

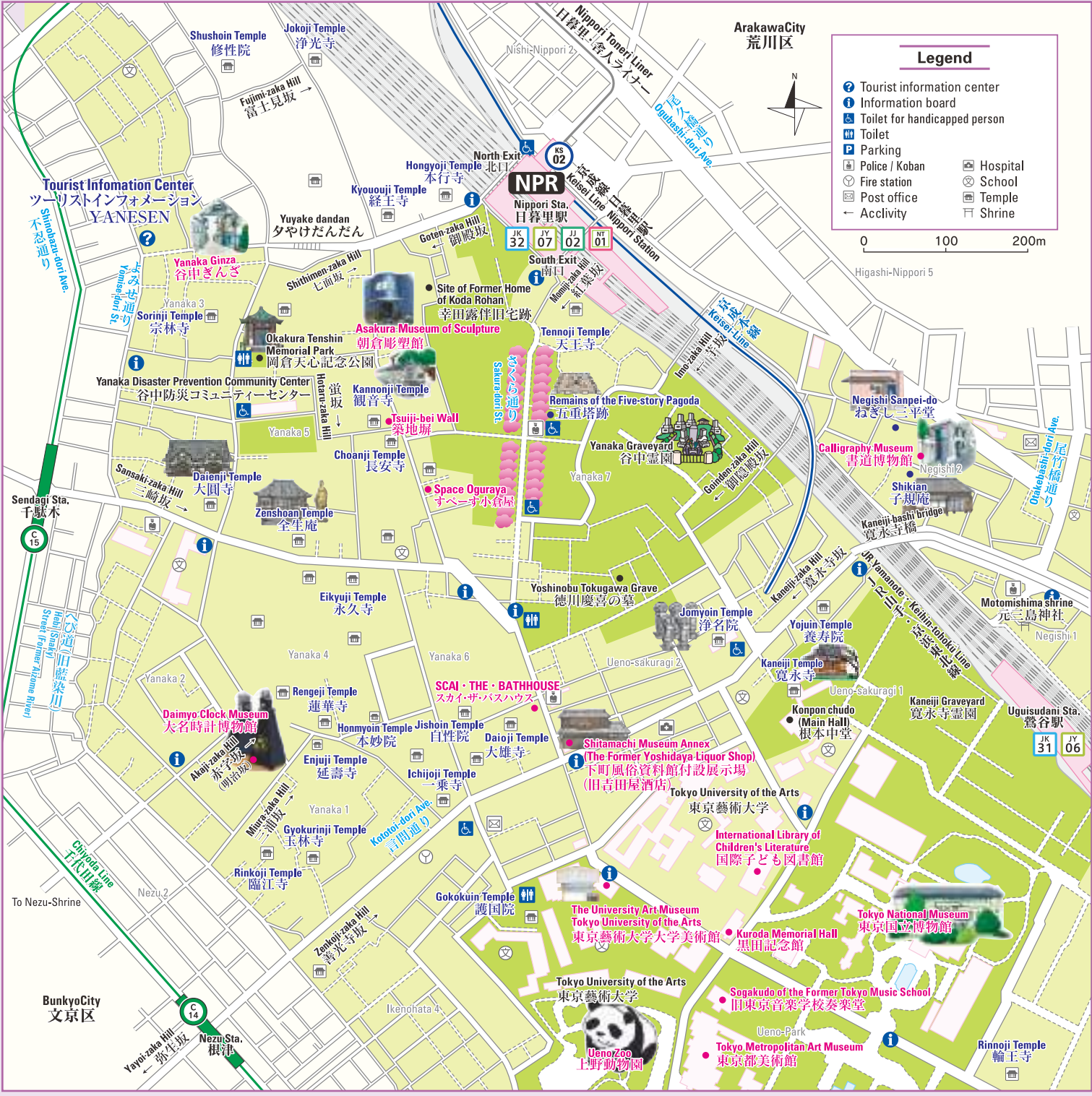
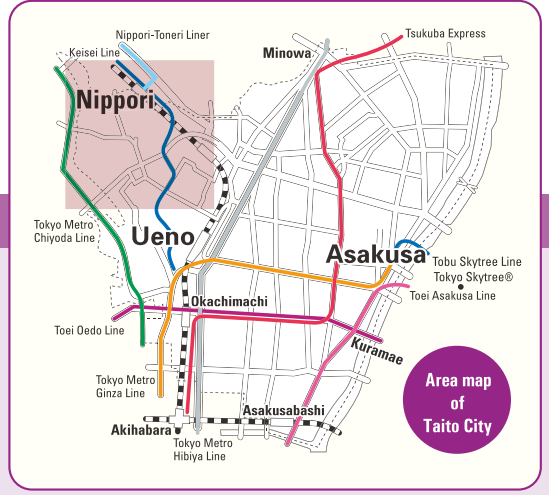
Welcome to Taito City vol.3

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YANAKA *Everything's Real (Feel, touch, eat!) in Taito City.*

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The name given to this area, Yakana (Middle of the Valley), is believed to predate the Edo period, and reflects its location in the bottom of the valley between Ueno and Hongo Heights. It is said that the name was meant to draw a comparison to the neighboring area, Shitaya (Foot of the Valley). Based on the Shogunate's Edo city planning policy, many temples were gathered at Yanaka to form the focal point of the town. Yanaka has been known as "the town of temples and slopes" ever since, and was chosen as one of the "Top 100 Historical Views in Beautiful Japan" in 2007.



Legend

- 📍 Tourist information center
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- 👮 Police / Koban
- 🚒 Fire station
- 📮 Post office
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- 🏥 Hospital
- 🎓 School
- 🏯 Temple
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Asakura Museum of Sculpture 朝倉彫塑館



The Museum, decorated with human and feline bronze figurines, opens to the public the former studio and residence of Fumio Asakura, who produced many statuary arts in 20th century. The house, built in a traditional Japanese architectural style, attracts many visitors all year round with a beautiful inner garden which showcases seasonal changes.

Address: 7-18-10 Yanaka Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3821-4549
Access: 5 minute walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4p.m.)
Admission Fee: JPY500 **Closed:** Mon. & Thu (The next day in case of holiday)
<http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/asakura/>

Tennoji Temple 天王寺



Leaving the Nippori Station by the south exit, you will soon find Tennoji Temple, an area that, during the Edo period, attracted rushing crowds who dreamt of making a fortune in the public lottery. A large statue depicting a seated Buddha, similar to the Great Buddha in Kamakura, has been enshrined in this precinct since 1690.

Address: 7-14-8 Yanaka Taito-Ku
Access: 3 minute walk from JR Nippori station

Calligraphy Museum 書道博物館



This Museum exhibits copious amounts of materials related to "Shodo", or Japanese calligraphy, collected by Fusetsu Nakamura, a famous calligrapher born in the 19th century. One of the world's most treasured works, a piece written by brush some 1,300 years ago, is featured in this collection. You will be entranced by the spell of its beautiful "Kanji" characters.

Address: 2-10-4 Negishi Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3872-2645
Access: 5 minute walk from JR Uguisudani station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission Fee:** JPY500
Closed: Monday
<http://www.taitocity.net/zaidan/english/shodou/>

Yanaka Ginza 谷中ぎんざ



Yanaka Ginza is a small street market supplying commodities for local residents; some 60 shops retain the warm atmosphere of the Shitamachi, or lower city, working-class district. While perusing the street, you might just be beckoned by a friendly voice asking you to stop and view the wares on display.

Access: 3 minute walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station

Shitamachi Museum Annex (The Former Yoshidaya Liquor Shop) 下町風俗資料館付設展示場 (旧吉田屋酒店)



This house, now used as an exhibition hall, was once a Liquor Shop that was built in 1910 and operated until 1986. Old utensils such as scales and measures are displayed in the hall.

Address: 2-10-6 Ueno-sakuragi Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3823-4408
Access: 10 minute walk from Metro Nezu station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (last entrance 4 p.m.)
Admission Fee: Free **Closed:** Monday

Guided tours for foreign visitors 外国人観光客ガイドツアー

The Tokyo SGG Club (Volunteer Interpreter-Guide Group) offers guided tours of Asakusa, Ueno and Yanaka in English to foreign visitors at no charge.

Telephone: 03-6280-6710 **Business Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
<https://tokyosgg.jp/guide.html>

Where to Call

Sightseeing Tour Inquiries

Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center03-3842-5566
 Tokyo SGG Club03-6280-6710
 (Open Every Day 9:30-17:00)
 JNTO TIC03-3201-3331
 Tokyo Tourist Information Center
 TMG Building Headquarters03-5321-3077
 Busta Shinjuku03-6274-8192
 Haneda Airport Branch03-6428-0653
 Keisei Ueno Branch03-3836-3471
 Tourist Information YANESSEN03-5834-7025

Transportation

Flight Information

Tokyo International Airport International flights (Haneda)03-6428-0888
 Tokyo International Airport Domestic flights (Haneda)03-5757-8111
 New Tokyo International Airport (Narita)0476-34-8000
 JR East050-2016-1603

Taito City Loop Bus "Megurin"

Taito City provides public transportation service by operating a fleet of buses called "Megurin." Linking major spots such as Asakusa and Ueno Station in one direction, Megurin come every 15 minutes on the north, south, east-west, and north-south routes. The fare is JPY 100 each way for both adults and children. Other boarding tickets such as bus cards are not honored. A one day travel card costs JPY 300.

◆ <http://www.city.taito.lg.jp/index/kurashi/kotsu/megurin/>

Accidents and emergencies

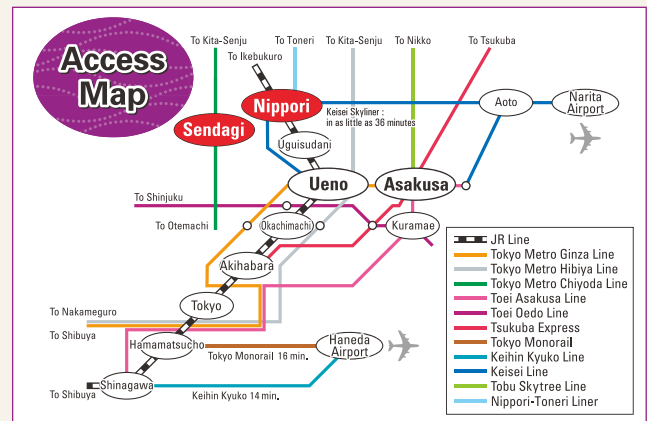
Japan Visitor Hotline (JNTO) 050-3816-2787

Health-care Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Information Service (HIMAWARI)
 03-5285-8181
 AMDA International Medical Information Center 03-6233-9266

Emergency

Police (calls answered in English)03-3501-0110



The Yanaka district has many temple grounds and privately-owned land.

We hope you will enjoy exploring the area but please remember to be courteous and respectful Thank you for your cooperation.

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Taito Odekake Navi (Taito City Tourist Information Website) ◆ <https://t-navi.city.taito.lg.jp/>

Visit Authentic Tokyo(Taito City Tourist information Website) ◆ <https://authentic-tokyo.com/>

* Please note that content, names, etc., may have changed from when this guide was issued.

