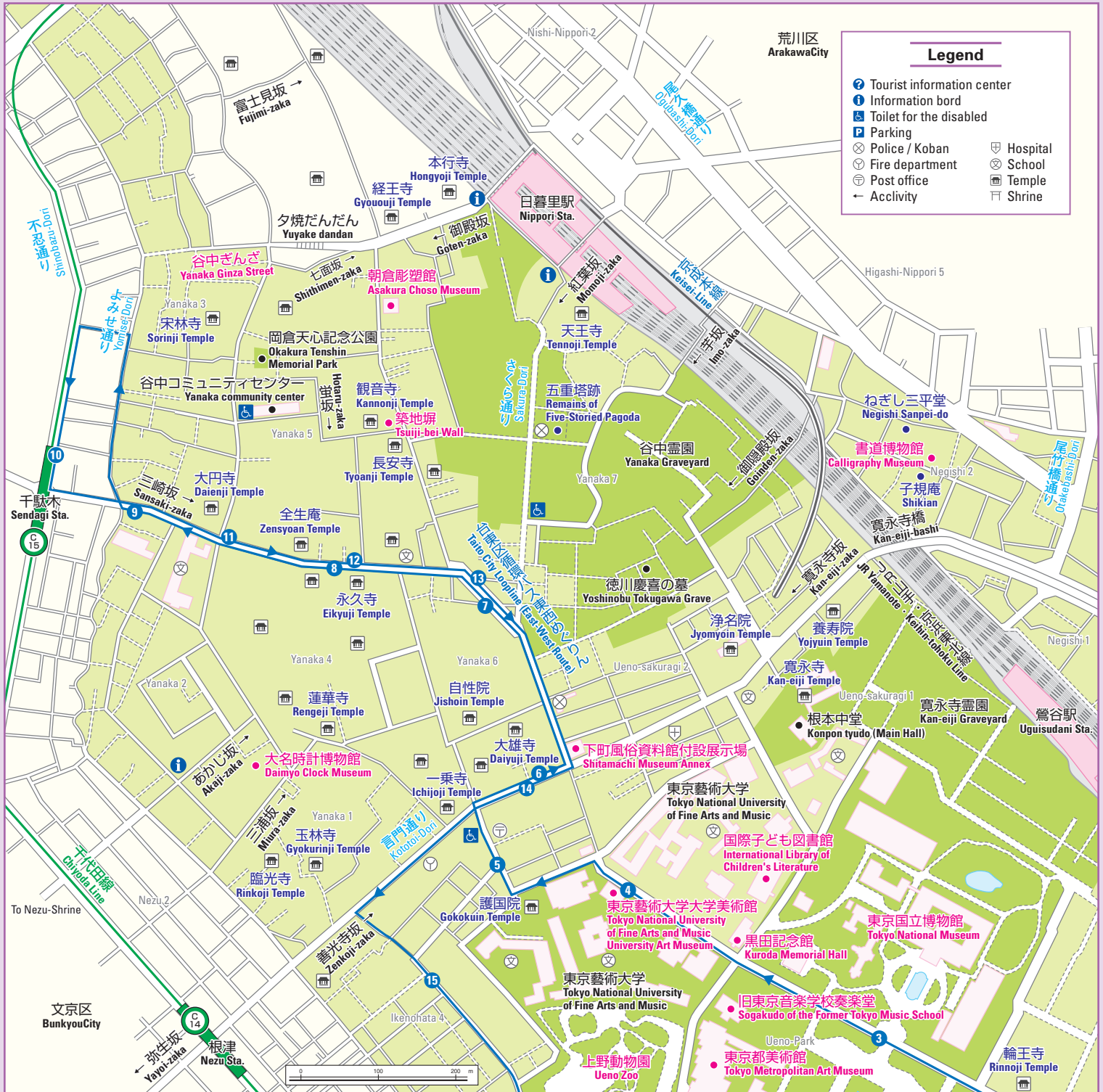
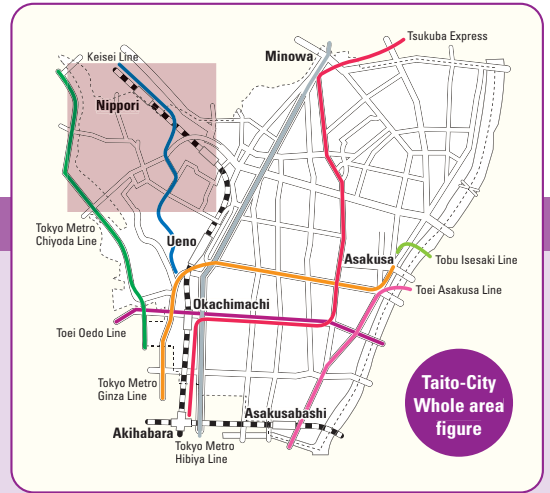


YANAKA

谷中

The Yanaka area, now attracting widespread of popularity as a "town of temples and slopes," has historically been a temple town since the Edo period when the urban program at that time urged many Buddhist temples to relocate there.

From the Edo period to this day, Yanaka has also been loved by many artists such as painters or writers. So wandering up and down the streets, you will easily find small galleries and museums in commemoration of great Japanese artists in ancient times, some of which are described here.



Watching and Walking around Yanaka

谷中の見る・遊ぶ

朝倉彫塑館 Asakura Choso Museum



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 the 20th century. The house, built in traditional Japanese architecture style, attracts many visitors all year round who love its beautiful inner garden endowed with seasonal changes in the scenery.

Address: 7-18-10 Yanaka Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3821-4549
Access: 5 minutes walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Admission Fee: ¥400 **Closed:** Monday, Friday

書道博物館 Calligraphy Museum



This Museum exhibits copious materials related to "Shodo," or calligraphy, collected by Fusetsu Nakamura, a famous calligrapher born in the 19th century. One of the world's most treasured works in the collection was written with a brush some 1,300 years ago. You may fall under the spell of its beautiful "Kanji" characters.

Address: 2-10-4 Negishi Taito-Ku **Telephone:** 03-3872-2645
Access: 5 minutes walk from JR Uguisudani station
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission Fee:** ¥500
Closed: Monday

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



The house, now used as an exhibition hall, was once a Liquor Shop 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: Taito City Loopline (East-West Route) ⑥ ⑭
Business Hours: 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. **Admission Fee:** Free
Closed: Monday

天王寺 Tenouji Temple



Leaving the Nippori Station by the south exit, you will soon find the Tenouji Temple, the precinct that attracted pushing crowds in the Edo period who dreamt of making a fortune in the public lottery. Even now, a large seated statue of Buddha, a look-alike for the giant image of Buddha in Kamakura, has been enshrined in this precinct since 1690.

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

浄名院 Jomyoin Temple and Its 84,000 Jizo



The Jomyoin Temple enshrines so many Jizo—stone statue of deities—that they are referred to as 84,000 Jizo; they have been dedicated by believers to convey wishes and hopes. The "Hechima Kuyo," is held in every autumn, is an invocation to the Hechima (or sponge cucumber) Jizo for the recovery of people with respiratory problems.

Address: 2-6-4 Ueno-sakuragi Taito-Ku
Access: 5 minutes walk from Taito City Loopline (East-West Route) ⑥ ⑭

谷中ぎんざ Yanaka Ginza



Yanaka Ginza is a small street market supplying commodities for local residents; some 70 shops retain the warm atmosphere of Shitamachi, or lower city of the working-class district. So while going up and down the street, you may be called with friendly tones to stop and view the wares on offer.

Access: 3 minutes walk from JR・Keisei Nippori station

Where to Call

Inquiry about Sightseeing Tour

The Tokyo Metropolitan Area SGG Club03-3842-5566
 (Open Every Day 10:00-17:00)
 Tokyo TIC03-3201-3331
 Tokyo Tourist Information Center
 TMG Building Headquarters03-5321-3077
 Haneda Airport Branch03-5757-9345
 Keisei Ueno Branch03-3836-3471
 TCVB Tourist Information Center03-3287-7024

Transportation

Flight Information
 Tokyo International Airport (Haneda)03-5757-8111
 New Tokyo International Airport (Narita)0476-34-5000
 JR East050-2016-1603
 Tokyo Metro Information03-3941-2004

Taito City Loopline, "Megurin"

Taito City provides a public transportation service by operating a fleet of buses called "Megurin." Linking major spots such as Asakusa and the Ueno Station in one direction, Megurin comes every 15 minutes for each route among north bound, south bound and east-west routes.

The fare is 100 yen each way for both adults and children.
 Other boarding tickets such as a Bus Card are not honored.
 A one day travel card costs : ¥300

Hotels

Taito Hotel and Ryokan Association03-3834-2008
 Tokyo International Youth Hotel03-3235-1107

Health-care Information

Tokyo Metropolitan Medical Information Service (HIMAWARI)
 03-5285-8181
 AMDA International Medical Information Center 03-5285-8088

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