

Get a close-up look at the biggest subculture of Japan



TOKYO

ANIME & MANGA MAP



Towns

Walk towns made famous by anime and manga

Anime and manga are a Japanese subculture gone global. While based in entertainment for children and adults, a closer look reveals the deeper, broader world of knowledge and wit, trends and dreams that mesmerizes fans across the world.

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Akihabara

A Mecca for subcultures

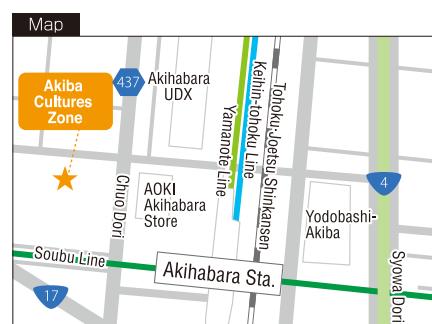
The Akihabara district of Tokyo draws attention from anime fans worldwide. Now that the otaku subculture has won recognition abroad, it's out to set more new trends. The town full of energy has no limit to its attraction for shops and businesses.

when shops carrying electronics components and electric appliances popped up and the district developed into an "Electric Town". Later, with the boom in computer games, more shops appeared targeting anime and game enthusiasts. As Akihabara gained fame and saw the emergence of one quirky shop after another, a unique building opened in summer 2011: Akiba Cultures Zone. The commercial facility spanning from a basement to six floors above ground level features a lineup of shops offering comics, figurines, and other subculture miscellanea, and on the top floor, an "entertainment cafe" where the customers foster their own idols. This single building captures the essence of everything Akihabara. If you're out to get a taste of the Akihabara subculture in this expansive district, Akiba Cultures Zone is a good first place to visit.



Akiba Cultures Zone

Address	1-7-6 Sotokanda, Chiyoda-ku
Access	4-min. walk from JR Akihabara Station
Inquiries	Contact each store directly



Ikebukuro

Toshima-ku and its links with anime and manga

At the dawn of the modern manga, Toshima-ku and the area around it was home to many manga artists, two of the most prominent being Mitsuteru Yokoyama, known for *Tetsujin 28-go* (Iron Man #28), and Osamu Tezuka, for *Astro Boy*. The neighborhood of Tokiwa-so apartment, which produced scores of renowned artists including Tezuka, Fujiko Fujio (A), and Fujiko F. Fujio, is an established sightseeing spot complete with a monument in memory of the apartment in the Toshima Municipal Minami-Nagasaki Hanasaki Park. Toshima-ku today has even more links with anime and manga, such as Otome (Maiden) Road, named after the density of shops dealing in merchandise of otome-kei anime and manga targeting women. One of the largest in the world is the Animate Ikebukuro Flagship Store.



Animate Ikebukuro Flagship Store

Address	1-20-7 Higashiikebukuro, Toshima-ku
Hours	10:00-21:00
Access	5-min. walk from JR / Tobu Line / Seibu Line / Tokyo Metro Ikebukuro Station
Inquiries	03-3988-1351

Otome Road

Address	Around Higashiikebukuro 3-chome, Toshima-ku
Access	8-min. walk from JR / Tobu Line / Seibu Line / Tokyo Metro Ikebukuro Station



Chofu

Home of Shigeru Mizuki, creator of GeGeGe no Kitaro

Manga artist Shigeru Mizuki continues to breathe life into yokai—creatures that exist in children's imagination, and a distinct element of Japanese culture—with a unique style and worldview in the series *GeGeGe no Kitaro*. His home of nearly 50 years, the city of Chofu, releases updates about Mizuki in "Chofu GeGeGe News," and operates a community bus nicknamed "Kitaro Bus" for the manga's characters painted on the vehicles.



Address Keio Line Chofu Station

Inquiries 042-481-7184 (Chofu City Hall Industry Promotion Section Tourism Office)
<http://www.city.chofu.tokyo.jp/www/contents/1232441137043/index.html>



Museums

See original manga drawings and anime in the making

Ogikubo

Suginami Animation Museum

Suginami Animation Museum offers a comprehensive learning experience of the history and principles of Japanese anime. Interactive exhibits that invite visitors to participate in the process of creating anime, like post-production dubbing work, are guaranteed to hold your attention. Regular feature exhibitions introduce the latest developments in the anime industry.

Address	Suginami Kaikan 3F, 3-29-5 Kamiogi, Suginami-ku
Hours	10:00–18:00 (Closed Mondays)
Access	From JR / Tokyo Metro Ogikubo Station North Exit, 5 min. on Kanto Bus (board at No. 0 or No. 1 bus stop)
Inquiries	03-3396-1510 http://www.sam.or.jp/eng.pdf



Mitaka

Ghibli Museum, Mitaka

Ghibli Museum, Mitaka, invites visitors into the world of Studio Ghibli with exhibit rooms reflecting the mechanism of anime and the feel of the production process, and a miniature theater screening original short films. Playful diversions and elaborate tricks in every corner of the labyrinthine space make visitors want to visit again and again. Admission is by reservation only.

Address	Inokashira Park West Side, 1-1-83 Shimorenjakku, Mitaka-shi
Hours	10:00–18:00 (Closed Tuesdays and for irregular long holidays)
For information about reserving date-specific tickets and purchasing tickets from abroad	http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/en/ticket-information/
Access	15-min. walk or Community Bus from JR Mitaka Station South Exit



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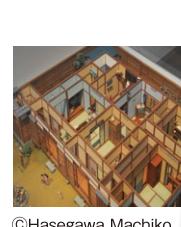


Sakura-Shinmachi

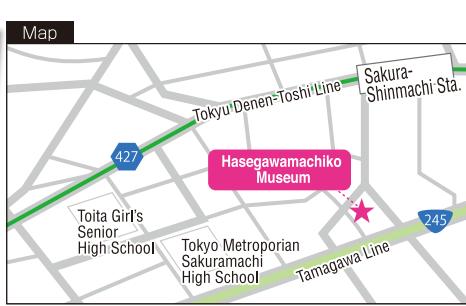
Hasegawa Machiko Art Museum

Hasegawa Machiko Art Museum is located in the Sakura-Shinmachi neighborhood of Setagaya-ku, where the creator of Sazae-san lived from 1946 to her eternal rest in 1992. The museum displays not only original drawings of Hasegawa's work, including Sazae-san, but also artwork collected by Hasegawa and her sister Mariko.

Address	1-30-6 Sakura-shinmachi, Setagaya-ku
Access	7-min. walk from Tokyu Den-en-toshi Line Sakura-shinmachi Station
Inquiries	03-3701-8766



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Statues

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Odaiba

Gundam Front Tokyo

Thirty years on from the first broadcast of Mobile Suit Gundam in 1979, the world of Gundam continues to evolve today. And the paid-admission (partly free) facility Gundam Front Tokyo offers a first-hand experience of this world. A recommended feature is Dome-G, where new computer-graphics images are projected on an enormous dome 16 meters in diameter, fitted with six projectors and 13 speakers, immersing you in the dynamic experience of life-size mobile suits.

Address	DiverCity Tokyo Plaza 7F, 1-1-10 Aomi, Koto-ku
Hours	10:00–22:00; Weekends and holidays 9:00–22:00 ※Open year round ※Tickets for paid admission zone are date- and time-specific
Access	5-min. walk from Yurikame Daiba Station; 3-min. walk from Rinkai Line Tokyo Teleport Station
Inquiries	http://gundamfront-tokyo.com/en/



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Gundam life-size statue

RG1/1 RX-78-2 Gundam Ver.GFT

Location	Festival Plaza, DiverCity Tokyo Plaza
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