



Call's Japan Journey

2 adults, 2 children ages 15 and 13



Kelly Carmon

Pre-Departure Information

Japan: What to Know Before you Go!

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Money & Payments

- **Cash is king:** While credit cards are accepted in many hotels and larger shops, smaller restaurants, izakayas, and local vendors often prefer cash. We used a lot of coins at temples, shrines, games, drink machines, etc.
- **ATMs:** Not all ATMs accept foreign cards, but you can reliably use those at 7-Eleven, Lawson, & FamilyMart
- **Currency:** The Japanese Yen (¥). Bring some cash upon arrival, especially for taxis, temple donations, and rural areas. You can put in a request at your home bank ahead of time with 2-3 days notice.

Tipping Etiquette

- **No tipping:** Unlike in the U.S., tipping is not customary and can even be considered rude at meals, transfers, group experiences.
- **Tipping for Private Experiences:** A cash tip is always appreciated for exceptional private guides or experiences. If you would like to leave a small tip (10-12% is fine) it needs to be handed to the guide directly in a small, clean envelope.
- **Service charge included:** High-end restaurants or hotels may add a service fee automatically.

Weather in December

- Daytime Highs: Around 50–55°F
- Evening Lows: Around 35–40°F
- Rain: Minimal – December is among the driest months
- Sunset: Around 4:45–5:00 PM

What to Expect:

- Cool mornings and evenings, but mild days perfect for exploring temples, gardens, and city walks.
- Air is crisp and clean, with great visibility for photos.
- Occasional frost in Kyoto and the countryside, but rarely snow.

What to Pack:

- Warm layers – sweater, medium-to-heavy coat, scarf, and gloves for evenings.
- Comfortable shoes with traction for temple paths and uneven streets.
- Easy layers since indoor spaces are heated.

Cultural Norms

- **Politeness:** Bowing is the standard greeting. A slight head nod is fine for visitors.
- **Shoes off:** Always remove shoes before entering someone's home, traditional inns (ryokan), temples, and some restaurants. Look for slippers provided. Carry extra socks in your purse if you're wearing sandals
- **Quiet in public:** Keep conversations low on trains and buses; avoid phone calls.

- **Respecting space:** Stand to the side when on escalators to let others pass.
 - **Punctuality:** Trains, tours, and reservations run on time—plan to arrive early.
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□ Public Transportation

- **Trains & subways:** The best way to get around. They are clean, efficient, and highly punctual.
- **IC cards:** Download the U.S. Suica app before departing and connect to your Apple Wallet for easy boarding.
- **Etiquette:** Line up to board, wait for passengers to exit first, and avoid eating on local trains (except on long-distance ones where food is common).

Ubbers and Taxis

Uber works in Japan but is limited to larger cities like Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto. GO and JapanTaxi are the most popular local apps, both available in English. You can use them to request rides, track your driver, and pay by credit card. Taxis also accept cash, credit cards, or IC cards like Suica and Pasmo for contactless payment.

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Suica Card

- Works on nearly all trains, subways, and buses in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, and most of Japan's major cities.
- Can also be used at convenience stores, vending machines, and even some restaurants.
- It's a stored-value (prepaid) card – you load money and tap in/out at train gates or to pay for small purchases.
- Perfect for short-distance city travel and everyday use.
- You can add it to Apple Wallet (via the U.S. Suica app) for easy tap-and-go access.

JR Pass (Japan Rail Pass)

- A multi-day pass that gives unlimited travel on JR-operated trains, including the Shinkansen (bullet trains) between cities like Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, etc.
- Must be purchased before arriving in Japan (for most visitors).
- Covers long-distance travel, but not all local subways or private rail lines within cities (like Tokyo Metro or Kyoto's city subway).
- Best for travelers moving between multiple regions – not necessary if you're staying in just one or two cities.

In short:

Use Suica for daily local transport within cities.

Use a JR Pass if you'll be traveling frequently between cities by train (like Tokyo → Kyoto → Osaka).

You can easily use both – Suica for local rides, JR Pass for the long-distance legs.

Quick Tips for First-Timers

- Check your phone carrier pre-departure to make sure you have an international plan set up or download an e-sim
- Trash bins are rare—carry a small bag for your trash until you find one.
- Learn a few key phrases:
 - Hello = *Konnichiwa*
 - Thank you = *Arigatou gozaimasu*
 - Excuse me / sorry = *Sumimasen*

Must-Have Apps for Japan

- **Google Maps** – The go-to navigation tool for Japan. It shows train lines, platforms, fares, and walking routes with ease. ***WORKS SO MUCH BETTER THAN APPLE MAPS***
- **Google Translate** – Essential for translating signs, menus, and conversations. Use the camera feature for real-time translations.
- **Japan Travel by NAVITIME** – Great for train and transit routes throughout Japan, including regional lines and longer journeys.
- **Mobile Suica** – A digital IC card app for seamless train travel and contactless payments (especially on iPhones).
- **WHATSAPP** – The primary messaging app used in Japan. Useful if you're in touch with local guides or need to communicate easily.

Perfume & Cologne in Restaurants

- **Fragrance-free dining:** Many Japanese restaurants (especially high-end sushi counters and kaiseki dining) have an **unspoken no-strong-fragrance policy**.
- **Why?** Strong scents interfere with the delicate aromas and flavors of the cuisine, which chefs and diners take seriously.

Popular Japanese Dishes to Try

Sushi (寿司) – Vinegared rice with seafood, egg, or vegetables. Includes nigiri, maki rolls, and sashimi (fish only).

Kaiseki (懐石) – A traditional multi-course fine dining meal showcasing seasonality and artistry.

Tempura (天ぷら) – Lightly battered, fried seafood or vegetables.

Ramen (ラーメン) – Wheat noodles in broth with toppings like pork, egg, and vegetables; many regional variations.

Udon (うどん) – Thick wheat noodles, served hot in broth or chilled.

Soba (そば) – Thin buckwheat noodles, served hot or cold with dipping sauce.

Okonomiyaki (お好み焼き) – A savory cabbage pancake with toppings and sauce.

Takoyaki (たこ焼き) – Octopus-filled batter balls, a street food favorite.

Yakitori (やきとり) – Grilled chicken skewers, served in izakaya pubs.

Donburi (どんぶり) – Rice bowls with toppings like beef (*gyudon*) or pork cutlet (*katsudon*).

Shabu-Shabu (しゃぶしゃぶ) – Hot pot dining with thinly sliced meats and vegetables cooked at the table.

Pre Departure Customs Forms

Digital submission (recommended)

- You can submit your **Customs Declaration** in advance through [Visit Japan Web](#) – this is now the preferred and fastest way.
- After submitting online, you'll receive a **QR code** to present at customs upon arrival.
- Benefits: Faster processing, shorter lines, no need to fill out a paper form on the plane.

Tokyo Restaurant Recommendations

Restaurant Recommendations – Tokyo

Gyukatsu Motomura Shibuya Bun (Tonkatsu / Beef Cutlet)

■ Japan, 150-0002 Tokyo, Shibuya, 2 Chome-19-17 Gloria Shibuya Building, B1F

A must-try spot for crispy-on-the-outside, tender-on-the-inside beef cutlet (*gyukatsu*). Simple, quick, and delicious.

■ Hours: 11:00 AM – 10:00 PM daily

■ No reservations accepted

■ Approx. 20 minutes by taxi from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Censu (Contemporary Japanese)

■ 2 Chome-12-9 Jingumae, Shibuya, Tokyo 150-0001, Japan

■ 03-6434-5883

Modern Japanese dining with British and Australian influences by Chef Shun Sato — refined yet relaxed atmosphere.

■ Approx. 20–25 minutes by taxi from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Katsukura (Shinjuku)

■ Takashimaya Times Square Bldg. 14F, 5-24-2 Sendagaya, Shinjuku

Renowned for perfectly crisp tonkatsu with a light breadcrumb texture and flavorful dipping sauces.

■ Approx. 25 minutes by taxi (or 15-minute walk from Shinjuku Station)

Gonpachi (Shibuya or Nishi-Azabu)

■ Multiple locations – closest to Prince Park Tower: 1 Chome-13-11 Nishi-Azabu, Minato City, Tokyo 106-0031

Of *Kill Bill* fame — lively atmosphere, traditional décor, and classic Japanese izakaya fare.

■ Approx. 10 minutes by taxi from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Sakuratei (Harajuku)

■ 3 Chome-20-1 Jingumae, Shibuya City, Tokyo 150-0001

Trendy, artsy spot where guests cook their own *okonomiyaki* (Japanese savory pancakes).

■ Approx. 15–20 minutes by taxi from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Manten Sushi Marunouchi (Omakase)

■ 2 Chome-6-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0005 (Near the Imperial Garden)

Elegant omakase experience with fresh seasonal sushi. Reservations essential.

■ Approx. 15 minutes by taxi from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Tokyo Ramen Street (Tokyo Station)

■ Inside Tokyo Station, Yaesu South Exit

A collection of the city's best ramen shops — from rich tonkotsu to light shoyu broths. A must for ramen lovers.

■ Approx. 15 minutes by taxi or direct train from Hamamatsucho Station

Ebisu Yokocho (Street Food & Izakayas)

■ 1 Chome-7-4 Ebisu, Shibuya City, Tokyo 150-0013

A lively alley packed with izakayas, pubs, and small bars — great for hopping between local food stalls and soaking in the Tokyo night scene.

■ Approx. 15 minutes by taxi or 1 stop from Shibuya Station

Kyoto Restaurant Recommendations

Documents

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**List attached as a PDF from Thousand Kyoto Hotel

Restaurant Recommendations – Kyoto

Misoka-an Kawamichiya (Soba Noodles)

1323 Nishinotoin Dori, Karasuma Oike Area, Kyoto

A 300-year-old soba restaurant famous for its *Hokoro* – chicken with yuba, tofu, vegetables, and soba.

?? Approx. 10 minutes from The Thousand Kyoto

Shigetsu (Vegetarian)

68 Susukinobaba-cho, Saga Tenryu-ji, Ukyo-ku, Kyoto 616-8385

Located inside UNESCO-listed Tenryu-ji Temple, this Zen Buddhist restaurant serves traditional vegetarian *shōjin ryōri*.

?? Approx. 25–30 minutes by taxi (from The Thousand Kyoto to Arashiyama)

Apollo Plus (Izakaya)

67 Masuya-cho, Sakaimachi-higashi iru, Sanjo-dori, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-8111

A cozy izakaya known for creative small plates featuring Kyoto ingredients and a great sake selection.

?? Approx. 15 minutes from The Thousand Kyoto

Hafuu Honten (Steak)

471-1 Sasaya-cho, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto 604-0983

Once a butcher shop, Hafuu serves premium wagyu beef in a relaxed, elegant setting.

?? Approx. 15–18 minutes from The Thousand Kyoto

Hisago Zushi (Sushi)

144 Shioyacho, Kawaramachi Shijo-dori Agaru, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto

Specializing in Kyoto-style sushi with delicate local flavors and fresh presentation.

?? Approx. 10–12 minutes from The Thousand Kyoto

Hyotei (Shabu-Shabu / Kaiseki)

607-12 Higashishiokojicho, Shimogyo-ku, Kyoto Prefecture

High-quality meats and seasonal vegetables cooked table-side in a flavorful broth – a refined Kyoto dining experience.

?? Approx. 20 minutes from The Thousand Kyoto

 Dec 20 · Saturday

Arrival

 Flight □

Arrive at 3:30 pm NRT (6 nights)

Take Taxi To Prince Park Tower Tokyo

 Transfer

Take Taxi to Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Taxi or [Airport Limousine Bus](#) to Prince Park Tower. I always recommend taxis because it is easier after a long flight but the Airport Limousine bus is an option and about half the price (or more) if you want to handle the extra logistics.

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Stay at The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Lodging

Sat, Dec 20

Property

The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

4-8-1 Shiba Koen Minato-Ku Tokyo 195-8563, JP

Check in

Dec 20, 2025

Check out

Dec 26, 2025

Room type

Room: Corner King- 1 king bed and Room: Deluxe twin with Balcony

Confirmation number

Confirmation #: CI5KI22R and Confirmation #: CI5KI27Y

Documents

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Rate

Room: Corner King- 1 king bed

Reservation Total:JPY 485,834.93

Room: Deluxe twin with Balcony

Reservation Total:JPY 485,834.93

Total: JPY 485,834.93 + JPY 485,834.93 (Approx. \$3,286.98)

Total: \$ 6,573.96

Cancellation Policy

please cancel 24hours before 6PM local time on day of arrival to avoid 1 night penalty

VIP Amenities

-Daily Breakfast

-100 USD credit or currency equivalent not applicable to room rate and applicable once for consecutive stays

-complimentary WiFi

-room upgrade upon availability -priority check in and check out based on availability

About

It's about a 12-minute walk (or a free shuttle ride) from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo to the JR Yamanote Line at Hamamatsuchō Station. The vibe is a balance of calm, greenery, and cultural heritage, set against the backdrop of a vibrant, modern city—making it an ideal neighborhood for families who want both relaxation and excitement at their doorstep. Within the hotel itself, there's no shortage of dining and amenities. Guests can choose from elegant sushi, teppanyaki, and kaiseki restaurants, a classic steakhouse, and casual lounges with Tokyo Tower views. The hotel also offers a spa, fitness center, and wellness facilities, plus a Sky Lounge bar perfect for parents once the kids are settled. With so many options under one roof, it's easy to balance family convenience with a touch of luxury.

Closest coin operated Laundry facilites

24 hour coin operated laundromat

8 min walk

Click on link for nearest one:

[???????, 17-2, Shiba 3-Chōme](#)

Minato, Tokyo

Japan 105-0014

 Dec 21 · Sunday

 Dec 22 · Monday

Evening Suggestion: Akihabara



Evening in Akihabara

Departure from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

→ Getting to Akihabara from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Train Option (Easy and Reliable, about 20 minutes)

Walk 5 minutes to Akabanebashi Station on the Oedo Line

Ride to Daimon Station

Transfer to the JR Yamanote Line

Ride to Akihabara Station

Follow signs to Akihabara Electric Town Exit

Taxi Option (Convenient, about 12 to 18 minutes)

Tell the driver Akihabara Electric Town

Estimated fare ¥1,800 to ¥2,500

⌘ Akihabara Electric Town

Japan's center for anime, manga, gaming, and electronics.

Bright neon lights, multi-floor shops, themed cafés and unique experiences create an energetic nighttime atmosphere.

⌘ What to Do in Akihabara

Chuo-dori Street

The main avenue filled with anime shops, tech stores, and giant LED billboards

Best place to start exploring

Yodobashi Camera Akiba

Massive electronics megastore

Great for cameras, headphones, toys, beauty tech, souvenirs

Radio Kaikan

Multi-level building filled with anime figures, model shops, trading cards, and collectibles

Super Potato Retro Game Store

Iconic retro gaming shop offering classic Nintendo, Sega, PlayStation and arcade nostalgia

Fun photo moments inside

Gachapon Kaikan

Hundreds of capsule toy machines

A big hit for children and adults

Animate Akihabara

Japan's flagship anime and manga store

Great for gifts, plushies, and character goods

Akiba Culture Zone

Cosplay boutiques, figurines and fan merchandise

⌘ Dinner Options in Akihabara

Gonpachi Akihabara

Yakitori and Japanese classics

Casual and lively atmosphere

Gyukatsu Motomura Akihabara

Crispy beef cutlet cooked rare and finished on your personal grill

Very popular and worth the experience

Mansei Steak House

Multi-floor local steakhouse offering wagyu, teppanyaki and casual options

Great for families

Coco Ichibanya Curry

Customizable Japanese curry and easy dining for all ages

Star Kebab

Well-known local kebab stand

Quick, casual and delicious option during exploring

→ Returning to The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Train Option

JR Yamanote Line from Akihabara Station to Hamamatsucho Station

Transfer to the Oedo Line

Ride to Akabanebashi Station

Walk 5 minutes to the hotel

Taxi Option

About 12 to 18 minutes depending on traffic

Tell the driver Prince Park Tower Tokyo Shibakoen

 Dec 23 · Tuesday

Reminder

Please make sure to get Shinkansen/Bullet Train Tickets from your Tsukiji market Guide. They will have all of them for both the 26th and 29th.

8:15 AM - Take Taxi to Teamlab Borderless

Transfer

Depart The Prince Park Tower Tokyo around 8:15 AM by taxi (\approx 15 minutes) to arrive at teamLab Borderless for your 9:00 AM entry.

OR

Getting to teamLab Borderless from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Total time: \sim 25–30 minutes

Fare: \sim ¥210 one way

1. Walk (5 min) from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo to Akabanebashi Station (Toei Oedo Line).
2. Ride (3 min) on the Oedo Line toward Tochomae and get off at Roppongi Station.
3. Transfer (5 min) to the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line, ride 2 min to Kamiyacho Station.
4. Walk (8–10 min) from Kamiyacho Station, Exit 2, through Azabudai Hills to the teamLab Borderless entrance.

 **Approximate total: 25–30 minutes door-to-door.**

 **Taxi option: 10–15 minutes, ¥1,500–¥2,000.**

Reservation: Teamlab Borderless



Tue, Dec 23 at 9:00am

Location

Teamlab Borderless

Azabudai Hills Garden Plaza B B1, 5-9, Toranomon, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Confirmation number

AJNRTWMMRPTN-0001

Documents

[Call_Team_Lab_Borderless_Tickets_.pdf](#)

Spend about 2½ hours immersed in this interactive digital art museum — a fully sensory experience of light, color, and sound that flows through ever-changing rooms and installations.

Approximate visit: 9:00 – 11:30 AM

[Please view Tickets Here](#) *QR will be visible at 12:00 am on day of arrival.

Arrival time is between 9:00 am - 9:30 am

Purchase Details

Thank you for purchasing tickets.

Purchase completed. Confirm the following details.

[exhibition title]

teamLab Borderless: MORI Building DIGITAL ART MUSEUM

[admission date]

Tue, Dec 23, 2025, 09:00 - 09:30

[ticket name]

Entrance Pass

[number of tickets]

Adults : 2

13-17 years : 2

[order total]

JPY 15,600

[payment method]

Credit Card

[Ticket number]

AJNRTWMMRPTN-0001

Reservation: Tsukiji Market Tour



Tue, Dec 23 at 12:00pm

Duration

4 Hours

12:00 An English-speaking guide will meet you at Garden Plaza B on the B1 level—the same floor as teamLab Borderless—at point 3 on the map, in front of the teamLab Sketch Factory by teamLab Borderless.

Your guide will take you to the Tsukiji Outer Market by Metro (approx. 30 minutes). Upon arrival at the Tsukiji Outer Market, your guide will show you around the market and offer tastings at several popular stalls.

3:30 Your guide will take you to Ginza or to any location of your choice by 4:00 pm.

Suggestion: Roppongi Hills Christmas Keyakizaka Illumination



Evening Illumination Experience

The Prince Park Tower Tokyo → Midtown Christmas → Roppongi Hills Keyakizaka

→ Depart from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Train Option (Fast and Easy, about 15 minutes)

Walk 5 minutes to Akabanebashi Station on the Oedo Line

Take the train toward Roppongi

Ride 3 minutes to Roppongi Station

Follow Exit 8 directly into Tokyo Midtown

Taxi Option (Most Convenient, about 6 to 10 minutes)

Tell the driver Tokyo Midtown Roppongi

Estimated fare ¥800 to ¥1,200

□ Tokyo Midtown Christmas Illumination

What to See

Starlight Garden LED field

Midtown Garden light path

Holiday displays and decorated outdoor areas

Shops and cafés inside Tokyo Midtown

Suggested Time Needed

About 30 to 45 minutes

Great for photos and a relaxed walk

→ Walk or Train to Roppongi Hills Keyakizaka

Walking Option

A pleasant 12 to 15 minute walk from Tokyo Midtown to Roppongi Hills

Train Option

Use the Hibiya Line for one quick stop into Roppongi Hills

Follow signs to Keyakizaka Street

□ Roppongi Hills Keyakizaka Illumination

What to See

Blue and white Snow and Blue LED trees

Beautiful views of Tokyo Tower framed by the lighted trees

Holiday decorations around the Roppongi Hills complex

Suggested Time Needed

About 20 to 30 minutes

□ Optional Dinner in Roppongi

Casual and Family-Friendly

Bills Roppongi Modern Australian café and restaurant

Honolulu Coffee Relaxed café with light bites

Ippudo Roppongi Popular ramen spot

Upscale Options

L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon French fine dining

Rigoletto Bar and Grill Stylish Italian and Japanese fusion

The Oak Door at The Grand Hyatt Steaks and upscale Western dining

Reservations recommended for Robuchon and The Oak Door

→ Return to The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Taxi (Recommended)

About 8 to 12 minutes

Tell the driver **Prince Park Tower Tokyo Shibakoen**

Estimated fare ¥1,200 to ¥1,600

Train Option

Walk to **Roppongi Station**

Take the Oedo Line to **Akabanebashi Station**

Walk 5 minutes back to the hotel

Every winter, Keyakizaka at Roppongi Hills is decorated with illuminations, with approximately 400 meters of tree-lined streets illuminated by about 900,000 LED lights.

Roppongi is an area rich with attractions for adults, including luxury brand shops, stylish restaurants, and art museums. The blue and white illuminations perfectly complement

Roppongi's cool and sophisticated atmosphere. This is a recommended spot for couples or adult groups who want to enjoy a romantic atmosphere.

My most recommended viewpoint is the collaboration between the Keyakizaka illumination and Tokyo Tower. From the tree-lined street, Tokyo Tower can be beautifully seen between buildings, offering a stunning contrast of orange, blue, and white lights - a highlight of the Tokyo Illumination Event 2025 season.

<Information>

- Dates: November 4, - December 25, 2025
- Access: Directly from Exit C1 of "Roppongi Station" on Tokyo Metro
4-minute walk from "Roppongi Station" on Toei Oedo Line
- Admission: Free
- Website: <https://www.ropponghills.com/events/2024/12/0406.html>

MIDTOWN CHRISTMAS is a winter illumination event held at Tokyo Midtown in Roppongi, featuring one of the most captivating displays in the Tokyo Illumination Event 2025 lineup.

The highlight is the fantastical snow world expressed by approximately 240,000 lights and bubble decorations. The Christmas townscape glowing in champagne gold gradually transforms into a beautiful snowy landscape, expressed through sound and light. With snow and bubbles floating in the air, this is a special spot where you can enjoy the experience with all five senses.

A spot I especially recommend visiting is the approximately 4-meter-tall "Santa Tree" inside the Midtown building. It's decorated with about 1,600 Santa Claus ornaments, each with different expressions and designs that will make you want to look at each one individually.

Please try to find your favorite Santa Claus among the many varieties.

<Information>

- Dates: November 13 - December 25, 2025
- Access: Directly connected to "Roppongi Station" on Tokyo Metro and Toei Oedo Line
3-minute walk from "Nogizaka Station" on Tokyo Metro
- Admission: Free
- Website: <https://www.tokyo-midtown.com/jp/event/7162/>

 Dec 24 • Wednesday

Suggestion: Asakusa, Senso-ji Temple & Nakamise Street



How to Get to Asakusa from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Total travel time: ~25–30 minutes

Route:

1. Walk 5 minutes to Akabanebashi Station (Toei Oedo Line).
2. Take the Oedo Line toward Daimon.
3. At Daimon Station, transfer to the Toei Asakusa Line.
4. Continue to Asakusa Station.
5. Walk 5 minutes to Senso-ji Temple.

Taxi Option: 20–30 minutes depending on traffic.

Senso-ji Temple & Nakamise Street

Recommended time: 1.5–2 hours

What to Do:

- Enter through Kaminarimon Gate (iconic red lantern).
- Walk Nakamise Street for traditional snacks and souvenirs.
- Explore Senso-ji, Tokyo's oldest Buddhist temple.
- Try local treats like ningyo-yaki or matcha soft serve.
- Optional: stroll toward the Sumida River or browse small artisan shops.

Suggestion: Lunch at Sushiro Asakusa Azumabashi



Sushiro Asakusa Azumabashi is a popular conveyor-belt sushi restaurant located just a short walk from Asakusa Station, making it a convenient and relaxed stop for lunch before your afternoon tour. Set on the second floor of the Patria Azumabashi building, the restaurant offers a fun, casual dining experience with freshly prepared sushi plates circulating on the belt alongside an extensive menu of sides, ramen, tempura, and desserts—perfect for families or mixed groups. With quick service, approachable prices, and something for everyone, it's an ideal spot to enjoy a light yet satisfying meal while experiencing a quintessential part of modern Japanese dining culture.

Suggestion: Marunouchi Illumination



Marunouchi Illumination Experience

The Prince Park Tower Tokyo → Marunouchi Naka-dōri Christmas Lights

→ Depart from The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Taxi Option (Recommended, about 12 to 18 minutes)

Tell the driver **Marunouchi Naka-dōri**

Most direct and easiest route

Estimated fare ¥1,600 to ¥2,200

Train Option (Easy and Reliable, about 20 to 25 minutes)

Walk 5 minutes to **Akabanebashi Station** on the Oedo Line

Take the Oedo Line to **Daimon Station**

Transfer to the JR Yamanote Line

Ride to **Tokyo Station**

Exit on the **Marunouchi side** of Tokyo Station

Walk 8 to 10 minutes to **Naka-dōri Street**

Marunouchi Naka-dōri Illumination

What to See

Champagne gold lights across the entire boulevard

Elegant Christmas displays outside Marunouchi shops

Beautiful walking streets with cafés and window shopping

Perfect photo spots among trees, lighted arches and modern buildings

Suggested Time Needed

About 30 to 45 minutes for strolling and photos

→ Return to The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Taxi Option (Most Convenient)

About 12 to 18 minutes

Tell the driver **Prince Park Tower Tokyo Shibakoen**

Train Option

Walk back to **Tokyo Station**

Take the JR Yamanote Line to **Hamamatsuchō Station**

Transfer to the Oedo Line

Ride to **Akabanebashi Station**

Walk 5 minutes to the hotel

Marunouchi Illumination is a traditional illumination event in the Marunouchi area that has continued for over 20 years.

The Marunouchi area is one of Japan's premier business districts, lined with modern office buildings. It's also famous as a fashionable district with luxury brand stores, stylish cafes, and restaurants.

Along the 1.2km main street "Marunouchi Naka-dori Street," approximately 286 street trees are decorated with champagne gold lights. The elegant and sophisticated atmosphere of this illumination perfectly matches the image of the Marunouchi area.

Marunouchi also features Meiji-era architecture and Tokyo Station, a red brick building restored to its original appearance. You can enjoy both retro scenery and futuristic high-rise building landscapes simultaneously.

<Information>

- Dates: November 13, 2025 - February 15, 2026

- Access: Immediately from JR/Tokyo Metro "Tokyo Station" Marunouchi South Exit

- Admission: Free
 - Website: <https://www.marunouchi.com/pickup/event/7575/>
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 Dec 25 • Thursday

Transfer via Train or Taxi



Train (Most Practical & Efficient)

1. Walk to a nearby station

- From the hotel, walk ~3–10 minutes to Akabanebashi (Toei Oedo Line) or Daimon (Toei Oedo/Asakusa Lines).

2. Take the Toei Oedo Line

- Board toward Higashi-Shinjuku / Tochomae / Ushigome-yanagicho.
- Get off at Ushigome-yanagicho Station (about 20–25 min total from hotel).

3. Walk to the museum

- It's about a 6-minute walk from Ushigome-yanagicho Station to the Yayoi Kusama Museum.

Estimated total travel time: ~30–40 minutes

Cost: ~¥300–¥400

Taxi (Most Direct)

- A taxi from the hotel to the museum takes ~15–20 minutes depending on traffic.
 - Cost is roughly ¥2,000–¥3,000.
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Reservation: Yayoi Kusama Museum



Thu, Dec 25 at 1:00pm

Location

[Yayoi Kusama](#)

[107 Bentencho Shinjuku-ku Tokyo 162-0851 Japan](#)

Confirmation number

32708251

Documents

[Calls-Yayoi_Museum_Tickets_.pdf](#)

Thank you for purchasing your 4 ticket(s) from Etix-jp.

Please confirm your purchase details below.

Confirmation code: 32708251

Your method of delivery is: Credit Card + Barcode Ticket.

*On the day of visit, please show your barcode ticket either on your smartphone screen, or as a print out. The barcode ticket can be displayed from the "View Your Ticket" link below.

Ticket details

Serial #: 5556978497

Event: 岩波 品川駅前店 - Yayoi Kusama: Fighting Woman / Painting Girl

Venue: 岩波 品川駅前店 - YAYOI KUSAMA MUSEUM

Date/time: December 25, 2025 1:00 PM

Ticket price: JPY1,100.00

Category: 成人(Adults)

Serial #: 5556978579

Event: 岩波 品川駅前店 - Yayoi Kusama: Fighting Woman / Painting Girl

Venue: 岩波 品川駅前店 - YAYOI KUSAMA MUSEUM

Date/time: December 25, 2025 1:00 PM

Ticket price: JPY1,100.00

Category: 成人(Adults)

Serial #: 5556978658

Event: 岩波 品川駅前店 - Yayoi Kusama: Fighting Woman / Painting Girl

Venue: 岩波 品川駅前店 - YAYOI KUSAMA MUSEUM

Date/time: December 25, 2025 1:00 PM

Ticket price: JPY600.00

Category: 児童(Children aged 6-18)

Serial #: 5556978704

Event: 岩波 品川駅前店 - Yayoi Kusama: Fighting Woman / Painting Girl

Venue: 岩波 品川駅前店 - YAYOI KUSAMA MUSEUM

Date/time: December 25, 2025 1:00 PM

Ticket price: JPY600.00

Category: 児童(Children aged 6-18)

Total: JPY3,400.00

View Your Ticket

Click on the link below to view your ticket(s):

<https://www.etix.com/kketix/online/onlinereprint.jsp?userID=32708251&password=14695620>

Handling of barcode tickets

Please handle this confirmation email and your barcode ticket with care. If the same barcode ticket is presented multiple times at the museum entrance, only the first ticket presented will be valid.

■ Cancellation:

If you wish to cancel ticket, please make procedure using the cancellation form below.

<https://www.etix.com/kketix/refundbyself/refundbyself.jsp>

Suggestion: Harajuku and Omotesando illumination



Travel From Yayoi Kusama Museum → Harajuku

Total Time: ~20–25 minutes

Best Route (Easy + Direct):

1. Walk 5 minutes from the museum to Ushigome-yanagichō Station (Toei Oedo Line).
2. Take the Oedo Line toward Roppongi/Shinjuku.
3. Ride 9 minutes to Yoyogi Station.
4. Walk 10 minutes to Harajuku/Takeshita Street.
 - Follow signs toward Meiji Jingu / Harajuku as you exit Yoyogi.

Taxi Option: 12–15 minutes

Stroll Through Takeshita Street

- Famous for colorful shops, crepes, cute boutiques, and pop culture.
- Many shops stay open until 7–8 PM, so this is the best time to go.
- Great for photos under the Takeshita Street sign.
- You have to try the Cotton Candy!

Walk Cat Street (Shops + Cafés)

Enjoy a relaxed evening walk down Cat Street, the stylish pedestrian route linking Harajuku and Shibuya.

Why it's great at night:

- Trendy boutiques open later
- Ambient lighting
- Cool cafés, dessert shops, vintage stores
- Safe and very atmospheric

A perfect place to browse and enjoy the creative side of Tokyo.

Explore Omotesando (Lights, Boutiques, Shopping)

Walk from Cat Street to Omotesando, the elegant, tree-lined boulevard.

Evening Highlights:

- Beautiful lights along the avenue
- Luxury boutiques + Japanese designers
- Omotesando Hills (open late)
- Side streets full of cafés and small shops

Return to The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

Two Easy Options:

Option 1: Taxi (Best Choice at Night)

- 10–15 minutes
- Very convenient after walking and shopping
- Expect around ¥1,500–¥2,200

Option 2: Train

Total Time: ~20–25 minutes

1. Walk to Omotesando Station
2. Take the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line → Kamiyacho Station
3. Walk 10 minutes to The Prince Park Tower Tokyo

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Take Taxi on own to Tokyo Station

 Transfer

From The Prince Park Tower Tokyo:

Take a taxi to Tokyo Station.

Reservation: Shinkansen Tokyo to Kyoto

 Train

Fri, December 26 at 12:12pm

Train number

Tokyo - Kyoto by Nozomi #31

Departure

Tokyo Station

Fri, December 26 at 12:12pm

Arrival

Kyoto Station

Fri, December 26 at 2:23pm

12:12 - 14:23 Tokyo - Kyoto by Nozomi#31

You can board from Platform #18 at Tokyo Station.

Tokyo(12:12)-Nozomi31-Kyoto(14:23)

Car8, Seat12-C,D, 13-C,D, 14-C,D, 17-A,B,C

Reserved luggage space behind the seats(only Seat17)

If there are any questions or issues:

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Walk from station to Thousand Kyoto

 Transfer

For The Thousand Kyoto → Kyoto Station, you should walk, even with luggage.

Here's why:

- The hotel is only 2–3 minutes on foot from the station.
- The route is flat, smooth, and designed for rolling suitcases.
- A taxi would be unnecessary and slower because of one-way roads and traffic flow around the station.
- You can easily walk directly into the Shinkansen entrance from the street level.

Stay at The Thousand Kyoto

Lodging

Fri, Dec 26

Property

The Thousand Kyoto

570 Higashishiojicho Shimogyo Kyoto 600-8216 Kyoto, JP

Check in

Dec 26, 2025

Check out

Dec 29, 2025

Confirmation number

8119SF036176 and 8119SF036174

Documents

[Call_-_Thousand_Kyoto_-_Res_1_95_.pdf](#)

Rate

Superior Twin

Superior Super King

JPY 128,100.00 + JPY 143,500.00, (Approx. \$866.68, \$970.87)

Total: Approx: \$1,837.55

Your itinerary number is 10237B92291105

*Regarding your request for adjoining rooms, we will do our utmost to accommodate your clients in rooms as close as possible. However, due to the architectural structure of the hotel and the daily availability, we are unable to guarantee adjoining rooms.

Cancellation Policy

Refundable. Cancellation deadline: 1 Day(s) prior to arrival.

About

Located just steps from **Kyoto Station**, The Thousand Kyoto blends sleek modern design with the serenity of Japanese minimalism, offering both convenience and calm for your stay. The hotel's interiors emphasize light, space, and natural materials, creating a soothing retreat after days spent exploring temples, gardens, and bustling markets.

Spacious guest rooms are designed with comfort and functionality in mind, featuring large windows, elegant soaking tubs, and contemporary Japanese décor. Dining options include refined Japanese cuisine, modern Italian, and an all-day café, while the wellness floor offers a serene spa, fitness facilities, and traditional bath experiences.

The hotel's unbeatable location makes sightseeing effortless—you can easily access Kyoto's cultural highlights by train or taxi, while having the city's shopping and dining scene right at your doorstep. For travelers seeking a balance of style, convenience, and relaxation, The Thousand Kyoto is an ideal base.

VIP Amenities

Closest coin operated Laundry facilites

9 minute walk

click on link to see closest coin operated laundromat <https://maps.app.goo.gl/srSwrsPFsAY8woJ26>

Take Taxi or Kintetsu-Kyoto Line

Transfer

Restaurant: うそば屋 Uosaburo 612-8083 Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4vBhAoHUpVh1sc8>

Take Taxi or **BKintetsu-Kyoto Line.

Fastest & Most Practical (Train + Walk)

Total time: ~25–30 minutes

Cost: ~¥240–¥380 per person

1. Walk (~2 min) from Thousand Kyoto to Kyoto Station.
2. Take the Keihan Main Line toward Yodoyabashi/Osaka.
3. Get off at *Fushimi-Momoyama Station* – it's about 15–18 min ride.
4. Walk ~2 minutes from Fushimi-Momoyama Station to Uosaburo at 3-187 Kyomachi, Fushimi Ward.

This train route is direct with no transfers and the station is a very short walk from the restaurant.

Taxi / Private Ride

- Time: ~15–20 min (traffic dependent)
 - Cost: ~¥2,000–¥3,000 (one way)
Good if you're with luggage or want a direct door-to-door option.
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Reservation: Kaiseki Meal

🍴 Restaurant

⌚ Fri, Dec 26 at 6:00pm

Location

Discover Kyoto's Culinary History and Traditions at a Historic 250-year-old Restaurant – Kaiseki Meal Course Included

Name on reservation

Call

Party of

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Documents

📄 Call_Wabunka_Dinner_Kyoto.pdf

Restaurant: 乌丸御池 Uosaburo 612-8083 Google Map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/4vBhAoHUpVh1iscC8>

**Take Taxi or 🚍 Kintetsu-Kyoto Line.

Interpreter Name: 美和由紀子 / Miwa Yukiko

Tel: 070-8373-0886

Email: Kikomiwa@gmail.com

The interpreter will be holding a board with the Wabunka logo on it.

--- Cancellation policy ---

100% cancellation charge on and after December 23 06:00PM, 2025 (JST)

If you wish to cancel, click here: <https://wabunka-lux.jp/cancellation?reservationId=5228f5e2-2931-4fc5-8ef7-56fe13f3fae6> here: <https://wabunka-lux.jp/cancellation?reservationId=5228f5e2-2931-4fc5-8ef7-56fe13f3fae6>

Things to know

The price covers experience, meal, facility charges, translation service fees, and taxes.

Drinks not included. Additional drink charges must be paid on site.

Price

This experience requires a minimum of 2 people.

The minimum guarantee charge will be applied if the requested number of guests is less than 2 people.

Maximum number

Up to 10 people per booking

All experiences are private for your group. We do not arrange mixed sessions.

1. Tour of Uosaburo, and talk on the restaurant's history

2. Demonstration of dashi soup preparation, and comparative tasting

3. Kaiseki course

(Above itinerary is a guide. According to the season and the weather, the contents can change.)

Payment

Payment in advance
(Credit card (JPY) only)

Booking deadline

Booking must be made at least 3 days before the experience date.

Cancellation policy

Our cancellation policy allows for a full refund if you cancel your booking 4 days before the experience date. Please contact before 05:00 PM (JST).

Guest requirements

Changes to the schedule are not allowed after the cancellation policy is applied. If you wish to make changes to the schedule or the number of guests before the cancellation policy applies, please cancel your reservation and then rebook.

Adult rate applies to 13 years old and over.

A child rate is available for children between the age of 3 and 12. Please select the number of child participants in the option.

Children under 3 may accompany adults at no extra cost.

Minors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult guardian over 18 years of age.
The experience in the venue is conducted with shoes removed. Guests are asked to wear socks or stockings to avoid going barefoot.

Clothes

Wearing skirts or pants that are long enough to cover the knees is required.
This experience is exclusive.

Arrival later than 15 minutes after the starting time will result in cancellation.

Further remarks

Due to unavoidable circumstances, programs or workshops are subject to last-minute changes and cancellations.

You will be asked not to wear perfume to the experience.

8 Adults: (¥73,500 + ¥36,700 × 6)

¥293,700

1 Child: (¥3,900)

¥3,900

Interpretation in English

¥0

Subtotal (JPY)

¥297,600

* Prices may vary depending on options selected.

Cancellation Policy

No cancellation fees up to 3 days before the event (Japan time). Afterward, a 100% cancellation fee applies.

Suggestion: Gion and Higashiyama at night



Fri, Dec 26

After-Dinner Stroll from Uosaburo

A peaceful and atmospheric way to enjoy Gion and Higashiyama at night.

Streets are beautifully lit and much quieter after evening dining hours.

→ Depart Uosaburo

Walk directly into the heart of Gion, one of Kyoto's most historic geisha districts.

Hanamikoji Street

A short walk from the restaurant

Classic wooden teahouses and lantern-lined alleys

Chance to see geiko or maiko walking to evening engagements

Excellent area for nighttime photography

Shirakawa Canal Area

A few minutes northeast of Hanamikoji Street

Stone bridges, willow trees and gentle canal reflections

One of Kyoto's most romantic streets at night

Beautiful and peaceful for an evening stroll

Yasaka Shrine

Walk toward Yasaka Shrine, illuminated beautifully after dark

Open and accessible at night

A wonderful place for slow walking, photos and soaking in the historic atmosphere

Optional Quiet Walk Toward Ninenzaka

If you want a longer walk, continue a little into Higashiyama

Shops will be closed but the streets are magical when empty

Perfect for photos beneath the silhouette of Yasaka Pagoda

→ Return to The Thousand Kyoto

Taxi Option (Recommended at Night)

About 10 minutes from Gion

Ask the driver The Thousand Kyoto, Kyoto Station East Side

Train Option

Walk to Gion-Shijo Station

Take the Keihan Line to Kiyomizu-Gojo or Sanjo

Transfer to the Subway Karasuma Line

Ride to Kyoto Station

Walk a few minutes to The Thousand Kyoto

Taxi is easier and faster at this hour

Dec 27 • Saturday

Reservation: Private tour of Fushimi Inari Shrine and Nara by private vehicle



Sat, Dec 27 at 8:00am

Location

[Private tour of Fushimi Inari Shrine and Nara by private vehicle](#)

Documents



8:00 - 5:00

Private tour of Fushimi Inari Shrine and Nara by private vehicle

An English-speaking guide will meet you at your hotel and take you to Fushimi Inari Shrine first. You will spend approximately one hour there, walking through the torii gates up to the main shrine. After the visit, you will continue on to Nara.

10:15 - Nara Park, Todaiji temple (10:15-12:00)

12:05 - Kasuga Taisha Shrine (12:05-13:00)

After your visit Kasuga Taisha Shrine, we can arrange some time for lunch in Nara 14:30 Horyuji Temple (14:30-15:30)

Return to your hotel in Kyoto by 17:00

Take Taxi or Karasuma Subway Line



Best & Easiest: Train + Short Walk

Total time: ~10–15 minutes

Cost: ~¥210–¥260 per person

1. Walk (~2–3 min) from *Thousand Hotel Kyoto* to JR Kyoto Station.
2. Take the Karasuma Subway Line (subway) toward Kokusaikaikan.
3. Get off at Karasuma Oike Station (about 2 stops, ~5 minutes).
4. From Karasuma Oike Station, it's about a 5–7 minute walk to Kamiosakachō 521 (Empire Building).

Why this works:

- The subway goes north from Kyoto Station straight into central Nakagyō-ku.
- Karasuma Oike is a major transfer point and central location near many offices and business buildings.

Taxi / Ride-hail (Door-to-Door)

Total time: ~8–12 minutes

Cost: ~¥1,000–¥1,500

Reservation at Kobe Beef Kisshokichi - Kyoto Main Store

 Restaurant

 Sat, Dec 27 at 7:00pm

Location

Kobe Beef Kisshokichi - Kyoto Main Store

Japan, 〒604-8001 Kyoto, Nakagyo Ward, Kamiosakacho, 521 ⑧⑨⑩⑪⑫⑬⑭⑮ 8

[Link to Address](#)

Saturday, December 27, 2025, 19:00

Restaurant Reservation

Kobe Beef Kisshokichi - Kyoto Main Store

〒, Kamiōsakachō, 521 ⑧⑨⑩⑪⑫⑬⑭⑮, Kyoto, Kyoto, 604-8001

075-746-6539

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Counter seat

CANCELLATION POLICY

JPY10,000 per person from the day before. Need to be called 2days before.

 Dec 28 · Sunday

Suggestion: Take taxi to Otagi Nenbutsu-ji

 Transfer

Getting There (from The Thousand Kyoto):

- Taxi (most direct):
~35–45 minutes depending on traffic (¥5,000–6,000 / \$33–40).

Suggestion: Morning in Arashiyama – Temples, Old Streets & Bamboo Grove



Morning in Arashiyama – Temples, Old Streets & Bamboo Grove

Start: *The Thousand Kyoto*

Destination: *Otagi Nenbutsu-ji Temple, Arashiyama*

Begin your day with a visit to Otagi Nenbutsu-ji, a quiet hillside temple known for its hundreds of moss-covered stone statues—each carved with its own unique expression. It's one of Kyoto's most peaceful and often-overlooked temples.

Getting There (from The Thousand Kyoto):

- Taxi (most direct):
~35–45 minutes depending on traffic (¥5,000–6,000 / \$33–40).

Option 1 – Early Start

If you leave the hotel by 8:00–8:30 AM, plan for lunch after visiting Otagi Nenbutsu-ji as you make your way downhill.

Lunch Stop:

Tsurezure Udon/Soba Shop

A small, traditional noodle house tucked near Nison-in Temple with simple Kyoto-style udon and soba dishes in a cozy wooden interior.

125 Saganisonin Monzen Ojoincho, Ukyo-Ku, Kyoto

Ideal for a late morning/early lunch stop around 11:00–11:30 AM before continuing your walk toward Tenryu-ji and the Bamboo Grove.

Then continue downhill through Saga Toriiimoto, Tenryu-ji Temple, and the Arashiyama Bamboo Grove.

Option 2 – Later Start

If you leave closer to 9:30–10:00 AM, visit Otagi Nenbutsu-ji, stroll downhill through Saga Toriiimoto, and explore Tenryu-ji Temple and the Bamboo Grove first.

Lunch Stop (after Bamboo Grove):

Pizzeria Mama

For a more Western-style lunch, end your walk at this cozy spot near Togetsukyo Bridge. It serves excellent wood-fired pizzas and pastas made with local Kyoto ingredients.

1-5 Arashiyama Nishiichikawacho, Nishikyo Ward, Kyoto 616-0003

Perfect for a relaxed meal after exploring the grove—about a 5-minute walk from the south exit.

Suggestion: Arashiyama Rickshaw Experience



Location: Arashiyama, Kyoto

Provider: EBISUYA Rickshaw

Where You Can Start Your Rickshaw Ride

You can begin your ride from several convenient pick-up points:

1. Togetsukyo Bridge (Main Starting Point)

- The most iconic spot with immediate access to river views
- Easy to find, especially on busy days

2. Arashiyama Bamboo Grove Entrances (North & South)

- Ideal if you want photos and a peaceful ride through the bamboo forest
- Great for avoiding crowds and accessing quieter paths

3. Tenryu-ji Temple Gate

- Perfect if you're touring the temple before or after
- Quick access to preserved streets and scenic lanes

4. JR Saga-Arashiyama Station Area

- Convenient if arriving by train from Kyoto Station
- Staff are often stationed here on weekends and holidays

Rickshaw Rates (EBISUYA Standard Pricing)

(Rates are per person unless noted; pricing can vary by season)

• 12–13 minutes:

¥5,000 per person

(¥10,000 for two people sharing one rickshaw)

• 30 minutes:

¥9,000 per person

(¥18,000 for two)

• 60 minutes (most popular):

¥17,500 per person

(¥35,000 for two)

• Custom Routes (75–120 minutes):

¥20,000–¥35,000 per person depending on distance and stops

Children:

- Kids under 6 can sometimes ride with a parent (depends on size/safety)

- Older kids typically count as one person

What's Included

- Private rickshaw with a trained local guide
- Commentary on local history and culture
- Stops for photos
- Flexible pick-up and drop-off within Arashiyama

Walk to Teamlab Biovortex from The Thousand Kyoto



Best Way (Walking)

teamLab Biovortex Kyoto is just a 7–10 minute walk from JR Kyoto Station.

Step-by-Step

1. Leave The Thousand Kyoto and walk to JR Kyoto Station Hachijō Exit (South/East side) — about 2–3 minutes.
2. From the Hachijō Exit, head a short walk southwest along the nearby streets — signage and map apps make this easy.
3. You'll reach teamLab Biovortex Kyoto in about 7–10 minutes on foot.

Total time: ~10–13 minutes

Reservation: Teamlab Biovortex Kyoto



Sun, Dec 28 at 4:00pm

Location

[Teamlab Biovortex Kyoto](#)

[Higashi-Iwamotocho, Minami-ku, Kyoto](#)

Confirmation number

KYFV4HCX7Y4WN-0001

Documents

[Call_Kyoto_Teamlab_Official_Ticket_Store__teamLab_Biovortex_Kyoto_Kyoto_Japan.pdf](#)

How to get there:

- Walk from your hotel to **Kyoto Station** (about 5 minutes).
- The museum is located just a **10-minute walk** from the Hachijō Exit (South Exit) of Kyoto Station.
- Total travel time: ~15 minutes door-to-door.

Thank you for purchasing tickets.

Purchase completed. Confirm the following details.

[exhibition title]

teamLab Biovortex

[admission date]

Sun, Dec 28, 2025, 16:00 - 16:30

[ticket name]

Entrance Pass

[number of tickets]

Adults : 2

13-17 years : 2

[order total]

JPY 14,800

[payment method]

Credit Card

[inquiry number]

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* Ticket URL

https://kyoto.tickets.teamlab.art/tickets/#/id/yQXUx2GQDNDFo10IJZ1TJXfHjq8ZzicD_KmYa_8IWIJNcIhhlaUeqj9Vf69iD?lang=en

Dec 29 · Monday

Take Train or Taxi

Transfer

Train + Short Walk (Fastest & Easiest)

Total Time: ~15–20 minutes

Cost: ~¥210–¥260

1. Walk (~2–3 min) from The Thousand Kyoto to Kyoto Station.
2. Take the Karasuma Subway Line from Kyoto Station (Platform 2)
→ 3 stops to Shijo Station.
3. From Shijo Station, it's a 5–7 minute walk to Nishiki Market.

Directions on Foot from Shijo Station:

- Exit toward Shijo Street (Central Exit)
- Walk east on Shijo-dori ~2 blocks
- Turn left (north) onto Nishiki Street – you'll see the market entrance

 Taxi / Ride-hail (Door-to-Door)

Total Time: ~10–15 minutes

Cost: ~¥800–¥1,200

Suggestion: Self Guided Nishiki Market



Location

[Nishiki Market & Fushimi Inari Shrine](#)

Morning – Explore Nishiki Market on your own

8:30 AM | Depart from *The Thousand Kyoto*

- Take the Karasuma Subway Line from *Kyoto Station* → *Shijō Station* (1 stop, ~5 min).
- Walk ~5 minutes east along *Shijō-dōri Street* to reach Nishiki Market.

9:15–10:45 AM | *Nishiki Market*

- Wander through Kyoto's famous "Kitchen." Try local specialties like *yuba* (tofu skin), *matcha sweets*, *soy donuts*, *grilled skewers*, and *fresh seafood*.
- Stop at *Aritsugu* (historic knife shop) or *Nishiki Tenmangu Shrine* tucked behind the market's end.
☕ Optional: Coffee break at %Arabica Kyoto Fujii Daimaru or Walden Woods Kyoto nearby.

Nishiki Market (錦市場, Nishiki Ichiba) is a narrow, five block long shopping street lined by more than one hundred shops and restaurants. Known as "Kyoto's Kitchen", this lively retail [market](#) specializes in all things food related, like fresh seafood, produce, knives and cookware, and is a great place to find seasonal foods and [Kyoto](#) specialties, such as Japanese [sweets](#), [pickles](#), dried seafood and [sushi](#).

Nishiki Market has a pleasant but busy atmosphere that is inviting to those who want to explore the variety of [culinary delights](#) that Kyoto is famous for. The stores range from small narrow stalls to larger two story shops. Most specialize in a particular type of food, and almost everything sold at the market is locally produced and procured.

Walk to Station

Transfer

Recommended Departure Time Leave your room by: 1:00PM

Why 1:00 PM works

- The Thousand Kyoto is right next to Kyoto Station (2–3 minutes on foot).
- You should be on the platform 10–15 minutes before departure to find your car number and board without rushing.
- Leaving at 1:00 PM gives you:
 - Time to check out (if needed)
 - Walk to the central Shinkansen entrance
 - Go through the gates
 - Find your platform (usually Tracks 11–14 for Tokaido Shinkansen)

If You Prefer Extra Buffer Leave at 1:00 PM if:

- You're traveling with luggage
- You want to buy snacks or bento
- It's your first time navigating Kyoto Station

Quick Notes

- Shinkansen boarding closes right at departure time—the train leaves exactly at 1:54 PM.
- Gates and platforms are well-marked, but the station is large, so a few extra minutes helps.

Reservation: Kyoto(13:54)-Nozomi144-Tokyo(16:06) Car10

 Train

Mon, December 29 at 1:54pm

Train number

Kyoto(13:54)-Nozomi144-Tokyo(16:06) Car10

Departure

Kyoto Station

Mon, December 29 at 1:54pm

Arrival

Tokyo Station

Mon, December 29 at 4:06pm

You will board at Platform #12 at Kyoto Station and arrive at Platform #17 at Tokyo Station.

Kyoto(13:54)-Nozomi144-Tokyo(16:06)

Car10, Seat1-A,C,D, 3-A,B, 4-A,B,C,D

Reserved luggage space behind the seats(only Seat1)

If there are any questions or issues:

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 050-1725-5740

Train/walk or taxi to Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo

 Transfer

Best Option: JR Chūō Line (Rapid) — Direct, Fast, Cheap

1. From Tokyo Station, follow signs for the JR Chūō Line (Rapid).

- Look for the orange line signs.
- Board a train bound for Shinjuku / Takao / Ome.

2. Ride directly to Shinjuku Station

- Takes about 14–16 minutes.
- No transfers needed.

3. Walk or take a short taxi to Keio Plaza Hotel

- From the West Exit of Shinjuku Station, it's a 10–12 minute walk.
- With luggage, many people grab a quick taxi (5 minutes).

Total time: ~25–30 minutes

Cost: ~¥200

 Taxi (Door-to-door)

Time: 20–30 minutes depending on traffic

Cost: ~¥3,000–¥4,000

Convenient if you have luggage or arrive late evening.

Stay at Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo

Lodging

Mon, Dec 29

Property

Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo

2-2-1 Nishi-Shinjuku Shinjuku-Ku Tokio 160-8330, JP

Check in

Dec 29, 2025

Check out

Jan 1, 2026

Room type

Deluxe Select Twin(Inter-connected)

Confirmation number

27044SF290386

Documents

[Call-Keio-Res_1.pdf](#)

Rate

Room: Deluxe Select Twin(Inter-connected)

\$3,781.36

Cancellation Policy

A charge will be assessed as follows; 2 days prior of arrival -- 50% 1 day prior of arrival -- 80% The day of arrival after 0:00am(local time) -- 100% No Show---100% for all nights

About

Set in the heart of Shinjuku's skyscraper district, the Keio Plaza Hotel Tokyo combines international luxury with the dynamic energy of one of Tokyo's busiest neighborhoods. The vibe is lively and cosmopolitan, yet the hotel itself feels like a welcoming retreat—airy, spacious, and designed to accommodate both business and leisure travelers.

The neighborhood around the hotel is one of the most exciting in Tokyo. From the front door, you can wander into Shinjuku's neon-lit streets, explore endless shopping and dining, or visit cultural highlights like the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building with its free observation decks. It's also just a short stroll to Shinjuku Gyo-en National Garden, a tranquil escape from the bustle.

In terms of convenience, the hotel is only about a 5–7 minute walk from JR Shinjuku Station, one of the largest hubs in Tokyo and a key stop on the JR Yamanote Line (the city's tourist loop). This means direct, easy access to must-see neighborhoods like Shibuya, Harajuku, Ueno, and Tokyo Station.

Inside the hotel, you'll find a wide array of restaurants and amenities. Dining spans from authentic Japanese kaiseki, sushi, and teppanyaki to Chinese and French cuisine, plus casual international options—over 10 restaurants and bars in total. The hotel also offers a seasonal rooftop Sky Pool, a 24-hour fitness room, spa and relaxation lounges, and elegant Club Lounge access for select room categories.

VIP Amenities

-Includes Breakfast

Laundromat (Main Tower 19F / South Tower 18F)

The laundry facilities are for the exclusive use of hotel guests.

Opening Hours: Open 24Hours and located in Laundromat (Main Tower 19F / South Tower 18F)

 Dec 30 · Tuesday

Suggestion: Take Taxi to Team Lab Planets

 Transfer

A taxi from Keio Plaza Hotel to teamLab Planets takes about 10 minutes (depending on traffic). Leave by 8:30 am - 8:45 am

Team Lab Planets Address:

6 Chome-1-16 Toyosu, Koto City, Tokyo 135-0061, Japan

Reservation: Teamlab Planets



Tue, Dec 30 at 9:00am

Location

[TeamLab Planets](#)

Documents

[Call_TeamLab_Planet_Tickets_.pdf](#)

Thank you for purchasing online QR tickets from the teamLab Planets TOKYO Ticket Store.

Important: For those coming from Ginza Area

Dedicated Shuttle Buses (with a fee) are available between GINZA SIX and teamLab Planets.

Shuttle Bus (with a fee): <https://x.gd/bvnE3>

*Currently, there is significant congestion on the public buses from Tokyo Station, Ginza, and Tsukiji towards Shin-Toyosu.

Please consider using other public transportation methods to visit.

Access Guide: https://teamlabplanets.dmm.com/en/guide/access_method

Please check whether the QR code can be displayed using the URL below.

*The QR code will be displayed after 0:00 on the day of admission.

My Tickets: <https://teamlabplanets.dmm.com/en/mytickets/b585e68e423d990161>

*Presenting this email does not permit admission to the venue. Thank you for your understanding.

*You can change the admission date and time up to 3 times, no later than 2 hours before the admission time, using the "Change admission date and time" button on My Tickets.

*Please be aware that you cannot change the admission date/ time for tickets purchased through coupons.

*If there is difficulty reading your QR code on the day of the event due to a cracked screen or other issues, please contact the nearest member of staff or the support desk.

Please confirm the usage guide after purchasing tickets online

<https://teamlabplanets.dmm.com/en/guide/detail#step2>

[Content of Purchase]

Purchase Date: Tue Oct. 7, 2025

Payment Method: Credit card

Ticket information/Purchase Details

Admission date and time: Tue Dec. 30, 2025 09:00 - 09:30

*Times listed are in Japan Standard Time (JST).

*Please arrive at the venue and line up in the entrance line in time within the time stated on the ticket.

*The time stated on the ticket is not the staying time in the venue.

Purchase quantity/Purchase amount: Entrance Pass Adults 2Number of tickets Total: 11,200 JPY Junior high school / High school 2Number of tickets Total: 5,600 JPY

Total Price: 16,800 JPY

Suggestion: Taxi or Train (depending on time)

Transfer

Train (Best Mix of Time + Cost)

1. Walk to Shin-Toyosu Station (very close to teamLab Planets).
2. Take the Yurikamome Line to Shimbashi Station.
3. Transfer at Shimbashi to the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line toward Shibuya (Shibuya Scramble Square).
4. Exit at Shibuya Station – Shibuya Sky is connected directly to the station via Shibuya Scramble Square.

Time: ~45–55 minutes total by train.

Cost: ~¥550–¥650 one way.

 Taxi / Ride-hail (Fastest)

- About 10–15 minutes by taxi from Toyosu to Shibuya if traffic is light.
 - This is more expensive but good if you want a quick, direct trip
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Reservation: Shibuya Sky and Crossing



Tue, Dec 30 at 1:20pm

Documents

[Call_Shibuya_Crossing_.pdf](#)

[QR_Codes_Call_Shibuya.pdf](#)

1:20 pm Entrance Time

Please come to the entrance on the 14th floor of Shibuya Scramble Square within the entrance time (**20 minutes**) of the purchased ticket.

QR TICKETS ATTACHED AND EMAILED

Ticket is only Valid until 1:39 PM

***If you are late for the designated admission time, you may be refused admission.**

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Please enter by holding a smartphone with a QR code or a paper printed in advance to the entrance gate.

***The QR code can be displayed by email or from [My Page](#) after the purchase is completed.**

***In the case of multiple QR codes, admission is smooth if the QR code is distributed before admission (one QR code is required per person)**

***You cannot enter until 5 minutes have passed after the purchase is completed.**

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There is no limit to the length of stay after admission

***You cannot re-enter**

About cancellation

Only the target WEB tickets can be canceled free of charge until the day before your visit.

Cancellations are not possible on the day unless the roof is closed.

[Free cancellation service when the rooftop is closed]

If the rooftop is closed at the designated admission time, you can cancel the day for free **until before admission**.

If you come on another day, please purchase again.

***Cancellation is not possible after a certain period of time.**

***The indoor observation corridor on the 46th floor is also open even when the roof is closed.**

***Please check the opening and closing status of the rooftop on [SHIBUYA SKY official X](#) or the official website.**

►[Click here for details of the cancellation policy](#)

►[Cancellation is possible from this My Page](#)

¥ 23,700

Reservation: Best of Shibuya Food Evening Tour



Tue, Dec 30 at 4:00pm

Confirmation number

Booking ID: PE150420017

Documents

[Shibuya_Food_Tour_Edwards.pdf](#)

Meeting Location

The meeting point is in front of the Wall Mural of Hachiko (The famous local dog) right outside the station, at Hachiko Exit. The nearest exit from Shibuya Station to the meeting point is the Hachiko Exit.

Highlights

- Get an insider's look at Shibuya, one of the most exciting places to visit in Tokyo.
- Enjoy some of Japan's must-try delicious regional dishes, and hear exciting stories and trivia you wouldn't want to miss.
- Gain a deeper understanding of Japanese culture beyond the obvious as you explore the backstreets.
- End your journey with a tour and dessert in a Shibuya Depachika (underground food market).

Description

Step into our immersive 3-hour Shibuya Food Tour and let your senses lead the way. As you wander through lively streets, the hum of this busy neighborhood and the rhythmic footsteps on pavement draw you into a world beyond the famous "Scramble Crossing." The aroma of delicious foods will tempt your taste buds at every corner. Bright lights and colorful storefronts are a kaleidoscope of excitement... With each bite, the textures of fresh ingredients tell the story of local traditions, often overlooked by the typical traveler who only skims the surface.

Let us guide you to the hidden gems of Shibuya, where Tokyoites dine and savor the best culinary treasures. Slip into cozy alleyways and visit restaurants that reveal a side of Shibuya that few visitors discover. Hear the sizzle on the grill and the lively chatter of chefs perfecting their craft. Taste everything from delicate, melt-in-your-mouth sushi to sweet, handmade traditional desserts. This is your chance to experience Shibuya like a local, enjoying meals most travelers would never stumble upon. Join us, and let the rhythm of the city and the tastes of its hidden kitchens lead you on an unforgettable culinary adventure as you try regional food in the heart of Tokyo.

Total Price: \$ 1,496.36 (Grace Paid for this activity)

Dec 31 • Wednesday

Suggestion: Toei Ōedo Line → Direct to Ginza



Best Option: Toei Ōedo Line → Direct to Ginza

1. Walk to Tochōmae Station (connected to Keio Plaza or a 2–3 min walk).
2. Take the Toei Ōedo Line toward Roppongi / Daimon.
3. Get off at Higashi-Ginza Station.

Time: ~20 minutes

Cost: ~¥220

Convenience: Very high – no transfers, quick, and easy.

From Higashi-Ginza, you can walk directly into the main Ginza shopping streets within 2–3 minutes.

Suggestion: Shopping in Ginza



Wed, Dec 31

Location

[Nemuro Hanamaru Ginza](#)

Shopping in Ginza - stores close at 6 pm but check each store for specific closures

The district boasts flagship stores of international high-end brands alongside esteemed Japanese department stores, such as Mitsukoshi and Ginza Six, which offer extensive gourmet food halls on their lower levels, providing an array of snacks, meals, and elegantly packaged edible gifts.

Stores to Visit:

- Multi-story stationery store: Ginza Itoya
- Flagship Muji
- Flagship Uniqlo
- Mitsukoshi: Despite being underground level, this department store has a very upscale foodhall (mostly take-out). B2 floor in Mitsukoshi is a famous one for desserts, pastries, bakeries, meals, \$80 melon, etc. There's a nice rooftop garden area perfect for a mini picnic

Vintage Stores

- [QOO](#) (in Shibuya)
- [AMORE](#) (in Shibuya)

Tax-Free Shopping

- Look For: Stores marked “Japan Tax-Free Shop.”
- Minimum Spend: ¥5,000+ (before tax) in one day at the same store.
- Bring Your Passport: Physical passport required at checkout—copies won’t work.
- How It Works: Most shops deduct the 10% tax right at the register or at a refund counter.
- Consumables: Food, alcohol, cosmetics must stay sealed and unused until you leave Japan.
- Departure: Keep purchase slips in your passport; immigration collects them when you exit.

Suggestion Lunch: Nemuro Hanamaru Ginza



Location

[Nemuro Hanamaru Ginza](#)

Hours: 11:00 - 23:00 (Last Order 22:00)

*If we are unable to accommodate you during business hours due to the number of customers waiting, we may close reception during business hours.

*We do not accept reservations for seats. Please use the ticket machine located in front of the store.

NYE Suggestion: Oji Inari-Jinja Shrine Fox Parade



Location

[Venue: Shozoku Inari-jinja Shrine, 2-30-14 Oji, Tokyo, Japan](#)

The **Oji Inari-Jinja Shrine Fox Parade** (おじいなりじんじゃきつねまつり) is a unique Japanese New Year tradition held at **Shozoku Inari-jinja Shrine** in Tokyo. This centuries-old custom celebrates **kitsune**, or fox spirits, which are believed to be messengers of the Shinto deity Inari. The parade reflects Japan's deep-rooted Shinto beliefs and folklore, combining religious ritual with festive pageantry.

Fox parades like this one have been celebrated for generations, linking the spiritual significance of foxes with **Hatsumode**, the first shrine visit of the New Year. Participants dress as foxes in traditional attire, including kimonos and painted faces, while carrying out rituals that have been passed down through the years. The parade symbolizes purification, protection, and blessings for a prosperous new year.

Over time, the event has become both a **cultural spectacle and a popular attraction** for locals and tourists alike. While deeply spiritual in origin, it has grown to incorporate community participation, pre-parade rituals, and ceremonial offerings, making it one of Tokyo's most enchanting New Year events.

The **Oji Inari-Jinja Shrine Fox Parade 2025-2026** takes place from **late December 2025 to early January 2026**, with the main parade occurring on **midnight, January 1st, 2026**. The procession starts at **Shozoku Inari-jinja Shrine** and makes its way to **Oji Inari Shrine**, covering a traditional route while participants perform rituals, chant prayers, and display their fox costumes.

Pre-parade activities, such as **breaking of the sake barrel** and ritual preparations, begin around **11:00 PM** on December 31st. The parade itself typically reaches Oji Inari Shrine by **1:00–1:30 AM**, where final blessings and prayers are offered. Spectators can enjoy the ceremonial procession, traditional attire, and unique cultural experience free of charge.

Jan 1 • Thursday

Edwards Depart Tokyo (HND)

 Flight Thu, January 1

Departure
Thu, January 1

Depart at 8:00 PM HND

Calls Depart NRT Depart at 5:45 PM

 Flight Thu, January 1

Departure
Thu, January 1

1/1/26-Tokyo-Depart at 5:45 pm NRT

Leave Keio Plaza at: 1:00 PM

This allows for:

- 1.5–2 hours travel time from Shinjuku → Narita
- 3 hours required for international check-in
- Extra holiday buffer (January 1 can cause transportation schedule changes + crowds)

For a 5:45 PM departure:

Arrive at NRT by 2:45 PM

Travel Time from Keio Plaza → Narita

- Narita Express (N'EX): 1 hr 20 min from Shinjuku Station
- Limo Bus: 1 hr 45 min–2 hr+ depending on traffic
- Taxi/car: 60–90 min but extremely expensive

Walking time to Shinjuku Station

From Keio Plaza: 10–12 minutes or a quick taxi

If You Prefer Extra Cushion

Leave at 12:30 PM if:

- You're checking multiple bags
- You prefer the airport limousine bus
- You want extra time to eat or shop at the terminal