

TOKYO SOLAMACHI & SUMIDA AQUARIUM

Tokyo Solamachi (lit. "Tokyo Sky Town") is the large shopping, dining and entertainment complex at the base of the Tokyo Skytree. It features over 300 established and original shops and restaurants and would be well worth a visit even without Japan's tallest tower on top of it.

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Solamachi offers a wide variety of shops that include many unique establishments specialized in goods such as salt from across Japan and the world, food samples and traditional Tokyo crafts.

An entire floor with original souvenir shops offering character goods, Japanese interior design and snacks, should be of particular interest to foreign tourists. Of course, there are also official Tokyo Skytree Shops.

The complex also houses a large food market, food court and four floors filled with interesting restaurants, including the two top floors of the Skytree East Building that enjoy nice views onto the Skytree.

Additional time can be spent at the attractive Sumida Aquarium, the Tenku planetarium (no English provided) and in the multiple small green spaces and terraces found across the complex.



Sumida Aquarium



The Sumida Aquarium (すみだ水族館, Sumida Suizokukan) is one of the main attractions of the Tokyo Skytree Town complex that was opened in May 2012 in Tokyo.

The moderately sized, and beautifully designed modern aquarium houses over 10,000 sea creatures on the 5th and 6th floors of Tokyo Solamachi, a shopping and entertainment complex at the base of the Tokyo Skytree.

The centerpiece of the aquarium is its 350 thousand liter tank, the largest open indoor tank in Japan, which is home to dozens of penguins and several fur seals.

The tank is designed with thick, clear glass walls with almost no visible supports to obscure your view, and allows visitors to see the animals from virtually any angle. The aquarium also features an excellent jellyfish display and research laboratory, as well as tanks representing the habitats around Tokyo Bay, the Izu Islands and the Ogasawara Islands.

