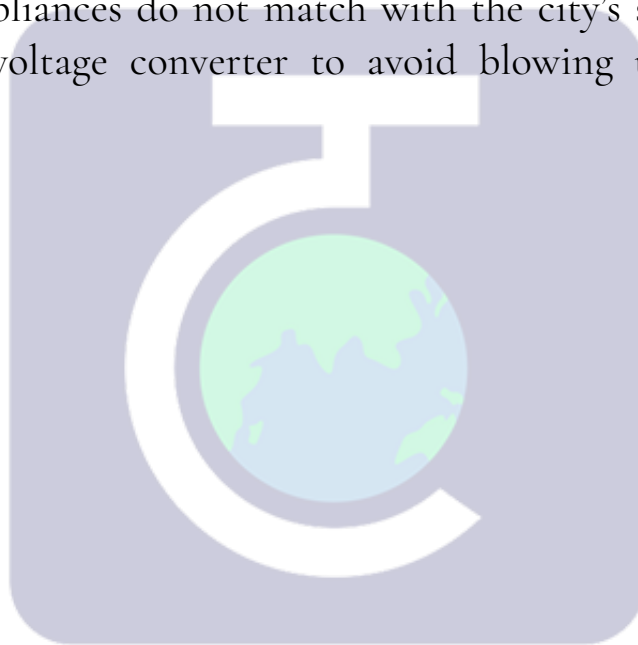
23. Travel essentials

Tokyo has a standard voltage of 100 volts with a frequency of 50/60 Hz. Most of the power sockets in this city are the type A (has the two-pin plug sockets) and the type B (has the three-pin plug sockets). Travel adapters are not sold in this city so it advisable you bring one with you when visiting. If your appliances have dual voltage or in-built voltage, a voltage converter/adaptor is not necessary. However, if your appliances do not match with the city's standard voltage it is advisable to get a voltage converter to avoid blowing up or damaging the appliances.



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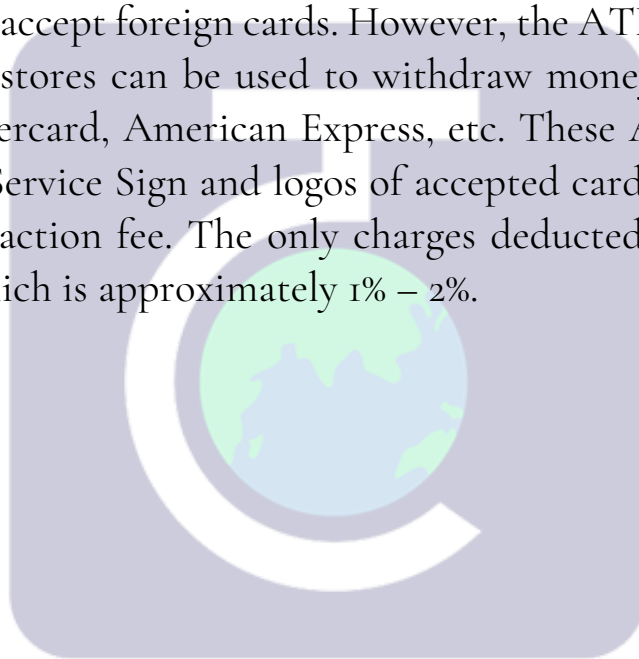
25. Local currency

Japanese Yen is the local currency of Tokyo. It is symbolized as ¥. 1 USD = 104.09 yen.



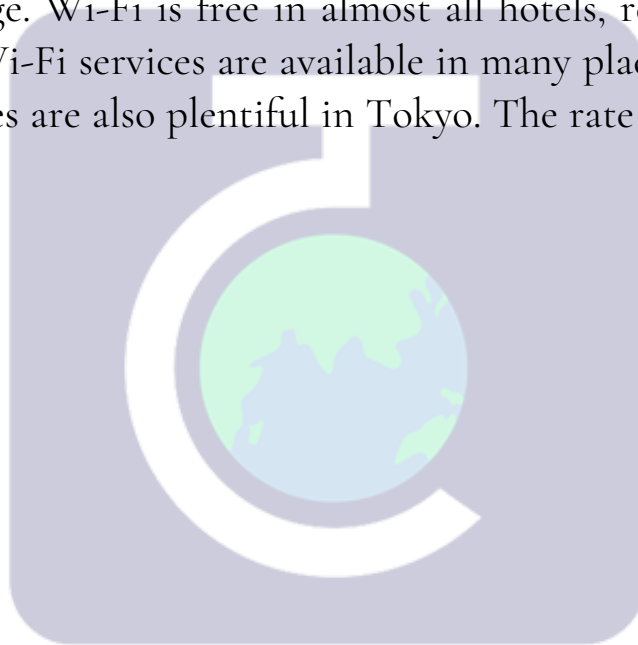
26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

There are many money exchanges and counters of various banks in airports with English speaking staff. Rates can differ from bank to bank. Banks and money exchange companies across the city also are good places to change your currency into Japanese Yen. They charge approximately 2%. The exchanges usually offer the best prices. Some high-end hotels also offer money exchange services. Not all bank ATMs in Japan accept foreign cards. However, the ATMs at post offices and 7-Eleven convenient stores can be used to withdraw money using foreign cards including Visa, Mastercard, American Express, etc. These ATMs usually display International ATM Service Sign and logos of accepted cards. Japanese ATMs do not charge any transaction fee. The only charges deducted are those set by the cardholder's bank which is approximately 1% – 2%.



27. Staying connected

Prepaid and rental SIM cards, data only SIM cards, mobile phones, and mobile routers are available at the airports and in numerous shops in the city. Charges and rental rates can vary for each service provider. Daily rental fees for data SIM cards with voice call can be around 110 JPY, 260-540 JPY for mobile phones, 210-540 JPY for iPhones, and 1,290-1,590 JPY for mobile routers. Call and data rates depend on usage. Wi-Fi is free in almost all hotels, restaurants, cafes, and public places. Paid Wi-Fi services are available in many places for about 500 JPY per day. Internet cafes are also plentiful in Tokyo. The rate is 200 to 300 JPY per hour.



28. Time Zone

The city of Tokyo follows Japan Time Zone with UTC + 09:00 hours.



29. Languages

Japanese is the most common language spoken here. Different dialects of Japanese and Korean are widely used.



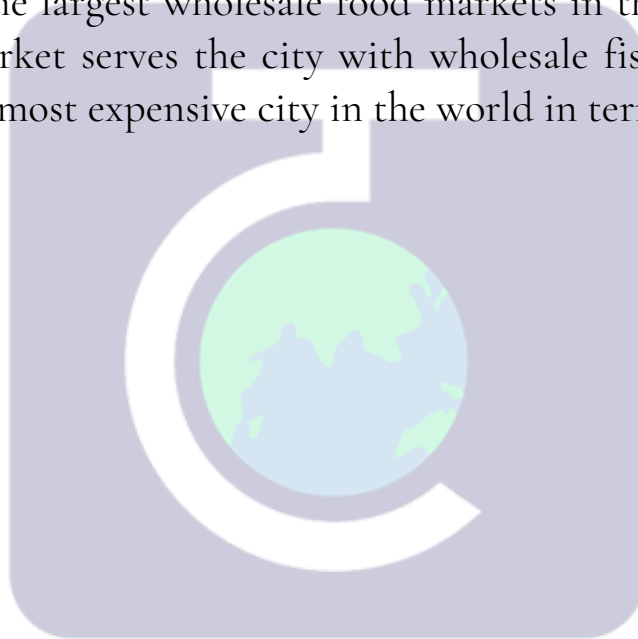
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Tokyo Metropolis is the capital of Japan and the seat of the Emperor of Japan and the Japanese Government. This metropolitan prefecture is governed by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government which consists of a Governor elected by people and as assembly. The metropolis has 23 special wards, 26 cities, 5 towns, and 8 villages with its own local governments. The Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly has 127 members. Elections are held every 4 years. Yuriko Koike is the current Governor. The four major political parties are Liberal Democrats, Democrats, Komeito, and Communists. In the last assembly elections, the Liberal Democrats won 59 of the total 127 seats.



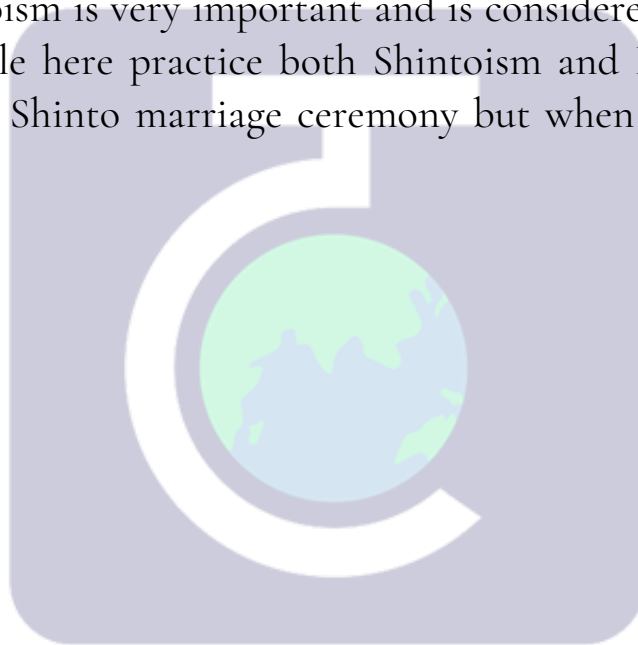
31. Economic Scenario

A very prosperous and economically stable city by all standards, Tokyo is the world's largest metropolitan economy. It is the center of transportation, publishing and other industries in Japan. The city is also the headquarters of large global investment banks and insurance companies. Agriculture and fishing also contribute to the economic scene. Tourism plays a great role in bringing profits to the city. One of the largest wholesale food markets in the world is in Tokyo. The Tsukiji Fish Market serves the city with wholesale fish and other seafood. Tokyo is rates as the most expensive city in the world in terms of cost of living.



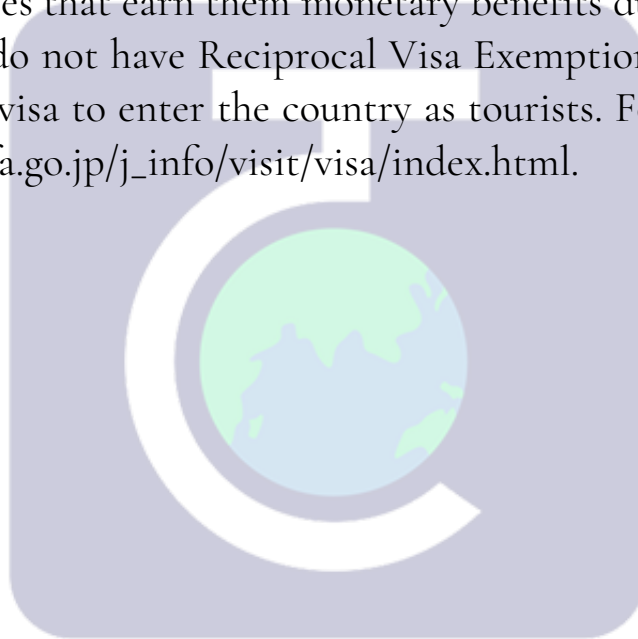
Index**32. Religious belief**

The major religion in Tokyo is Shintoism with around 52%, followed by Buddhism with roughly 35%, Shinto sects and organizations form 4%, Christianity is 2% and the remaining 7% do not identify with a specific religion. Shintoism is practiced in shrines popularly known as jinja. Meji Shrine is the most popular shrine in Tokyo. A gate made of wood with two poles is a sign of a shrine. Cleanliness in Shintoism is very important and is considered a sign of respect to the gods. Most people here practice both Shintoism and Buddhism whereby a person might have a Shinto marriage ceremony but when they die, a Buddhist funeral is conducted.



Index**33. Visa requirements**

Tourists who enter Japan must have valid visa and passport with them. Japan has Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangements with 66 countries. Nationals of some countries are granted visa free stay up to 90 days while citizens of some other countries can stay only up to 15 days without a visa. All these tourists must get a Temporary Visitor's Visa valid up to 90 days. However, the tourists must not engage in any activities that earn them monetary benefits during the stay. People from countries that do not have Reciprocal Visa Exemption Arrangements with Japan must obtain a visa to enter the country as tourists. For more information, visit http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html.



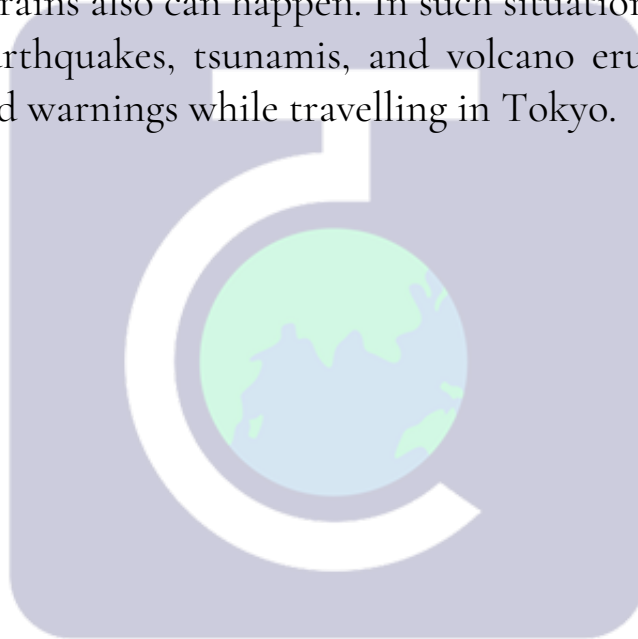
34. Essential vaccination

Before travelling to Tokyo a number of vaccines are required. These vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, polio vaccine, yearly flu shot and varicella vaccine. Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Rabies and Japanese encephalitis vaccines are also recommended depending on the period you are planning to stay in Tokyo.



35. Theft and Safety

Tokyo is a very safe city even for female visitors who travel alone at night. Reports of street crime are very rare. However, tourists must be cautious of pick-pockets in crowded areas. Petty thieves may be present in popular tourist spots and bars. Beware of scammers and extortionists on nightclub and red light areas and try to ignore them and their offers. Some amount of sexual harassment like groping in crowded trains also can happen. In such situations, react immediately. Japan is prone to earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcano eruptions. Keep a close watch of forecasts and warnings while travelling in Tokyo.



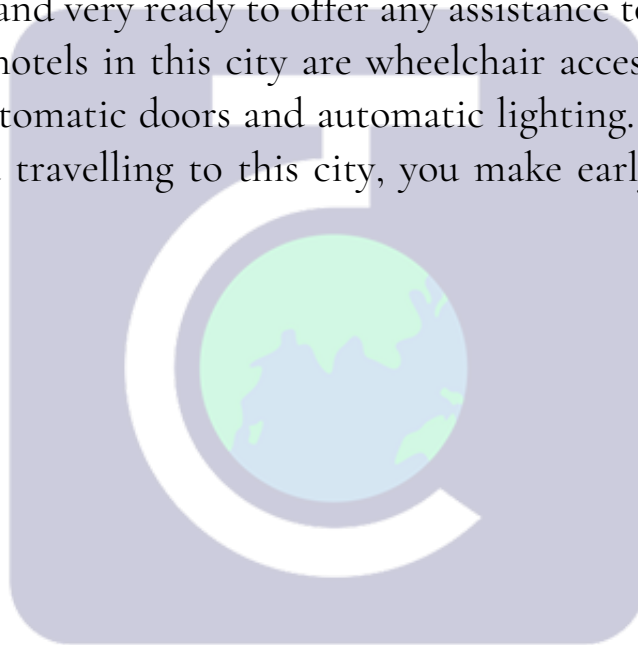
36. Embassy/Consulate

There are a number of foreign embassies and consulates spread across the entire city of Tokyo. You can find more information at <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/japan>.



37. Accessibility

Tokyo city is a huge city and it would be a challenge to people with disabilities to get around. However, the government has put in some efforts to help the people with disabilities get along with ease. It has passed a law that buildings being constructed and renovated should have levelled pavements, have automatic doors and lifts and lay embossed tiles to aid people with visual disabilities. People in this city are friendly and very ready to offer any assistance to the disabled people. Most buildings and hotels in this city are wheelchair accessible, have accessible toilets, hand rails, automatic doors and automatic lighting. It is advisable that if you are disabled and travelling to this city, you make early bookings to have a comfortable stay.



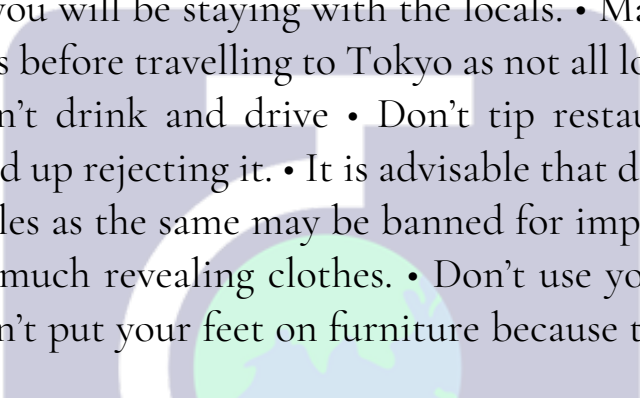
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Keio University Hospital is one of the best hospitals in Tokyo that offer emergency services and ambulance services. University of Tokyo Hospital is another great hospital which accepts medical insurance but might request for letter of guarantee from your insurance firm. Call 110 to get police services and for fire and ambulance services call 119.



39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • It is a requirement that you bow slightly when greeting a Japanese person. • It is also required that you receive or give business cards with two hands. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. • Always remove shoes when entering temples, traditional places and homes of the locals. • Bring a gift from your local country especially if you will be staying with the locals. • Make an effort to learn some Japanese phrases before travelling to Tokyo as not all locals can speak fluent English. Don'ts • Don't drink and drive • Don't tip restaurants staff and taxi drivers as they will end up rejecting it. • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. • Don't go to the temples wearing too much revealing clothes. • Don't use your mobile phones in buses and trains • Don't put your feet on furniture because the Japanese consider it rude.



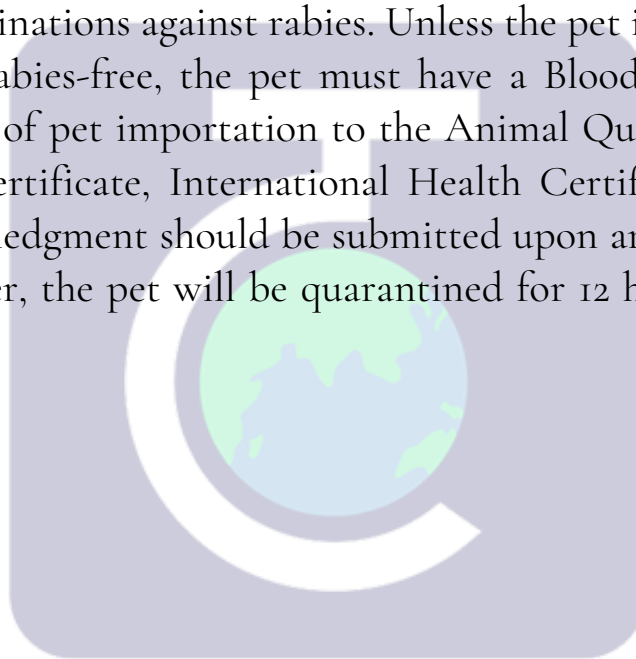
40.Tipping basics

Tipping in Tokyo is not generally accepted as the Japanese believe you should pay for the service because it is good. Many staffs will refuse to take tips and so it is only acceptable to thank them after offering their services. However tour guides are allowed to receive tips as many tourists are used to tipping.



41.Pet info

Japan is a very pet friendly country. Travellers can bring their pets into Tokyo and even take the animals with them to the places they visit. Travelling with pets on public transport is also allowed. Pet friendly hotels and pet play areas are plenty in Japan. There are certain procedures to be followed and documents to be accompanied to bring your pet into Tokyo. The pet must be micro chipped followed by two vaccinations against rabies. Unless the pet is from a country that Japan considers as rabies-free, the pet must have a Blood Titer test. Make an advance notification of pet importation to the Animal Quarantine Service. The rabies vaccination certificate, International Health Certificate, and Advanced Notification acknowledgment should be submitted upon arrival in Tokyo. If the documents are proper, the pet will be quarantined for 12 hours before releasing them to the owner.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Conclusion – Why to choose Tokyo Tokyo is not just about cherry blossoms or kimono clad petite beauties or sumo wrestlers. There is more to this imposing city that attracts people from all over the world to this bustling capital city. The most attractive aspect of visiting Tokyo is that it is the safest place on earth for a tourist. You can even walk with wads of cash in your hands and be sure that no one is going to snatch it. Sightseeing options in Tokyo are huge and varied. There is no end to what to see and what to do. For the art and culture lovers there are museums, palaces, and shrines; for the shoppers there are areas and districts and stores loaded up to ceiling even with things you haven't heard of; for the adventure seekers the mountains and forests are full of thrills and adrenalin pumping activities; for the techie types there are broadcasting towers, electronics malls, and game and animation stores; for children there is Pokemon and Hello Kitty goods, anime and manga stores, and comics figures. And, if you are looking for a touch of local flavor, the choices are sure to confuse you. Noodles, curries, and sushis are just the tip of the ice berg. When you explore deep into the local cuisine, more classic and traditional items appear on the menu. For a little eating adventure, you can even try raw food. Amid all the concrete jungle and mad rush the city has its own share of tranquility in its shrines and gardens and of course the cherry blossoms.

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