

6 DAYS IN

JAPAN

Tokyo

ITINERARY



Getting There



Getting to Tokyo from the Airports

Narita Airport to Tokyo

- 1 hour on Narita Express train
- Under 2 hours on Narita Airport Limousine Bus [BOOK IN ADVANCE →](#)

Haneda Airport to Tokyo

- 15 minutes on Tokyo Monorail to Hamamatsucho Station
- Can use Suica Card or JR Pass to cover the journey
- [BUY SUICA CARD →](#)
- [BUY TOKYO SUBWAY PASS →](#)
- [BUY JR PASS →](#)

Where to Stay in Tokyo

Shibuya

- [Dormy Inn Premium BOOK →](#)
- 5mins walk to JR Harajuku Station, 8mins walk to JR Shibuya Station
- [Shibuya Excel Tokyu BOOK →](#)
- Opposite JR Shibuya Station

Asakusa

- [The Gate Hotel BOOK →](#)
- Overlooking Senso-ji
- [Mimaru Asakusa BOOK →](#)
- Perfect for groups/families

Minato

- [Shiba Park Hotel BOOK →](#)
- 5mins walk to Daimon Metro Station & Hamamatsucho monorail station
- Nearby Tokyo Tower, Zojo-ji, Hamarikyu & easy monorail access to Odaiba (Tokyo Bay)
- [Park Hotel Tokyo BOOK →](#)
- Tokyo Tower views & art rooms
- 1min walk to Shiodome Metro & 5mins walk to JR Shimbashi Station
- Nearby Shimbashi neighbourhood & nightlife



Ginza

- [Mercure Hotel Ginza BOOK →](#)
- 5mins walk to Ginza Metro Station, 2mins walk to Chuo-dori popular shopping area

Shinjuku

- [Sunroute Plaza Hotel BOOK →](#)

Yokohama

- [Yokohama Bay Tokyu BOOK →](#)

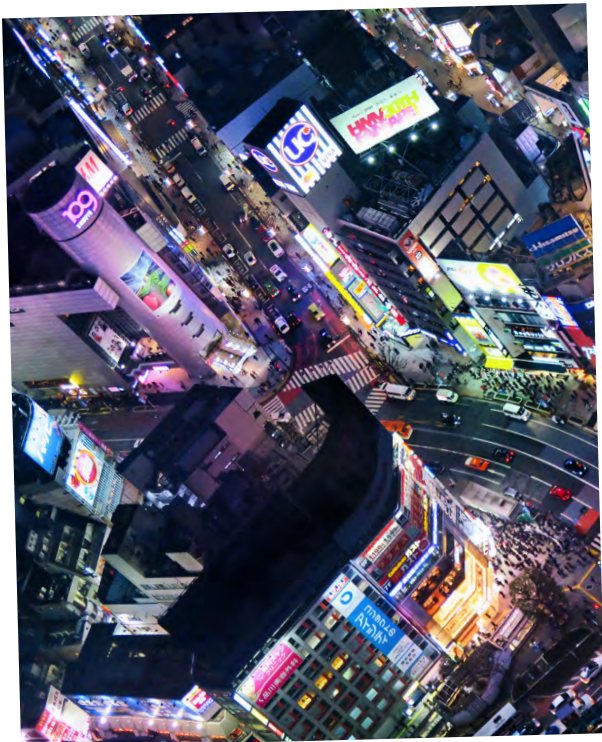
DAY 1:

Shibuya



Things to do in Shibuya

- Day 1 is an easy day! What you can squeeze in depends on the time you arrive & what you feel up to doing after your flight
- Get your bearings around your hotel & explore the surrounding streets of Shibuya Centre Gai
- Head into the Mega Don Quijote store for souvenirs, LABI Department store & new Miyashita Park mall.



Where to eat in Shibuya

- Han no Daidokoro for quality wagyu beef
- Kirin City izakaya (Japanese pub)
- Shibuya Scramble Square features over 200 restaurants & shops
- Don't forget Family Mart, Lawson & 7-11 convenience stores for cheap eats!
- Read my full review of a [Shibuya street food tour with a local](#) →

Optional experiences to book in advance

- [Shibuya Ramen Tasting Tour](#) →
Use code *Invisible5* for a discount!

- [Klook Fun Pass Tokyo](#) →
Save up to 62% on Tokyo attractions

DAY 2: Shibuya & Harajuku



Things to do in Shibuya

- Start off by crossing the Shibuya “Scramble” Crossing where 3,000 use it at once
- Discover Shibuya from above at Tokyo’s newest attraction, Shibuya Sky (on top of Shibuya Scramble Square tower) [BOOK →](#)
- Seek out the beloved Hachiko Statue & Hachiko Mural
- Shopaholics will love Shibuya 109 & nearby stores.



Getting to Harajuku from Shibuya

- 2 mins north from Shibuya Station on JR Yamanote line
- Otherwise walk from Shibuya



Things to do in Harajuku

- Brave crowded Takeshita-dori, full of *kawaii* boutiques
- Hit up Cat Street to escape crowds & find indi fashion
- Visit designer stores along Omotesando
- Take a photo of crazy mirrors at Tokyu Plaza entrance
- Don’t miss Meiji-jingu, Tokyo’s major Shinto shrine
- Visit offbeat Togo Shrine

Where to eat in Harajuku

- Totti Candy Factory (fairy floss)
- Happy Pancake (soufflé pancakes)
- Santa Monica Crepes
- Street food along Takeshita-dori
- [Harajuku alternative](#): Yanaka Ginza

Optional experiences to book in advance

- [Shibuya street food tour →](#)
- [Shibuya bar hopping tour →](#)
- [Harajuku crazy kawaii food tour →](#)
- [Retro Shibuya food tour →](#)

DAY 3:

Shinjuku



Things to do in Shinjuku

- Find your way out of one of the 200 exits at Shinjuku Station. The station is an attraction in itself
- Explore Shinjuku Gyoen for some tranquility
- Take some nostalgic photos along smoky Omoide Yochoko (Memory Lane)
- Find Godzilla perched on a rooftop on Godzilla Street
- Don't miss Shinjuku no Nekomae, the resident cat on a 3D TV
- Enjoy the bright lights & nightlife of Kabukicho.

Where to eat in Shinjuku

- Omoide Yochoko
- Izakaya within the Golden Gai
- 2D Cafe in Shin-Okubo area
- Eateries around Shinjuku Station



Optional experiences to book in advance

- [Shinjuku Omoide Yokocho, Golden Gai & Kabukicho food tour](#) →
- [Shinjuku bar hopping tour](#) →
- [Shinjuku night photography tour](#) →
- [Shinjuku night foodie tour](#) →



DAY 4:

Asakusa & Akihabara



Things to do in Asakusa

- Discover marvellous Senso-ji, Tokyo's 7th century Buddhist temple site. The structures were destroyed in the firebombing of Tokyo during WWII & rebuilt (you can still see burnt scars on trees here)
- Enter Senso-ji through the Thunder Gate & enjoy making your way along Nakamise-dori, a lengthy shopping street full of fresh street eats, souvenirs & more
- Don't be shy and find out your fortune with omikuji!
- Visit Asakusa-jinja, tucked away behind Senso-ji. It survived the WWII firebombing & features two married stone dogs dating back to the Edo period.
- Within Asakusa-jinja is Hikan-Inari shrine, linked to Kyoto's famous Fushimi Inari
- Enjoy wandering around the many covered arcades
- Laugh at the "Golden Turd" across the Sumida River with the SkyTree & Asahi buildings.



Getting to Akihabara

- 15 mins from JR Asakura station on the Tsukuba Express Line

Things to do in Akihabara

- Explore nostalgic Super Potato, featuring video games, consoles, toys, gifts etc from the 80's & 90's
- Search for anime, manga, gadgets, electronics, play pachinko - it's all here!
- If you love anime or shrines, don't miss Kanda Myojin. This shrine is over 1,300 years old & you can learn traditional experiences from a geisha here!
[Read my review](#) & [BOOK →](#)

Optional experiences to book in advance

- [3 hour old town cycling tour of Asakusa, Ueno & Tokyo SkyTree →](#)
- [Asakusa cultural & street food walking tour →](#)
- [Eat cute foods at a quirky Maid Cafe in Akihabara →](#)

DAY 5: Northern & Central Tokyo



Tokyo SkyTree, Sumida

- To truly appreciate the scale of Japan's capital, make your way up the Tokyo SkyTree for incredible 360° views to the horizon. Make sure to reserve skip-the-line tickets! [BOOK →](#)



Sumida to Chiyoda

- 25 mins north from Oshiage Station on the Asakusa Line (switch to Tozai Line)
- Exit at Takebashi Station for Imperial Palace Gardens

Imperial Palace East Gardens, Chiyoda

- Former grounds of Edo Castle (some surviving buildings can be found in [Kawagoe, Saitama →](#))
- Imperial Palace East Gardens close at 16:30

Chiyoda to Ueno

- 25 mins north from Kokyo Higashi-gyoen Station on Tozai Line (switch to Ginza Line)
- Exit at Ueno Station for Ueno Park & Ameya Yokocho

Ameya Yokocho & Ueno Park, Ueno

- Grab a bite to eat beneath the railway tracks at Ameya Yokocho, an amazing open-air market with everything from street eats to cheap souvenirs
- Head to Ueno Park for a relaxing afternoon stroll
- Admire the stunning details of Toshogu Shrine
- Peep through the circular branch of the beloved "Moon Pine" at Kiyomizu Kannon-do
- Witness the beautiful Bentendo Temple overlooking the pond (& hire a swan paddle boat if you wish!)



DAY 6: Southern Tokyo

Things to do in Odaiba

- Start early at popular teamLab Borderless. Do arrive about an hour before opening time & don't forget to book tickets online up to 8 weeks in advance! [BOOK →](#)
- Pay a visit to Tokyo Bay, Statue of Liberty & Rainbow Bridge



Odaiba to Minato

- 25 mins north from Oshiage Station on the Asakusa Line (switch to Tozai Line)
- Exit at Takebashi Station for Imperial Palace Gardens

Things to do in Minato

- Marvel at Tokyo Tower, stroll around Shiba Park & have a humbling visit to Zojo-ji Temple
- Explore the beauty of Hamarikyū Gardens & enjoy some matcha in the teahouse



Minato to Ginza

- 12 mins north from Daimon Station on the Asakusa Line
- Exit at Higashi-ginza Station

Things to do in Ginza

- Admire the unique, quirky style of designer store buildings (& shop if you wish!)



Optional experiences to book in advance

- [Tokyo Tower Observation Deck →](#)
- [Ginza whiskey, cocktail, sake tour →](#)
- [Hidden gem food tour Shimbashi →](#)

DAY TRIPS

Tokyo



Optional Day Trips from Tokyo

[Read this day trips from Tokyo guide in full detail on my blog →](#)

30 mins from Tokyo

- Kawagoe [READ MORE](#)
- Yokohama [READ MORE](#)

1 hour from Tokyo

- Kamakura [BOOK](#)
- Sanrio Puroland [BOOK](#)



2 hours from Tokyo

- Edo Wonderland, Nikko [BOOK](#)
- Shrines of Nikko [READ MORE](#)
- Mt Fuji & Fuji Five Lakes [BOOK](#)
- Tobu World Square, Nikko [READ MORE](#)

2+ hours from Tokyo

- Fujinomiya [BOOK](#)
- Matsumoto



1.5 hours from Tokyo

- Fuji-Q Highland [BOOK](#)
- Gotemba [BOOK](#)
- Hakone [BOOK](#)
- Hitachi Seaside Park & Mito
- Nagano [READ MORE](#)



Passes to book in advance

- [Japan Rail Pass →](#)
- [Suica \(IC\) Card →](#)
- [More types of transport passes →](#)



Quick links to useful resources

Essentials to book in advance for Japan

- [Japan Rail Pass](#) →
- [Rechargeable Suica Card](#) →
- [Pocket WiFi](#) →
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