

Japan's most captivating city

## **Tokyo by the Numbers**

#### 3.5 million

people go through Shinjuku station, the busiest train station in the world, daily.

160,000

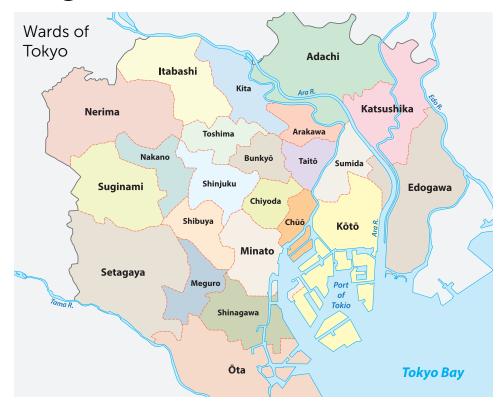
restaurants.

#### ¥3,500-¥7,000

is the average cost of a few hours' stay at a Tokyo love hotel.

#### 9.2 million

is the population of the Tokyo metropolitan area.



### **Recommended Districts and Wards of Tokyo**

#### 1. Akihabara & Asakusa

**(Taito)** - The first is *the* anime and electronics district, and the latter is home of Sensoji Temple and where you can discover old Japan. (Also hit up Ueno area for big street-side markets.)

- 2. **Chiyoda** Imperial Palace and Tokyo station. Do row boats at Chidorigafuchi. Try yakitori (skewered chicken) under Yurakucho station.
- 3. **Chuo** High-end shopping at Ginza (try Ginza Six), Nihonbashi area, or visit the Tsukiji fish market—though, it has a new locale as of Oct. 2018.

- 4. **Edogawa** The annual Edogawa Fireworks, plus Tokyo Sealife Park and the giant Ferris wheel at Kasai Rinkai Park.
- 5. **Ikebukuro (Toshima)** Anime, shopping and a lot of cosplay.
- 6. **Minato** Odaiba has a seaside entertainment center and Roppongi district is your ultimate clubbing hangout.
- 7. **Shibuya** Fashion and nightlife district, plus the famous "Shibuya Crossing." Visit Yoyogi park and Harajuku, the youth fashion district.

- 8. **Shinjuku** Includes Tokyo's red-light district Kabukicho, plus shopping, food and entertainment. Visit Golden Gai or Omoide Yokocho (Piss Alley) for *izakaya* culture.
- 9. **Shinagawa** Skyscrapers, Shinagawa station, plenty of bars and food, plus Shinagawa Aquarium.
- 10. **Sumida** Home of Tokyo SkyTree, Sensoji Temple, Asahi Beer Headquarters and Nakamise Shopping Street. Top it all off with a walk along the Sumida River.



# 20 Tokyo Attractions & Cultural Experiences

- 1. View **Tokyo from above**. Visit Tokyo SkyTree, the tallest tower in Japan and one of the tallest in the world, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building in Shinjuku, or Tokyo Tower in Shiba Park.
- 2. Go to a video game or virtual reality **arcade**. VR spots are in Shibuya, Shinjuku or Odaiba. Other multi-floor arcades are found all over, especially Akihabara.
- 3. **Eat ramen**. Try Ichiran, famous ramen chain serving up Fukuoka-style soul food noodles.
- 4. Try conveyor belt **sushi** and/ or **fugu** (blowfish) (Try at Genpin Fugu restaurant or Genki Sushi.)
- 5. Go to a **themed cafe**: a maid cafe, Kawaii Monster Cafe, a ninja cafe, Robot Restaurant, Alice In Wonderland cafe, etc.
- 6. Do a **day trip** from Tokyo. Head to the seaside at Kamakura/ Enoshima or the easy, breezy port city of Yokohama.



Rainbow Bridge in Odaiba in Minato ward

- 7. Visit **Tokyo station**/Imperial Palace area, especially in spring for cherry blossoms.
- 8. Visit a traditional **shrine or temple** (Yasukuni Shrine/Meiji Shrine/ Sensoji Temple).
- 9. Visit one of Tokyo's vast **parks**: Yoyogi Park, Ueno Park, Shinjuku Park, Kasai Rinkai Park, Shiba Park.
- 10. Go to a traditional **hot spring bath** known as *onsen*. Try Sakura Onsen in Sugamo or Oedo Onsen in Odaiba.
- 11. Stroll in a traditional **Japanese** garden: Hamarikyu Gardens.

- 12. Explore a **lesser-known area** of Tokyo: Nerima, Koenji, Nakano, Meguro, or Shimokitazawa.
- 13. Go to a manga or Internet cafe.
- 14. Discover Japanese anime at its best at **Studio Ghibli** (must get tickets months in advance).
- 15. Sing at a **karaoke** box place like Big Echo or Karaoke Kan.
- 16. Stay at a **love hotel**. Found in Shibuya and Shinjuku but perhaps avoid the Ikebukuro district.
- 17. Sleep in a **capsule hotel**, or go to a hotel staffed by robots (First Cabin for a capsule experience; Henn na Hotel for the robots.)
- 18. Go to a history or art **museum**.
- 19. Visit a **theme park**: Tokyo DisneyLand, Tokyo DisneySea, Sanrio Puroland, Asakusa Hanayashiki or Yomiuriland.
- 20. Take a **boat cruise** on Tokyo Bay or along the Sumida River.