



MUST-DO TOKYO ASAKUSA & UENO

In the areas of Asakusa and Ueno there are many spots in which you can have unique experiences. If you come to these places when visiting Japan with family or friends, you're bound to have a memorable visit.



UENO AREA

Ueno Park and Ueno Station stand at the center of this district. With its museums and zoo, it's a hub for culture and art.

Studio Sakami

Make your own colored traditional glassware at this studio. It takes about two hours to make one piece. Access: A 5-minute walk from JR Okachimachi Station or a 1-minute walk from Nakaokachimachi Station on the Metro Hibiya Line. Open 9:00-17:30. (Closed on Saturday, Sunday and holiday.) Reserve in advance via the website. Payment in cash only.

スタジオサカミ 3-16-9-2F Taisho, Taisho-ku
03-3837-3721 台東区台東3-16-9 シルバービル2F
http://s-sakami.com/

Ten Forest

Let's make your own accessories and jewelry. In two to three hours it's possible to make a silver ring or pendant. Even beginners can make a nice finish with stone and glass settings. Price start at 3,780 yen including tax. A 3-minute walk from Naka-Okachimachi Station on the Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line. Accepted credit cards are VISA/JCB/MasterCard/American Express.

テンフォレスト 3-16-9-1F Taisho, Taisho-ku
03-3831-2307 台東区台東3-16-9 シルバービル1F
http://tenforest.com/

Shinohara Maruyoshi Wind Chimes

Try your hand at making Edo-era glass wind chimes. Prices from 1,200 to 1,700 yen. Located on Satake shopping street close to Shin-Okachimachi Station on the Metropolitan Oedo Line and the Tsukuba Express Line. 10:30 to 18:00 on weekdays. 11:00 to 17:00 on Sundays (no scheduled holidays). Reserve in advance via the web or by phone.

篠原まるよし風鈴 4-25-10 Taisho, Taisho-ku
03-3832-0227 台東区台東4-25-10
http://www.sam.hi-ho.ne.jp/maruyosi/



Shitamachi Museum

The old-fashioned spirit of downtown Tokyo in the Meiji and Showa periods – which still contained traces of Edo period culture – is brought back to life here with displays of sundry goods and toys, as well as through representations of various seasonal events from which you can get a sense of the changing seasons. Here, the next generation can learn about downtown Tokyo culture. Opening hours: 9:30 – 16:30 (Last entrance at 16:00). Closed days: Mondays (if a Monday is a national holiday, then the next day). General admission: 300 yen. Access: A 5-minute walk from JR Ueno Station or a 3-minute walk from Keisei Ueno Station.

江戸風情をとどめる古き良き東京の下町を再現。
下町風俗資料館 2-1 Uenokoen, Taisho-ku
03-3823-7451 台東区上野公園2番1号
http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/shitamachi/index.html



Calligraphy Museum

The Calligraphy Museum collections are valuable artifacts collected by a single person, Nakamura Fusetsu (1866-1943), an artist of Western painting and a calligrapher. The items collected include Tortoise-shell inscriptions, Bronze-vessels, Stone monuments, Chinese rubbings, Buddhist scrolls, as well as Chinese and Japanese calligraphy. This is a museum where you can study history of Chinese characters and their script styles. Opening hours: 9:30 – 16:30 (Last entrance at 16:00). Closed days: Mondays (Open if it is a national holiday and closed the following day). General admission: 500 yen. Access: A 5-minute walk from JR Uguisudani Station.

Shitamachi Museum Annex (Old Yoshidaya Liquor Store)

A liquor store from the Meiji period has been reconstructed here. On display inside are the scales, barrels and liquid measure that were used back then. The museum has been designated by the Ward as Living Cultural Property. This architectural style of this building is typical of the period between the middle of the Edo to the Meiji. Opening hours: 9:30 – 16:30. Closed days: Mondays (if a Monday is a national holiday, then the next day). Admission free of charge. Access: A 10-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line Nezu Station.

明治時代の酒屋「吉田屋」を移築。入館無料。
下町風俗資料館付設展示場 2-10-6 Uenosakuragi, Taisho-ku
03-3823-4408 台東区上野桜木2-10-6
http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/shitamachi/sitamachi_annex/index.html

書道博物館 2-10-4 Negishi, Taisho-ku
03-3872-2645 台東区根岸2-10-4
http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/shodou/index.html



Manekineko Yanakado

We specialize in manekineko beckoning cats. Japanese believe that a figure of a cat raising its right paw will attract money, while a cat raising its left paw attracts people. Here you can make a unique manekineko from a photograph. However, because of high demand, there is a six-month waiting list. Paint a manekineko at Café Nekoemon next door. Access: A 6-minute walk from the Tokyo Metro Chiyoda Line Sendagi Station or a 10-minute walk from JR (and other lines) Nippori Station. Close to the Sansaki Sakae Teiryuujio (bus stop) for the Tozai Megurin bus. Business hours: 11:00 – 19:00. Closed on Mondays. VISA/ MasterCard/JC-B/DinersClub/American Express accepted.

「マイ招き猫」が大人気。招き猫の絵付けが楽しめる。
招き猫 谷中堂 5-4-2 Yanaka, Taisho-ku
03-3822-2297 台東区谷中5-4-2
http://www.yanakado.com/



Asakura Museum of Sculpture (Nationally Designated Scenic Spot and Registered Tangible Cultural Property)

Asakura Museum of Sculpture is a building that was used as a studio and a residence of Asakura Fumio (1883-1964) a sculptor, who flourished in the Meiji, Taisho, Showa Period. Today, this building is used as a museum which displays of Asakura's works and his collection. Opening hours: 9:30 – 16:30 (Last entrance at 16:00). Closed days: Mondays & Thursdays (Open if it is a holiday and closed on the following day). General admission: 500 yen. Access: A 5-minute walk from JR Nippori Station.

彫刻家・朝倉文夫のアトリエ兼住居だった建物。
朝倉彫塑館 7-18-10 Yanaka, Taisho-ku
03-3821-4549 台東区谷中7-18-10
http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/asakura/index.html



Welcome to Japan! UENO ZOO & TOKYO

上野動物園
http://www.tokyo-zoo.net/

動物園の名称：公益財団法人東京動物園協会 園長：野矢 東京市の名称：上野動物園 東京都台東区上野公園9-83
動物園の名称：公益財団法人東京動物園協会 園長：野矢 東京市の名称：上野動物園 東京都台東区上野公園9-83
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Edokomachi Asakusa Rental Shop

Wouldn't you like to see how different you'd look in a beautiful kimono? Because we enjoy sharing the fun of Japanese culture with others, we rent out kimono at reasonable rates. Our staff are on hand to help you put the garment on. Please feel free to consult us about the type of kimono that will look good on you. A 2-minute walk from Asakusa Station on the Tsukuba Express Line. A 7-minute walk from Tawaramachi Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. Reservations can be made on our web. Accepted credit cards are VISA/MasterCard/JCB/DinersClub/China UnionPay.

着物レンタル。管理美容師兼着付師が着付。

■ えどこまち 浅草着物レンタル館 2-25-11 Nishiasakusa, Taiko-ku
03-5246-4741 台東区西浅草2-25-11

<http://edokomachi.co.jp/>



CHAGOHAN TOKYO—Cooking class

Do you want to make SUSHI? We, CHAGOHAN TOKYO, offers Matcha and green tea classes, and also Japanese cooking classes like Sushi, Sho-ka-do Bento, Okonomiyaki & Yakitori. You can join these classes with us at CHAGOHAN TOKYO in Asakusa. Our chef will tell you some tips and tricks for cooking Japanese meal. Custom classes are available upon request! Come and enjoy making Matcha and cooking Japanese food with us!

Access : 3-minute walk from Tsukuba Express Line Asakusa Station or 5-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Ginza Line Tawaramachi Station. Credit card is accepted. MAIL : shop@chagohan.tokyo

和食や日本茶の楽しさを体験。

■ 茶御飯東京 2-17-13-1F Nishiasakusa, Taiko-ku
03-6802-8248 台東区西浅草2-17-13-1F

<http://chagohan.tokyo>



Asakusa Tsurujiro

This hot-plate restaurant serves okonomiyaki savory pancakes, which are a specialty of the Asakusa area. Either have the chef make you one, or try cooking it yourself. You can eat while watching the chef do his thing. Menus are available in several different languages. Our staff do their utmost to make this a once in a lifetime experience for you. We create a relaxing atmosphere for you to enjoy your meal in. Access: A 3-minute walk from Asakusa Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. Reservations can be made by telephone, except for Saturdays, Sundays and on Holidays. Credit cards accepted: VISA/JCB/DC/UC/MasterCard/China Union Pay.

「もんじゃ焼き・お好み焼き・鉄板料理」専門店。

■ 浅草 つる次郎 1-20-8 Asakusa, Taiko-ku
03-5755-5888 台東区浅草1-20-8

<http://tsurujirou.com>

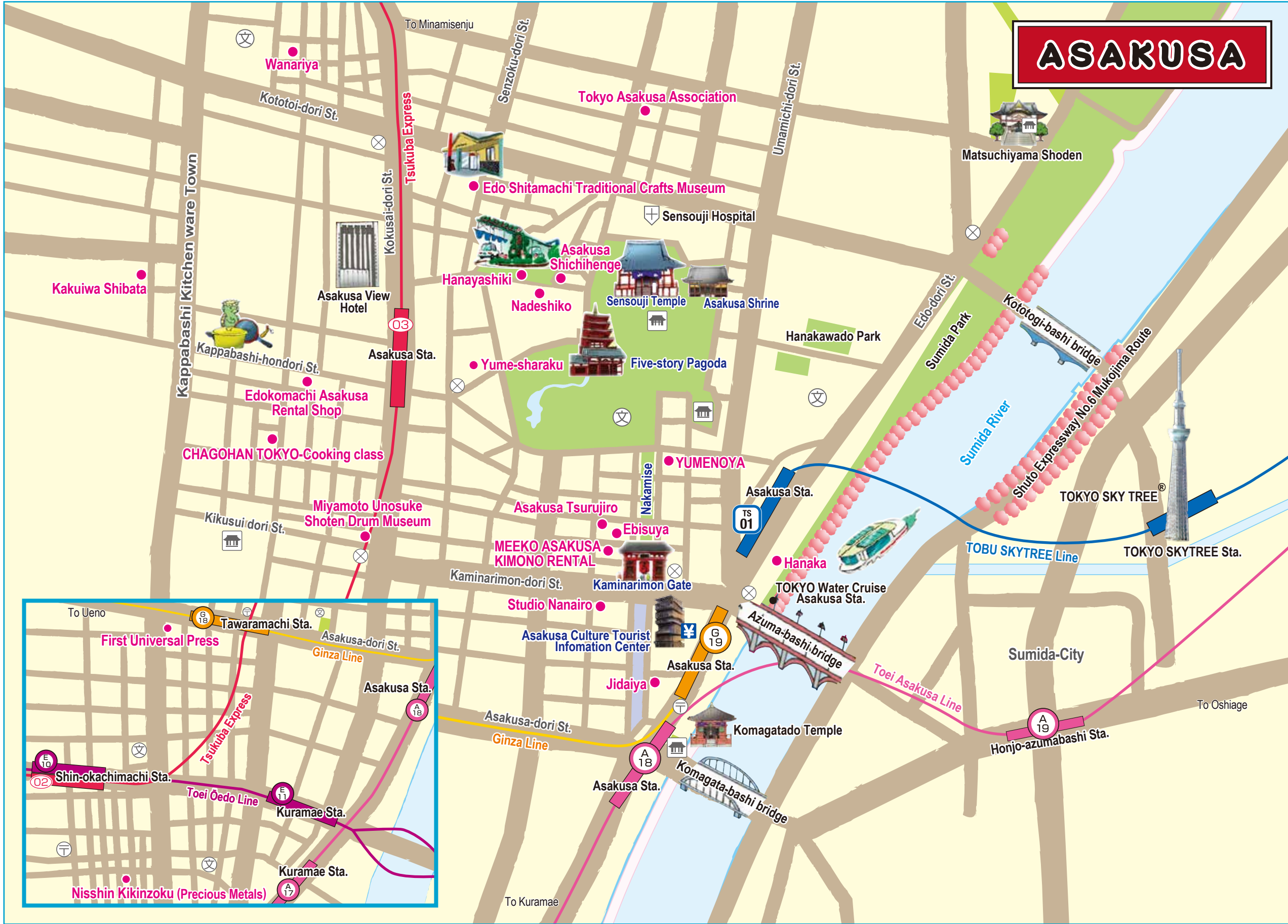


JAPAN CULTURE EXPERIENCE TOURS YUMENOYA

Japan Culture Experience Tours – Yumenoya, produced by Takafuji Dance Company, is a venue where you can experience Japanese culture. Choose from the “Kimono – Go out for a walk wearing kimono” package, the “Kimono Photo Shoot” package (a photo session in either kimono and samurai costumes) and the “Samurai Experience” package in which you can change into a samurai outfit and adopt a variety of different warrior poses. Other programs include the “Kimono with Rickshaw,” “Oiran Geisha Experience,” and “Kabuki Makeup Experience” packages. Access: A 3-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Ginza Line Asakusa Station. Reserve in advance via the web. Payment: cash only. 侍・隈取・花魁・芸者を体験&撮影。

■ 夢乃屋 YUMENOYA 1-36-8-2F Asakusa, Taiko-ku
03-5770-5131 台東区浅草1-36-8 ヲニスF

<http://www.tokyo-samurai.com/>



Miyamoto Unosuke Shoten Drum Museum

Founded in 1861, we manufacture Japanese drums, mikoshi (palanquins), and other items used at festivals.

At our Nishi-Asakusa shop, we have many Japanese drums and mikoshi available to buy. A 2-minute walk from Tawaramachi Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. Payment for admission to the museum in cash only. Accepted cards are VISA/JCB/MasterCard.

■ 太鼓館(宮本卯之助商店) 2-1-1 Nishiasakusa, Taiko-ku
03-3844-2141 台東区浅草2丁目1番1号

<https://www.miyamoto-unosuke.co.jp/>



Kakuwa Shibata

Ever since its establishment in 1893, Kakuwa Shibata has been manufacturing and selling Edo-style items. And we have wonderful handmade goods all over Japan which are selected in the craftsman's point of view. A 6-minute walk from the Asakusa Station on the Tsukuba Express Line. A 10-minute walk from Tawaramachi Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. 10:00-16:00 (Saturday and Sunday). 10:00-18:00 (weekdays). Closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

■ かくいし芝田 吾希 03-5830-7529 3-3-22-1F Matsugaya, Taiko-ku
03-5830-3238 台東区松が谷3-3-22 1F

<http://www.kakuwa-shibata.com/>



First Universal Press

A rare opportunity to try real letterpress printing: type-picking, typesetting and printing with Japanese and European letters. Print from line hand drawings and digital data. Orders received before 14:00 will be ready the same day. A 5-minute walk from Tawaramachi Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. Reserve in advance via the web.

■ ファーストユニバーサルプレス 03-5830-3238 Kotobuki 2-7-8-1F, Taiko-ku
03-5828-6238 台東区浅草2-7-8 1F

<http://www.fupress.jp/>



MEEKO ASAKUSA KIMONO RENTAL

A three-minute walk from Kaminarimon (Thunder Gate). Rental kimono and hair styling each cost 4,000 yen. Photography: 4,000 yen for 20 pictures. A 3-minute walk from Asakusa Station on the Ginza Line. Located on Kaminarimon-Yanagikouji Street. Look for the red shop front. 12:00-18:00 (open every day except for some holidays). Reserve in advance via the web.

■ 弥姫乎 MEEKO 03-5828-6238 1-18-9 Asakusa, Taiko-ku
03-5687-5585 台東区浅草1-18-9

<http://www.meeke-meeke.com/>



Hanaka

With its selection of cute kimono and hair-styling service, Hanaka can help you with your sightseeing experience. Two-hour promenade plan: 2,500 yen (tax not included). Hanaka provides everything you'll need. A group discount can be arranged. Also available is a luxury wedding plan which includes uchikake, furisode, hakama and photographs. Professional beauticians and dressers advise customers on which kimono suits them best. A 30-second walk from Asakusa Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. 9:30-18:30 (open every day except for holidays). Reserve in advance via the web. Payment in cash only.



着物レンタル。管理美容師兼着付師が着付。

■ 浅草着物レンタル 華雅(Hanaka) 03-6231-6782 1-2-8-602 Hanakawado, Taiko-ku
台東区花川戸1-2-8 コーポ花川戸602室

<http://asakusa-hanaka.com/>

ASAKUSA AREA

Centered around Sensoji Temple. Ever since this town sprang up around the temple, it has been a thriving area full of attractions in which you can experience the warmth of its shitamachi (downtown) atmosphere.



Studio Nanairo

You will find this costume photo studio near KAMINARI-MON in Asakusa. You can enjoy "Authentic Kimono Experience". Choose your outfit from over 200 items. Professional make-up artists and photographers will make your best memorial moment for you very best trip to Japan. Also dealing with many local shops such as rickshaw or traditional sweets shops some special coupons are available for their customers. The pictures taken here as Oiran or Geisha or Samurai are to bring back with you on the day. Open 10:00-19:00. A 3-minute walk from Asakusa Station (Ginza line / Asakusa line / Tobu line). Make a reservation from web site <http://nana-iro.tokyo> or Tel : 03-3843-7716 Credit cards are accepted. (Union pay / Visa / MasterCard / American Express etc.)

雷門そば。200着を超える着物・ドレスを常備。

■ スタジオ七色 2-17-8 Kaminarimon, Taiko-ku
03-3843-7716 台東区雷門2-17-8

<http://nana-iro.tokyo/>



Wanariya

Indigo dyeing and weaving workshop. Anyone can experience this traditional Japanese craft. English-speaking staff are on hand to help. Indigo dye is a typical Japanese color. The discipline of weaving cloth is similar to that of Zen practice. Both parents and children can enjoy this hands-on experience, as even small children can participate. Access: A 10-minute walk from Tsukuba Express Line Asakusa Station or a 10-minute walk from Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line Iriya Station. Business hours: 10:00 – 19:00. Closed on Wednesdays. The number of days you have to reserve in advance depends on the class you choose. Reserve in advance via our web. Credit cards accepted: VISA/JCB/DC/UC/MasterCard. 藍染めや機織りの体験。染物の販売も。

■ 和なり屋 1-8-10-1F Senzoku, Taiko-ku
03-5603-9169 台東区千束1-8-10 萬草ビル1階

<http://wanariya.jp/>



Jidaiya

Learn about the history of Asakusa while sightseeing in a rickshaw. You can also learn more about the spirit of Japan through a variety of different activities: make matcha at a tea ceremony on a tatami mat, try on a kimono, or try writing your name in Chinese characters with ink and brush onto a paper lantern which you can then take home with you. Our information counter is just a short walk from the Kaminarimon (Thunder Gate). Jidaiya's Meiji House is located on Namiki-dori Street. Bathroom facilities available. We can store your luggage for you. Our meeting point is in front of the Kaminarimon. Accepted credit cards are VISA/MasterCard/JCB/DinersClub/UC/DiscoverCard/SaisonCard. 人力車・着物・茶道・書道などの日本文化体験

■ 時代屋 2-3-5 Kaminarimon, Taiko-ku
03-3843-0890 台東区雷門2-3-5

<http://www.jidaiya.biz/>



Nisshin Kikinzoku (Precious Metals)

At our workshop in Taiko – one of Tokyo's ancient districts – master craftsman KAMIKAWA Soshio and his team of craftsmen offer specialist guidance at our Tokyo Silverware workshops. Individuals and groups are welcome. Please do not hesitate to contact us. Open year round. The classes are divided into three levels: beginners, for making bookmarks; intermediate, for making rings; and advanced, for making larger-sized sake cups. Access: A 7-minute walk from Kuramae Station on the Toei Asakusa Line. The workshops are held from 9:00 to 18:00 (Mondays to Saturdays). Reservations must be made via our web. Please wear comfortable work attire. Payment in cash only.

現代の名工上宗照らによる銀器制作体験。

(有)日伸貴金属 1-3-13-1F Misuji, Taiko-ku
03-5687-5585 台東区三筋1-3-13 伊藤ビル1階

<http://www.nisshin-kikinzoku.com/>



Hanayashiki

Asakusa Hanayashiki – Japan's oldest amusement park – opened its doors in 1853. With 21 attractions including Japan's oldest existing rollercoaster, a festival section, as well as eating and drinking venues all built on a small patch of land, Hanayashiki is a well-liked tourist spot in Asakusa. A 3-minute walk from Asakusa Station on the Tsukuba Express Line. A 5-minute walk from Asakusa Station on the Tokyo Metro Ginza Line. 10:00 – 18:00 (opening hours vary depending on the season and the day's weather conditions). * Entrance permitted up until 30 minutes before closing time. Payment in cash only.

日本最古の遊園地。21のアトラクションと緑日コーナー。

■ 浅草花やしき 2-28-1 Asakusa, Taiko-ku
03-3842-8780 台東区浅草2-28-1

<http://www.hanayashiki.net/>

Tokyo Asakusa Association

Traces of Edo era traditions and codes of conduct remain at Asakusa Hanamachi – one of old Tokyo's best-known red-light districts. Located to the north of Sensoji Temple, ever since its beginnings in the closing years of the Edo era and the Meiji era regime, Asakusa Hanamachi has preserved its heritage of performing arts and culture. The "Sophisticated Adult Entertainment" dates back to the Edo era and is still considered to be a decadent extravagance. Summon sexy geisha to your banquet and enjoy their conversation and sophisticated accomplishments along with first-rate Japanese food and sake served in exquisite tableware.

浅草花街は、伝統と格式を誇る東京屈指の花柳界

■ 東京浅草組合 3-33-5 Asakusa, Taiko-ku
03-3874-3131 台東区浅草3-33-5

<http://www.asakusa-kenban.jp/>

