

# Tokyo Tour



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# Tour Summary

Enjoying a tranquil oriental garden, created three centuries ago, is the start of a great day touring Tokyo. The excellent and inexpensive subway system provides some of the transport. Let's visit Koishikawa Korakuen, a stunning garden planned in the 17th century. Go on to the wonderful Edo-Tokyo Museum with its display models of life in Old Tokyo, drop in at the tiny Sumo Wrestling Museum, and catch the boat down river to the busy Buddhist temple and peaceful Shinto shrine at Asakusa. And shop!

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# A Day in Tokyo







Start with a tranquil traditional garden. The Japanese proudly say they have four distinct seasons and the garden is planted to look good any time. I was there in autumn.



Spot the wildlife, like this heron among the flag irises...





....and admire the way even the smallest construction is designed to look good as well as be functional..



Visit the Tokyo/Edo museum, packed with detailed models like this roofscape--yes, it really is a scale model!





Drop in at the Sumo Wrestling Museum in the forecourt of the Stadium ...



...then take the boat downriver, traveling under a series of gaily painted bridges.





You'll pass modern offices, traditional buildings and lots of river traffic.



Arrive in Asakusa, where kimono-clad girls shop for designer goods...





...and visit the famous--and crowded--  
Buddhist Temple of Kannon.



Huge lanterns adorn the massive red gateways.





In the background the *Hanayashiki* Amusement Park can be seen beyond the temple buildings. Its home to Japan's oldest working roller coaster.

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