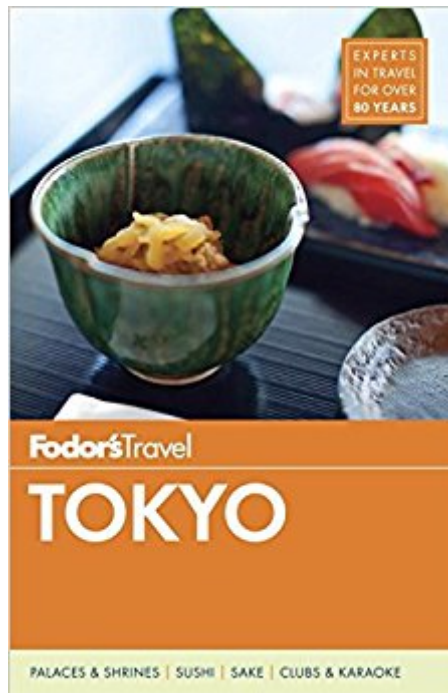




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# Fodor's Tokyo (Full-color Travel Guide)



## Synopsis

Written by locals, Fodor's travel guides have been offering expert advice for all tastes and budgets for more than 80 years. Tokyo is a vast metropolis that can confound and delight with its complexity. With everything from fabulous shrines, historic temples, and traditional gardens to cutting-edge modern fashion boutiques, karaoke bars, ramen shops, and sushi dens, the city would take a lifetime to fully explore and experience. Fodor's Tokyo is the guidebook that will help make sure that you have the trip of a lifetime. This travel guide includes:

- Dozens of full-color maps
- Hundreds of hotel and restaurant recommendations, with Fodor's Choice designating our top picks
- Multiple itineraries to explore the top attractions and what's off the beaten path
- In-depth breakout features on Japanese cuisine, shopping in Tokyo, and Mt. Fuji
- Major sights such as Tokyo Skytree, Tsukiji Fish Market, and Senso Temple
- Side Trips from Tokyo including Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park, Nikko, Kamakura and Yokohama
- Coverage of Asakusa, Akihabara and Jimbo-cho, and Shinjuku

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For over 80 years, Fodor's Travel has been a trusted resource offering expert travel advice for every stage of a traveler's trip. We hire local writers who know their destinations better than anyone else, allowing us to provide the best travel recommendations for all tastes and budget in over 7,500 worldwide destinations. Our books make it possible for every trip to be a trip of a lifetime.

Its okay and the concise topics and suggested itineraries are helpful. Needs more photos and the text size is way too small. Need magnifying glasses.

A good travel guide for Tokyo. Very helpful for our recent trip there.

Good book

This is an interesting and informative travel guide to Tokyo, Japan. Years ago I stopped over in Tokyo a few times during my transpacific flights. Each stopover was a day or two but I ventured into different districts so I had a pretty good idea of what Tokyo offered in terms of culture and sights. In reviewing this guide, I found myself enjoying its contents and thought it was pretty informative and inclusive in the districts that I had visited, such as the Imperial Palace, Akihabara, Roppongi and Shinjuku. The book begins with an informative introduction to Japan, which are the two first chapters: Experience Tokyo and A Japanese Culture Primer. They account for 1/3 of the book and are a good read to get yourself familiar with what Tokyo has to offer and the Japanese culture and way of life. The rest of the book covers the popular tourist districts in Tokyo as well as where to eat and sleep. The final chapter offers interesting side trips that you can make to the neighboring cities and areas. The guide does a pretty good job of covering the Tokyo, at least in the districts that I had visited. There are many suggestions on popular destinations including museums, shrines, gardens and other local attractions such as the Imperial Palace, Tokyo Tower as well as Mori Tower in Roppongi and the Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden in Shinjuku. If you consider eating, lodging, nightlife, performing arts and shopping as an important part of your travel plan, this guide has a lot

to offer. There are separate chapters on those. You'll probably find something for everyone. If you are planning to visit neighboring cities and areas, you'll find some good ideas in this guide as well. There is a chapter on side trips to Fuji-Hakone-Izu National Park (to climb Mt Fuji), Niko, Kamakura and Yokohama. There is also a section on essential Japanese phrases that will come in handy. One thing I found lacking is the maps. They are mostly local maps that are good for orientation but not detailed enough to find your own way to get there. Also, they are few and far between. I wish it would include a pull-out map that provides a bigger map with more details. Overall, this is a great resource for planning a trip to Tokyo as well as carrying with you for on-location references when you get there. It is informative and pretty comprehensive. I would suggest to get a large Tokyo map as well as a Tokyo Metro transit map that you can actually read (the one in the guide is tiny and unreadable). The Metro is the main form of transportation and it is one of the most complicated in the world. You'll need a good Metro map to bring with you since you probably may not find one in English at the stations.

This is a beautiful, well-researched guide on glossy paper with intriguing photographs, a thorough index, and handy maps of Tokyo and the Tokyo Metro inside the back cover. This Guide provides plenty of information to help you plan and experience a Tokyo vacation. What struck me most is the authors' You really sense the authors' love of and fascination with the city, as they take the reader behind the scenes in many of the areas top attractions and hidden secrets, with acknowledgment of contemporary Japanese whimsy and culture, as well as traditional culture and history. The guide starts with a overall description of Tokyo, with information on the top attractions, Japanese etiquette, and budget travel tips. It continues with a culture primer, describing fine arts, performing arts, martial arts, baseball, Sumo, the tea ceremony, religion, geishas -- all the things we Westerners associate with Japan but don't really know much about. (Well, other than baseball.). The remainder of the guide is devoted to What to See, Where to Eat, Where to Stay, Nighlife, Performing Arts, and Shopping. Then there is a section on side trip out of the city and basic information on the Japanese language.

Visiting Japan and Tokyo for business or pleasure *Fodor's Travel Tokyo* is then you need *Fodor's Travel Tokyo*! Intrepid travelers who explore without the benefit of guided tour groups or cruise vacations will appreciate that *Fodor's Travel Tokyo* includes information on lodging, activities and guided tours, nightlife, and other essential information. Those who travel with

a tour group or on a cruise ship may also discover sights and activities or be better able to select from the offerings of different excursions. The format and the copious information provides a wealth of pre-travel guidance and presents guidance about the culture and the people that other volumes ignored or gave only in abbreviated form. Logical organization, detailed maps and a pictorial guide to using a ticket machine are invaluable. Colorful photos and boxed tips information about culture, etiquette, and various aspects affecting your Tokyo experience add immeasurably to this guide's usefulness. Fodor's Recommendations and Fodor's Choices are especially helpful for the novice traveler and are features that I really appreciate. The first two major divisions of Fodor's Travel Tokyo cover basic information and "Experience Tokyo" and "A Japanese Culture Primer". The third section "Exploring Tokyo" provides information about each of the various districts that comprise metropolitan Tokyo. Sections providing information about "Where to Eat", "Stay", "Nightlife", "Performing Arts" and "Shopping" complete Tokyo-specific topics. Two additional sections "Side Trips from Tokyo" and "Understanding Japanese" are a language primer and follow. The guidebook information ends with a section titled "Travel Smart" that provides the basics about "Getting There and Around", "Essentials", i.e. accommodations, eating out, holidays, money, packing, passports, safety, taxes, time, tipping, tours, trip insurance, and visitor information. Maps of the Tokyo Metro and of the Imperial Palace District conclude the book; these are invaluable for those navigating Tokyo without the benefit of a guide. Printed in a small font, Fodor's Travel Tokyo is not as difficult to read as many travel guides. The text and spacing prevent visual fatigue. If you are more mature, you may not require "cheaters" to read the book making the guide even more appealing. From a personal perspective, I wish Fodor's Travel Tokyo had been available last year before I traveled to Japan. The information would have made my trip even more enjoyable. I recommend this travel guide, without reservation, for those who may be traveling to Tokyo or for those armchair travelers who

simply wish to learn more about that city.

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