

TOKYO DISTRICTS AND MAPS

Tokyo is a *huge city* with several *district* articles containing sightseeing, restaurant, nightlife and accommodation listings — consider printing them all.

Tōkyō (東京) is the capital of [Japan](#). At over 12 million people in the official metropolitan area alone, Tokyo is the core of the most populated urban area in the world, Greater Tokyo (which has a population of 35 million people).

This huge, wealthy and fascinating metropolis brings high-tech visions of the future side by side with glimpses of old Japan, and has something for everyone.

Districts

Huge and varied in its geography, with over 2,000 square kilometers to explore, **Tokyo Metropolis** (東京都 *Tōkyō-to*) spans not just the city, but rugged mountains to the west and subtropical islands to the south. **This article concentrates on the 23 central wards (区 *ku*) near the bay, while the western cities and the islands are covered in a separate article.**

The geography of central Tokyo is defined by the JR Yamanote Line (see [Get around](#)). The center of Tokyo — the former area reserved for the Shogun and his samurai — lies within the loop, while the Edo-era downtown (下町 *shitamachi*) is to the north and east. Sprawling around in all directions and blending in seamlessly are Yokohama, Kawasaki and Chiba, Tokyo's suburbs.

Map of Central Tokyo

Chiyoda (Akihabara)

The seat of Japanese power (both political and economic) that includes the **Imperial Palace**, the Ministries near Kasumigaseki, the Parliament in Nagatacho, the corporate headquarters of Marunouchi, and the electronics mecca of **Akihabara**.

Chuo (Ginza)

Also includes the famed department stores of the **Ginza** and the fish markets of Tsukiji.

Minato (Akasaka, Shinbashi, Roppongi, Odaiba, Shiodome)

Including the business centers of **Akasaka** and **Shinbashi** and the neighbouring nightclub district of **Roppongi**, the port district (at least in name) which includes the artificial island of **Odaiba**, the skyscrapers of **Shiodome**.

Shinjuku

Home to luxury hotels, giant camera stores, futuristic skyscrapers, hundreds of shops and restaurants, and **Kabukicho**, Tokyo's wildest



nightlife and red-light district.

Shibuya (Harajuku, Ebisu)

The fashionable shopping district which also encompasses the teenybopper haven of **Harajuku** (also home to the **Meiji Shrine**) and the nightlife of **Ebisu**

Shinagawa (Gotanda)

A major train hub and business center, including **Gotanda**.

Toshima (Ikebukuro)

Including **Ikebukuro**, another giant train hub.

Meguro

A residential area with a few nice parks and museums.

Old Tokyo (*Shitamachi*)

Map of Old Tokyo

Sumida (Ryogoku)

Home of the **Edo-Tokyo Museum** and Tokyo's main sumo arena (Ryogoku Kokugikan), both in **Ryogoku**.

Taito (Asakusa, Ueno)

The heart of Old Tokyo featuring the temples of **Asakusa** and **National Museums** in **Ueno**.

Bunkyo

Home to Tokyo Dome and the University of Tokyo.

Koto

Famous for Kameido Tenjin and former woodland in Kiba, but now known for its many new public apartment complexes.

Arakawa

Home to Tokyo's last original tram line.



Suburbs

East

Many suburban wards, including **Adachi**, where one can visit one of Kanto's Three Great Temples: Nishi-arai Daishi, **Katsushika**, known for the charming Showa-era atmosphere of **Shibamata** and **Edogawa**, a quiet eastern suburb.

North

Includes the suburban wards of **Kita**, **Itabashi** and the quieter northern **Nerima**, which contains some of the 23 wards' last remaining farmland.



Nakano

Home to the *otaku* paradise known as Nakano Broadway.

Ota

Half industrial complex, half upscale residential area.

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Setagaya

An upscale residential area that houses the student drinking spot of **Shimokitazawa** as well as the newly revitalized shopping centers of **Futako-Tamagawa**.

Suginami

Typical Tokyo suburb stretching along the Chuo Line.

TOKYO JR MAP

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TKYO SUBWAY MAP

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