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TOKYO: TOP 10 ATTRACTIONS

Tokyo is the capital and largest metropolitan city of Japan. It is the perfect amalgamation of modernity and traditional Japanese culture. It is also one of top cleanest cities in the world. Most of the foreign tourists jump headfirst into Tokyo and then move to the other places in Japan. Tokyo, despite of its busy status still is an expert of perfect timekeeping. Let us look at the top sightseeing spots of Tokyo.

1. SENSOJI TEMPLE:

Sensoji Temple is Tokyo's oldest temple, which is located at the historic center of the city, Asakusa area. Visitors enjoy taking photos of an iconic Kaminarimon gate (main entrance), stroll down "Nakamise Street", and the approach to the main hall of the temple with traditional street snacks. Asakusa is also an amazing district to eat traditional Japanese cuisine, as there are numbers of long-established Japanese restaurants serving authentic dishes such as Sukiyaki, Tempura and Sushi. Variety of traditional activities in this area, such as riding Rickshaw, wearing Kimono dress, etc. Besides, the area is very close to other tourist attractions such as Tokyo Skytree, Sumida River and Kappabashi Street. Asakusa is a great area to experience the traditional Japanese culture and historic townscape while being in this modern Metropolis.



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2. TOKYO SKYTREE:

Tokyo Skytree is amazingly tall tower standing at 634 meters high. Originally, a TV broadcasting tower it has restaurants and observation decks that offer tremendous views of the incredible Tokyo skyline. The panoramic night view of the whole city with neon intersections—looks like a vast LED circuit board. Families with children will enjoy the experience (especially speedy elevator rides), as will anyone that loves a jaw-dropping view.



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**3. WATCH SUMO WRESTLING (MORNING PRACTICE)**

Sumo is a national sport in Japan, considerably started in ancient time, and it is one of most unique and interesting Japanese cultures for foreign tourists. Watching Sumo wrestlers in action at close distance is very breath taking, and by knowing how hard they train physically and mentally. Numbers of Sumo stables (training rooms) are located in Tokyo, especially in Ryogoku area (not too far from Asakusa area and Tokyo Skytree), and some of them are open for public viewing of their morning practice. Watching and clicking photos with huge size, Sumo (with permission) is one of its kind experience.

4. SHIBUYA CROSSING

Anyone remotely impressed that Tokyo is the most populated city in the world should visit the world's busiest intersection at Shibuya Crossing. Surrounded by massive billboards tower and LED lights flashing from every corner as well-dressed job goes, tourists, and bag-toting shoppers wait and cross in concert. The feeling is oddly soothing, a reminder that whatever our disparate paths in life, they all have a tendency to cross at one time or another. The best time to go is at dusk, one of the scramble's peak times and in its most flattering light. The recently opened Shibuya Scramble Square tower above Shibuya station offers a birds' eye view of the famous crossing, along with panoramic vistas of the city from the Shibuya Sky rooftop observatory, perched 230 meters above street level.

**Shibuya Crossing** ©TCVB

5. ODAIBA, TOKYO BAY

Odaiba, southern Tokyo, is a district located on a manmade island on Tokyo Bay, which is accessible via the Rainbow Bridge or Yurikamome train Line from Tokyo mainland. Odaiba is one of the most entertaining districts in Tokyo where numbers of shopping malls, restaurants, museums and entertainment facilities gather. Odaiba is also famous for its stunning night view and very popular among photographers. The view of illuminated Tokyo Bay, the Rainbow Bridge and the skyscraper of the city on the other side of the ocean is amazing. The area is also known for high-tech entertainments such as robots at National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (Miraikan). You can easily spend a whole day on this pleasurable island. Cruising on Tokyo Bay around Odaiba area is one of the most popular activities at evening.

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6. VR (VIRTUAL REALITY) WORLD

VR (Virtual Reality) is one of the hottest spots for families with kids and the most cutting-edge experiences in the world nowadays, and now it became accessible to everyone. In Tokyo, more and more new spots are opening for the latest VR experiences with various themes and experiences.

At some VR theme parks provide multiple games and activities where visitors can spend all day, and it's a great option especially on a rainy day. Recommended VR spots in Tokyo are VR Joypolis in Odaiba, SKY CIRCUS Sunshine 60 Observatory.

**VR Joypolis****SKY CIRCUS Sunshine 60 Observatory****7. teamLab Borderless: MORI Building DIGITAL ART MUSEUM**

It is a perfect place to take Instagram photos. Lose yourself into the immersive digital artworks! teamLab Borderless, Odaiba is the very first digital art museum in the world. Since then, it has been one of the hottest spots in the city, and now become the must-visit tourist site for every type of traveller. It offers a unique interactive art experience with the latest high technology. A huge space displays multiple installation and artworks across walls and floors, and immersive installations of light and sound move and reflect by your movements and touches. A complete mesmerizing and self-drowning experience for everyone. A new museum scheduled to be open in 2023 in Central Tokyo after the closing down of present teamLab Borderless, Odaiba at the end of August 2022.

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8. Shopping in Tokyo

Ginza: Ginza is a paradise for affluent shoppers as it is home to elegant department stores, posh boutiques, and high-end brand shops.

Shibuya: A cluster of local shops to malls offering an assortment of clothes and accessories or anything that you explore and buy.

Shinjuku: Shinjuku is home to many department stores, markets, malls, and electronic stores. Be welcomed by the noise of hustle-bustle in this city.

Kuramae: Earlier a warehouse district, Kuramae is now a revamped place for artisans that is located beside the Sumida River. You will get clothes, leather goods, etc

Akihabara: Top most electronic market in Tokyo famous for games, arcade zones, maid café, anime merchandise and figures, all types of electronics. Also must visit market place in the evening time to click images with the glittering background full of neon led lights.

Discount Stores: 100 YEN Japan stores are incredibly famous among tourist. There are many of 100 yen shops in Japan, various store sizes depending upon location. One of largest and well-known franchised 100 shops brand is Daiso. They are popular among tourist for buying Souvenirs. Other brands one can easily find are “Can Do” and “Seria”.



Shinjuku ©TCVB



Ginza ©TCVB



Akihabara © TCVB

9. Tokyo DisneySea

Tokyo DisneySea is a fantasy theme park in Tokyo Disney Resort that is unique to Japan. While suitable for all ages, Tokyo DisneySea is comprised of seven themed ports: Mediterranean Harbor, Mysterious Island, Mermaid Lagoon, Arabian Coast, Lost River Delta, Port Discovery and American Waterfront. Tokyo DisneySea is a dream world where anyone can have a great time!

10. Yomiuriland

Opened since 1964, Yomiuriland is a leisure and amusement-park, with more than 40 rides catering for all ages and special activities varying throughout the seasons. Enjoy a day of thrilling rides, activities, and fun times with your loved ones during your visit to Yomiuriland Amusement Park! Feel that adrenaline rush on-board the Bandit, a 1,560-meter long roller coaster that reaches the high speed of 110 km/hr. Be entertained by talented sea lions in their cute animal show and much more...

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