

40 Best Things to Do in Tokyo, Japan



Tokyo is a city that will take your breath away with its vibrant energy, stunning architecture, and exciting culture. From the iconic Shibuya Crossing to the serene gardens of the Imperial Palace, there's something for everyone in Tokyo.

The city is renowned for its food scene, where you can indulge in traditional Japanese delicacies such as sushi and ramen or try out fusion cuisine. Shopping in Tokyo is also an experience to remember, from high-end boutiques in Ginza to the bustling markets of Tsukiji. With its mix of tradition and modernity, Tokyo is a city that will leave you wanting more.

These 40 best things to do in Tokyo, will make sure you will not miss any must-see landmarks and the best attractions and activities. Visit Tokyo, and discover a world of new possibilities and endless opportunities to create memories for a lifetime.

Trip Summary

Day 1

- ① Imperial Palace, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ② Ginza, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ③ Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ④ Tsukiji Outer Market, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑤ Hamarikyū Gardens, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑥ Tokyo Disneyland [Google Maps](#)
- ⑦ Tokyo DisneySea [Google Maps](#)
- ⑧ Akasaka Palace, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑨ Tokyo Tower, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑩ Zojo-ji, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑪ Roppongi Hills, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑫ Nakameguro, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑬ Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑭ Harajuku, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑮ Meiji Jingu, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- ⑯ Yoyogi Park, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)

- 17 Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 18 Metropolitan Government Building, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 19 Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 20 Shinjuku Golden Gai, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 21 Samurai Museum, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 22 Asakusa Shrine, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 23 Sensō-ji, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 24 Hōzōmon Gate, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 25 Nakamise Shopping Street, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 26 Tokyo Skytree, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 27 Nezu Shrine, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 28 Tokyo National Museum, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 29 Ueno Park, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 30 Akihabara, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 31 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- 32 teamLab Planets TOKYO [Google Maps](#)
- 33 Rainbow Bridge, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)

- [34](#) Odaiba, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [35](#) Kabuki-za Theatre, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [36](#) Tokyo Dome City, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [37](#) Ryogoku Kokugikan National Sumo Arena, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [38](#) Edo-Tokyo Museum, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [39](#) Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)
- [40](#) Ueno Zoo, Tokyo [Google Maps](#)

Day 1

① Imperial Palace, Tokyo

1-1 Chiyoda, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-8111, Japan

The Imperial Palace is the primary residence of the Imperial Family and it's located in the heart of Tokyo. The marvelous palace is surrounded by large stone walls and moats, and it's also home to the beautiful East Gardens and the Imperial Palace Plaza. The palace grounds are open to the public, but the palace itself is off-limits, visitors can only see it on a guided tour. The palace has a rich history, it was built on the site of the Edo Castle, which was the residence of the Tokugawa shogun who ruled Japan from 1603 to 1867.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

② Ginza, Tokyo

Ginza, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0061, Japan

Ginza is an upscale shopping district located in the heart of Tokyo, known for its high-end stores, restaurants, and

department stores. The area is also home to several art galleries, theaters, and other cultural institutions. The district is also known for the famous Wako clock tower, a landmark of the area. It's a great place to shop, dine and enjoy the lively atmosphere.



[Google Maps](#)

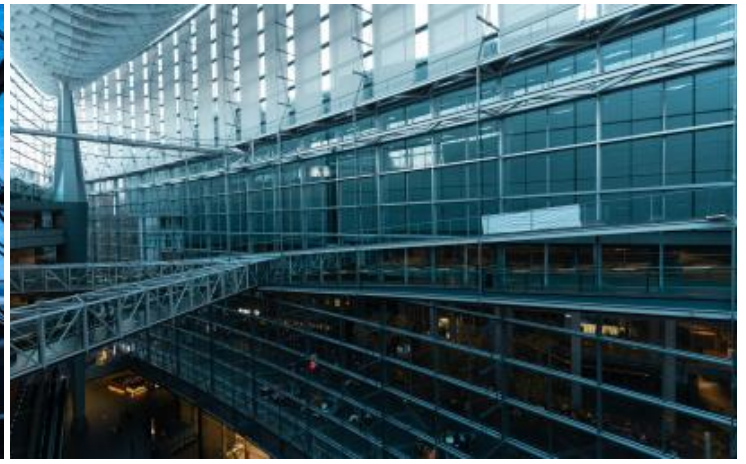
[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

③ **Tokyo International Forum, Tokyo**

3-chōme-5-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 100-0005, Japan

The Tokyo International Forum is a large conference and exhibition center located in the Marunouchi district. It is known for its unique architecture and its large glass façade. It is composed of several halls and exhibition spaces, and it hosts events such as concerts, conventions, and trade shows. The building was designed by the famous Japanese architect Rafael Viñoly and was opened in 1996.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

④ **Tsukiji Outer Market, Tokyo**

4-chōme-16-2 Tsukiji, Chuo City, Tokyo 104-0045, Japan

The Tsukiji Outer Market is a collection of small shops and vendors located outside of the Tsukiji Fish Market, one of the world's largest fish markets. The market is known for its variety of seafood and other food items, as well as its lively atmosphere. Visitors can find a variety of seafood, fruits, vegetables, and also traditional Japanese sweets and kitchenware.



⑤ Hamarikyu Gardens, Tokyo

1-1 Hamarikyūteien, Chuo City, Tōkyō-to 104-0046, Japan

Hamarikyu Gardens (or Hama-Rikyu) is a captivating traditional Japanese garden that features a large pond and teahouses.



⑥ Tokyo Disneyland

1-1 Maihama, Urayasu, Chiba 279-0031, Japan

Tokyo Disneyland is a magnificent theme park that is based on the original Disneyland in California. It features a variety of rides and attractions, as well as Disney characters and parades. It's a place where you can experience Disney magic, meet Disney characters and enjoy parades and shows.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑦ Tokyo DisneySea

1-13 Maihama, Urayasu, Chiba 279-8511, Japan

Tokyo DisneySea is a theme park that is exclusive to Japan. It features a nautical theme and offers a variety of rides and attractions, such as the popular "Journey to the Center of the Earth" ride and the "Tower of Terror" attraction. It also has a variety of themed areas such as the Mediterranean Harbor, American Waterfront, and Lost River Delta.

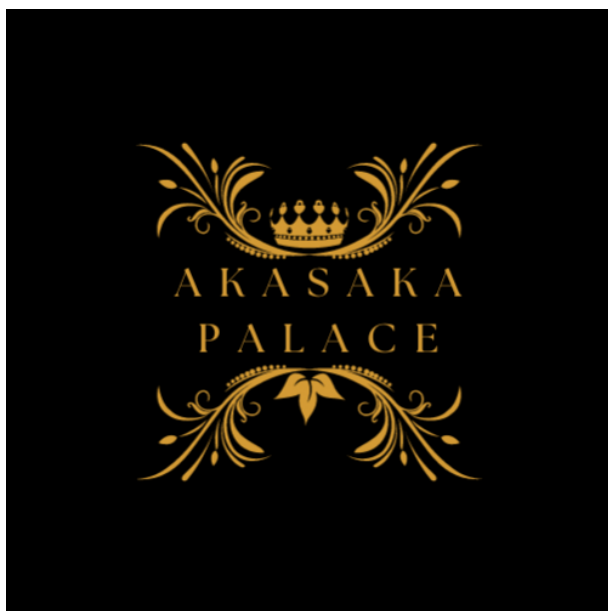


[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑧ Akasaka Palace, Tokyo

Akasaka Palace, 2-chōme-1-1 Motoakasaka, Minato City, Tokyo 107-0051, Japan

The Akasaka Palace, also known as the State Guest House, is a palace located in the Akasaka district of Tokyo. The palace was built in 1909 as the Imperial Guest House, and it has served as the official residence for visiting state dignitaries. The palace is known for its elegant European-style architecture, and it's surrounded by large gardens and courtyards. The palace is not open to the public, but visitors can take a tour of the palace's beautiful gardens and courtyards.

[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑨ Tokyo Tower, Tokyo

4-chōme-2-8 Shibakōen, Minato City, Tōkyō-to 105-0011, Japan

Tokyo Tower is one of the city's symbols and a communications and observation tower that offers views of the city from its main deck and special observation deck.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑩ Zojo-ji, Tokyo

4-chōme-7-35 Shibakōen, Minato City, Tokyo 105-0011, Japan

Zojo-ji is a beautiful Buddhist temple located in the Shiba area of Tokyo. It was founded in 1393 and it is one of the city's oldest temples. The temple is known for its large gate, the Sangedatsumon, and its enchanting gardens. The temple also has several important cultural properties, including the Jizo-dō hall, which contains statues of Jizo, the guardian of children and travelers. The temple is also famous for its cherry blossoms and it's a wonderful place to enjoy the mesmerizing scenery in spring.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑪ Roppongi Hills, Tokyo

6-chōme-10-1 Roppongi, Minato City, Tokyo 106-6108, Japan

Roppongi Hills is a large development that includes a shopping mall, an art museum, and an observation deck with stunning views of the city.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

12 Nakameguro, Tokyo

Nakameguro, Meguro City, Tokyo 153-0061, Japan

Nakameguro is a trendy neighborhood located in the Meguro district of Tokyo. It's known for its stylish boutiques, cafes, and restaurants, as well as its winsome cherry blossom trees along the Meguro River. During the cherry blossom season, the river is lined with food stands and vendors selling cherry blossom-themed goods.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

13 Shibuya Crossing, Tokyo

1-chōme-2-1 Dōgenzaka Shibuya City 2 Chome-2 Dogenzaka, Shibuya City, Tokyo 150-0043, Japan

Shibuya Crossing is a famous intersection located in the Shibuya district of Tokyo. It is known for its large number of pedestrians and the large video screens that are located above the crossing. It's a popular spot for both tourists and locals, and it's also a great spot to take photos of the busy intersection and experience

the energy and hustle and bustle of Tokyo.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

14 Harajuku, Tokyo

Harajuku, Jingumae, Shibuya City, Tokyo 150-0001, Japan

Harajuku is a trendy neighborhood known for its wonderful street fashion and unique boutiques.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

15 Meiji Jingu, Tokyo

1-1 Yoyogikamizonochō, Shibuya City, Tōkyō-to 151-8557, Japan

Meiji Jingu or Meiji Shrine is a beautiful Shinto shrine located in Yoyogi Park. It is dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

16 Yoyogi Park, Tokyo

2-1 Yoyogikamizonochō, Shibuya City, Tōkyō-to 151-0052, Japan

Yoyogi Park is a large public park located in the Shibuya district of Tokyo. The park is known for its large lawns, gardens, and cherry blossom trees. It's a popular spot for picnics, and also for sports and other outdoor activities. The park is also home to the Meiji Shrine, which is dedicated to the spirits of Emperor Meiji and his consort, Empress Shoken. It's a great place to relax and enjoy nature in the middle of the city.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

⑰ Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, Tokyo

11 Naitōmachi, Shinjuku City, Tōkyō-to 160-0014, Japan

Shinjuku Gyoen is a marvelous large public park that features winsome Japanese, English, and French-style gardens.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

18 Metropolitan Government Building, Tokyo

2-chōme-8-1 Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku City, Tokyo 163-8001, Japan

The impressive Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building is the seat of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government and offers observation decks with incredible views of the city.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

19 Isetan Shinjuku, Tokyo

3-chōme-14-1 Shinjuku, Shinjuku City, Tōkyō-to 160-0022, Japan

Isetan Shinjuku is a large department store located in the Shinjuku district of Tokyo. The store is known for its wide variety of products, including clothing, accessories, and home goods. Isetan Shinjuku also has a food hall, a bakery, and a patisserie on the basement floor, where visitors can try different types of Japanese and international cuisine. The store is also famous for its art exhibitions and cultural events, it's a great place to shop and at the same time to explore the culture of Japan.



[Google Maps](#)

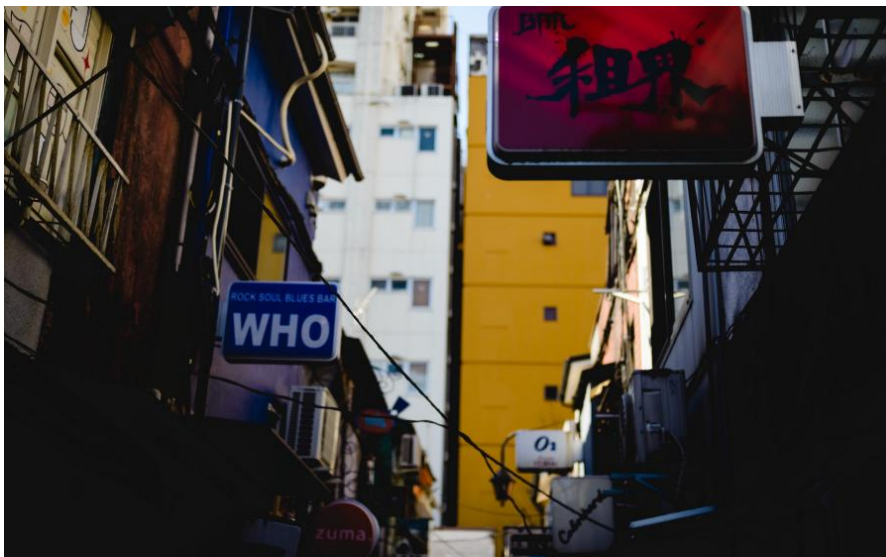
[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

②⑩ Shinjuku Golden Gai, Tokyo

1-chōme-1-6 Kabukichō, Shinjuku City, Tōkyō-to 160-0021, Japan

Shinjuku Golden Gai is a small area of Shinjuku that is known for its narrow alleys lined with small bars and restaurants. The area is famous for its unique atmosphere, and it's a popular spot for both tourists and locals. The area was established in the post-war period and it's a perfect place for tourists to experience Tokyo's nightlife and try different types of Japanese cuisine.



[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

21 Samurai Museum, Tokyo

Japan, 〒160-0021 Tōkyō-to, Shinjuku City, Kabukichō, 2-chōme-25-1 6 1F-2F

The Samurai Museum is a fascinating museum located in Tokyo that is dedicated to the history and culture of the samurai, the elite warrior class of feudal Japan. The museum features a collection of samurai armor, weapons, and artifacts, as well as interactive exhibits and live demonstrations of samurai sword fighting. The museum also has a small collection of traditional Japanese art and artifacts. It's a great place to learn about the samurai and their role in Japanese history.

[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

22 Asakusa Shrine, Tokyo

2-chōme-3-1 Asakusa, Taito City, Tōkyō-to 111-0032, Japan

Asakusa Shrine is a Shinto shrine located in the Asakusa district of Tokyo. It is dedicated to the three men who are said to have founded Senso-ji temple, the famous Buddhist temple in Asakusa. The shrine is known for its traditional architecture, including its large gate and its red and black wooden structure. It's a peaceful place to visit, and it's also wonderful for seeing traditional Japanese architecture.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

23 Sensō-ji, Tokyo

2-chōme-3-1 Asakusa, Taito City, Tōkyō-to 111-0032, Japan

Sensō-ji is an ancient Buddhist temple located in Asakusa. It is the oldest temple in Tokyo and one of the most popular tourist destinations in the city. The temple is dedicated to the bodhisattva Kannon, and it's said to have been founded in the 7th century. The temple complex includes several buildings and gates, including the impressive Hōzōmon Gate, and it's also home to several statues and carvings.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

②4 Hōzōmon Gate, Tokyo

2 Chome-3 Asakusa, Taito City, Tokyo 111-0032, Japan

The Hōzōmon Gate is a large gate that is the entrance to Senso-ji temple in Asakusa. It's known for its large and impressive wooden structure, and its large red paper lanterns, which are said to weigh 1 ton. The gate is also home to several large statues and carvings, including a large dragon sculpture.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

25 Nakamise Shopping Street, Tokyo

1-chōme-36-3 Asakusa, Taito City, Tōkyō-to 111-0032, Japan

Nakamise Shopping Street (Nakamise-dori Street) is located in front of Senso-ji temple in Asakusa, one of Tokyo's most famous tourist destinations. The street is lined with shops selling traditional Japanese goods such as souvenirs, traditional snacks, and kimonos.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

26 Tokyo Skytree, Tokyo

1-chōme-1-2 Oshiage, Sumida City, Tōkyō-to 131-8634, Japan

The wonderful Tokyo Skytree is the tallest tower in Japan and offers incredible views of the city from its observation decks.



[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

27 Nezu Shrine, Tokyo

1-chōme-28-9 Nezu, Bunkyo City, Tōkyō-to 113-0031, Japan

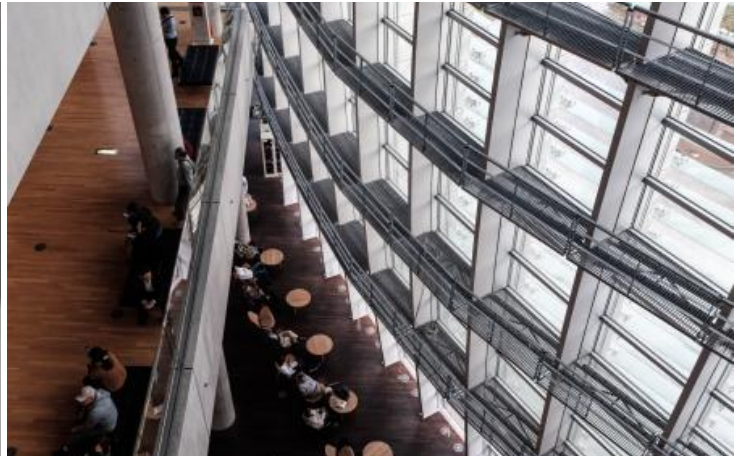
The Nezu Shrine is a Shinto shrine located in the Bunkyo district of Tokyo. It is known for its beautiful traditional architecture, its large torii gate, and its extensive gardens, which feature a variety of flowers and plants, including azaleas and hydrangeas. The shrine is dedicated to the god of war, and it's said to have been founded more than 1,900 years ago. It's a peaceful place to visit, and it's also fantastic for seeing traditional Japanese architecture and gardens.

[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

28 Tokyo National Museum, Tokyo

13-9 Uenokōen, Taito City, Tōkyō-to 110-8712, Japan

The excellent Tokyo National Museum is the oldest and largest museum in Japan, with a collection that spans over a thousand years of Japanese art and history.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

29 Ueno Park, Tokyo

Japan, 〒110-0007 Tōkyō-to, Taito City, Uenokōen, 8-1-1 Uenokōen

Ueno Park is a charming large park that is home to several museums and the famous Ueno Zoo.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

30 Akihabara, Tokyo

Akihabara, Taito City, Tokyo, Japan

Akihabara is an area known for its electronics stores and anime and manga shops. It provides wonderful opportunities for shopping and seeing lively Tokyo.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

31 National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, Tokyo

2-chōme-3-6 Aomi, Koto City, Tokyo 135-0064, Japan

The National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation, also known as the Miraikan, is a science museum located in Odaiba, Tokyo. The museum features interactive exhibits that explore various aspects of science and technology, including robotics, space exploration, and global environmental issues.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

③2 teamLab Planets TOKYO

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

teamLab Planets TOKYO is an interactive digital art museum located in Odaiba, Tokyo. The spectacular museum features a variety of interactive exhibits that are designed to be touched and explored. The exhibits include digital art, light displays, and interactive installations. It's a great place to experience cutting-edge technology and digital art.



[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

33 **Rainbow Bridge, Tokyo**

3 Chome Kaigan, Minato City, Tokyo 105-0000, Japan

The Rainbow Bridge is a suspension bridge that connects the Odaiba area of Tokyo to the city's main island. The bridge is known for its charming distinctive rainbow-colored lighting, which is illuminated at night. Visitors can walk or bike across the bridge and enjoy the views of Tokyo Bay and the city skyline. It's a splendid place to enjoy the views of the city and the bay.

[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

34 **Odaiba, Tokyo**

Odaiba, Tokyo, Japan

Odaiba is a man-made island that offers a variety of attractions, including a replica of the Statue of Liberty and a large shopping mall.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

35 Kabuki-za Theatre, Tokyo

4-chōme-12-15 Ginza, Chuo City, Tōkyō-to 104-0061, Japan

The Kabuki-za Theatre is a traditional Japanese theatre located in the Ginza district of Tokyo. It is dedicated to the kabuki, a traditional form of Japanese theater that combines drama, dance, and music. The theater is known for its elaborate stage performances and its traditional architecture.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

36 Tokyo Dome City, Tokyo

1-chōme-3-61 Kōraku, Bunkyo City, Tokyo 112-8575, Japan

Tokyo Dome City is an entertainment complex that features an indoor theme park, an outdoor amusement park, and a baseball stadium.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

37 Ryogoku Kokugikan National Sumo Arena, Tokyo

1-chōme-3-28 Yokoami, Sumida City, Tokyo 130-0015, Japan

The Ryogoku Kokugikan National Sumo Arena is a sumo wrestling stadium located in the Ryogoku area of Tokyo. It is the largest sumo wrestling stadium in Japan and it hosts three annual tournaments, known as honbashi. Visitors can attend a sumo tournament and watch the matches live, and also learn about the history and culture of sumo wrestling.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)

38 Edo-Tokyo Museum, Tokyo

1-chōme-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida City, Tokyo 130-0015, Japan

The Edo-Tokyo Museum is a museum located in Ryogoku, Tokyo. The museum is dedicated to the history of Tokyo, from the Edo period to the present. The museum features a variety of exhibits, including interactive displays, dioramas, and artifacts. It's an excellent place to learn about the history of Tokyo and to see some of the city's most important historical artifacts.



[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

39 Yasukuni Shrine, Tokyo

3-chōme-1-1 Kudankita, Chiyoda City, Tokyo 102-8246, Japan

Yasukuni Shrine is a Shinto shrine located in Chiyoda, Tokyo. It was established in 1869 to commemorate the spirits of those who died in service of the Japanese empire. The shrine is known for its entrancing gardens and its traditional architecture, and it is also home to the Yasukuni War Museum, which presents a controversial view of Japan's role in World War II.

[Google Maps](#)[Tickets](#)[Nearby Hotels](#)

④ Ueno Zoo, Tokyo

9-83 Uenokōen, Taito City, Tokyo 110-8711, Japan

Ueno Zoo is a zoo located in Ueno Park, in Taito, Tokyo. It is the oldest zoo in Japan, established in 1882, and it is home to over 3,000 animals from over 400 species, including pandas, elephants, lions, and primates. The zoo is also known for its magnificent gardens, and it's a popular spot for families.



[Google Maps](#)

[Tickets](#)

[Nearby Hotels](#)