



Edo / Tokyo

Where the Past Meets the Present

江戸×Tokyo 過去と現在の交差点

What was it like to live in Edo? 江戸時代はどんな時代?
 Edo is the former name of Tokyo. The Edo period was an era of peace and stability under the Tokugawa shogunate, which was established in 1603, following the turbulent Sengoku (Warring States) period. As the political and cultural center of Japan, Edo (present-day Tokyo) became the world's largest city with a population of over one million people by the early 1700s. From samurai to common folk, all enjoyed a lifestyle enriched by festivals, entertainment, and craftsmanship. From kabuki and ukiyo-e to a diverse food culture, traditions that blossomed in this era have been passed down to modern Japan, and today are found everywhere in Tokyo. Knowing a bit about these historical origins makes visiting the modern metropolis even more enjoyable. Come on a journey to the crossroads of Edo and Tokyo!

江戸とは東京の旧称のこと。江戸時代は、1603年に開かれた徳川幕府の統治のもとで、それまでの戦国時代と比較して平和と安定が続いた時代です。政治と文化の中心であった江戸（現在の東京）は、1700年代前半には人口100万人を超え、世界随一の大都市であったと言われていま。侍から町人まで、人々は祭りや娯楽、職人技に彩られた豊かな暮らしを楽しみました。歌舞伎や浮世絵、多様な食文化などがこの時代に花開き、今の日本にも受け継がれ、東京の随所に見られます。江戸時代を知れば東京観光はさらに楽しくなります。江戸と東京が交差する場所にだけましよう！

Keywords of the Edo Period 江戸時代のキーワード

Tokugawa Shogunate The era of military rule known as the Tokugawa shogunate was established in 1603 by its first shogun, Tokugawa Ieyasu. Governance centered around the samurai maintained stability for 15 generations over roughly 260 years.

【徳川幕府】徳川幕府は1603年に初代将軍・徳川家康によって開かれました。その後15代・約260年にわたり、武士を中心に安定した統治が続きました。

1 Sensoji Temple

浅草寺 MAP 1-C2

Believed to have been founded in 628, this is Tokyo's oldest temple. During the Edo period, the lively community of pilgrims made it the heart of a dynamic culture. The Sanja Matsuri Festival, held in Asakusa every May, is also famous.

628年創建と伝わる東京最古の寺院。江戸時代には多くの参詣者で賑わう文化の中心地でした。浅草で毎年5月に開かれる三社祭も有名です。

2 Ryogoku Kokugikan

両国国技館 MAP 1-C2

This stadium is used for professional sumo wrestling. The once favorite pastime of common folk in the Edo period is today Japan's national sport. Learn about the history of sumo at the Sumo Museum.

江戸庶民に大人気の娯楽であり、現在も国技として続く大相撲の会場。相撲博物館では大相撲の歴史を知ることができます。

3 Ueno Park

上野恩賜公園 MAP 1-B1

Explore museums, art galleries, a zoo, and more at this park. Also home to many sites from the Edo period, including Kanéiji Temple, a sacred place connected with the Tokugawa shogunate, Toshogu Shrine, dedicated to Tokugawa Ieyasu; and Shinobazu Pond.

博物館・美術館・動物園などが集まる公園。徳川幕府の菩提寺である寛永寺や徳川家康を祀る東照宮、不忍池など江戸時代ゆかりの場所が多くあります。

4 Kanda-jinja Shrine (Kanda Myojin)

神田神社(神田明神) MAP 1-B2

Enshrining the guardian deity of Edo, this shrine is known for its grand Kanda Festival, held every two years and recognized as one of the "Three Great Festivals of Edo."

江戸の総鎮守として信仰されてきた神社。2年に一度開催される神田祭は「江戸三大祭り」のひとつとして江戸の活気を今に伝えています。

5 GINZA KABUKIZA

歌舞伎座 MAP 1-B3

A specialized theater for kabuki, a traditional performance art dating back to the Edo period. Originally opened in 1889 during the Meiji period, the current building is the fifth on this site. Inside, you'll find kabuki-related galleries and souvenir shops.

江戸時代から続く伝統芸能・歌舞伎を上演する専門劇場。この劇場は明治時代、1889年に誕生し、現在は5代目。歌舞伎に関するギャラリーやショップもあります。

6 Imperial Palace

皇居 MAP 1-B2

During the Meiji Restoration in the late 19th century, Edo Castle became the Imperial Palace, and part of the grounds were opened to the public as a park. Traces of Edo can still be felt in the stone walls, moat, and castle gates.

明治維新によって江戸城は皇居として姿を変え、敷地の一部は現在公園となっています。石垣や堀、城門などに江戸時代の面影が残されています。

7 Nihonbashi

日本橋 MAP 1-B, C2

Centered around Nihonbashi Bridge, the start point of Japan's Five Main Roads, this area flourished as a merchant town full of fish markets and kimono shops. Today, these streets are lined with prestigious department stores and traditional craft specialty shops.

五街道の起点・日本橋を中心に、魚市場や呉服店などが集まり商人の街として栄えたエリア。今も老舗の百貨店や伝統工芸品の専門店などが点在しています。

Entertainment from Edo to Today

現代に受け継がれる江戸の娯楽

Kabuki 歌舞伎

In the Edo period, the traditional performance art of kabuki grew to become a popular form of entertainment for the masses. The gorgeous costumes, distinctive makeup, and dynamic movements of kabuki plays often dramatized real events. The popularity of kabuki actors rivaled that of "idols" today.

歌舞伎は江戸時代に大衆の娯楽として発展した伝統芸能。華やかな衣装と独特の化粧、躍動感あふれる動きなどが特徴で、実際の事件を題材にした演目も作られました。歌舞伎役者は現代のアイドルさながらの人気を博しました。

Sumo 相撲

Now considered Japan's national sport, the traditional martial art of sumo began as a religious ritual. At Ekin Temple in Ryogoku, sumo events were once held frequently, and people enjoyed the exciting and powerful matches. Ryogoku Kokugikan remains one of the greatest venues for these iconic bouts.

相撲は日本の国技にもなっている伝統的な格闘技で、もとは神事として行われていました。両国にある回向院では相撲の興行がさかんに行われ、人々は迫力ある取り組みを楽しんでいました。今も両国国技館で大相撲観戦ができます。

Ukiyo-e

Ukiyo-e, a uniquely Japanese style of woodblock print, became popular in the Edo period. These works vividly depict the lives of common people, famous landscapes, beautiful women, kabuki actors, and more.

【浮世絵】浮世絵は江戸時代に広まり、庶民の生活や名所の風景、美人や歌舞伎役者などを色鮮やかに描いた日本独自の木版画です。

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8 Hie-jinja Shrine

日枝神社 MAP 1-B3

Dedicated to the guardian deity of Edo Castle and revered by the Tokugawa shogunate, this shrine hosts the Sanno Festival, one of the "Three Great Festivals of Edo," in alternating years with the Kanda Festival.

江戸城の鎮守として徳川幕府に信仰されてきた歴史を持ちます。江戸三大祭りのひとつである山王祭が、神田祭と1年ずつ交互に開催されています。

9 Zojoji Temple

増上寺 MAP 1-B3

Zojoji Temple is known as the family temple of the Tokugawa family, and its majestic Buddha statue and Sammon Gate still remain today. Enjoy a truly iconic view of the city with the main hall set against the background of Tokyo Tower.

徳川家の菩提寺として知られ、荘厳な本尊の仏像や三門が今に伝わっています。大殿の背後には東京タワーが建ち、東京を象徴する景観が楽しめます。

10 Hama-rikyu Gardens

浜離宮恩賜庭園 MAP 1-B3

Once a villa of the Tokugawa family, this renowned garden is one of the finest examples of Edo-period landscaping, distinguished by its tidal pond fed with seawater. Enjoy matcha green tea and Japanese sweets at the tea house in the center of the pond.

将軍の別邸であった江戸時代を代表する名園で、海水を引いた「潮入の池」が特徴です。池のほとりには御茶屋があり、抹茶と和菓子をいただけます。

11 Rikugien Gardens

六義園 MAP 1-B1

A feudal lord's garden designed by Yanagisawa Yoshiyasu, a key figure in the Tokugawa shogunate. The delicate, tranquil landscape is inspired by the world of Japanese waka and Chinese poetry, and is famous for spring cherry blossoms and autumn foliage.

徳川幕府の藩人・柳澤吉保が造園した大名庭園。和歌や漢詩の世界が映し出された、繊細で温かな庭園です。春は桜、秋は紅葉の名所として有名。

12 Sumida River

隅田川 MAP 1-C1-3

In the Edo period, the Sumida River was vital for water transport and also popular for pleasure boating. Even today, visitors can board water buses and traditional yakatabune houseboats. The Sumida River Fireworks Festival every July is a long-standing tradition dating back to the Edo period.

江戸の水運を支え、人々が舟遊びに興じた隅田川、今も水上バスや屋形船を楽しめます。7月の隅田川花火大会は江戸時代から続く恒例行事。

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Tokyo Tourist Information Center

東京観光情報センター

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- 1 Tokyo Metropolitan Government (Main Building No. 1, 1F) 東京都庁 第一本庁舎1階
- 2 Busta Shinjuku (Shinjuku Expressway Bus Terminal, 3F) バスタ新宿 3階
- 3 Haneda Airport (Terminal 3, 2F) 羽田空港 第3ターミナル2階
- 4 Keisei Ueno (In front of the ticket gate) 京成上野駅 改札口前
- 5 Tama (ecute Tachikawa, 3F) 多摩エキュート立川 3階

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EDO TOKYO MAP

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本マップと連動した江戸時代を体感できるウェブサイト公開中！

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DESTINATION TOKYO ISLANDS

Discover the charms of the Tama Area
東京の多摩の魅力を発信する観光サイト
DESTINATION TOKYO TAMA

Legend
Air Route 空の便
Sea Route 海の便
小笠原諸島/Ogasawara Islands
父島/Chichijima
母島/Hahajima

The Five Main Roads & Post Towns 五街道と宿場町

The Five Main Roads of Edo were the major routes that extended from Edo to regions across Japan: the Tokaido, Nakasendo, Koshu-dochu (Koshu-kaido), Nikko-dochu (Nikko-kaido), and Oshu-dochu (Oshu-kaido). Towns developed along these roads as places for travelers to rest or stay, and eventually flourished as hubs of both transportation and culture. Even today, traces of these roads and post towns remain throughout Tokyo.

江戸時代の五街道とは、江戸を中心に日本全国を結ぶ主要な街道を指し、東海道、中山道、甲州道中(甲州街道)、日光道中(日光街道)、奥州道中(奥州街道)の5本ありました。街道沿いには旅人の休憩や宿泊をする宿場町が生まれ、交通と文化の要所として栄えました。現在も市内には街道と宿場町の痕跡が残っています。

MAP 2 Tokyo Broad Map 東京都全図

13 Asukayama Park
飛鳥山公園 MAP 1-B1, MAP 2-E1
First opened in the early 18th century for the pleasure of the public by Tokugawa Yoshimune, the eighth shogun, this park remains a famous cherry blossom spot. The many attractions include three museums, gardens, and a one way two-minute self-propelled monorail ride.

14 Odaiba Marine Park
お台場海浜公園 MAP 1-C4, MAP 2-E2
In the late 19th century, six artillery batteries, known as "daiba," were built to defend Edo. See the remains of the cannons at Odaiba Marine Park along with a stunning view of the city.

15 Fukagawa Area / Tomioka Hachimangu Shrine
深川・富岡八幡宮 MAP 1-C3, MAP 2-E2
Dating back to the Edo period, the retro downtown area of Fukagawa is famous for the Fukagawa Hachiman Festival at Tomioka Hachimangu Shrine, one of the "Three Great Festivals of Edo." Among many other attractions are Japanese boat cruises and the traditional dish made with asari clams, Fukagawa-meshi.

16 Jindaiji Temple
深大寺 MAP 2-D2
Founded in 733, the temple grounds are dotted with stately structures such as the Main Hall and the Shakado Hall. Shakado houses the oldest Buddhist statue in eastern Japan, designated as a National Treasure. Nearby, visitors can enjoy the area's famous soba noodles made with fresh spring water.

17 Mt. Takao
高尾山 MAP 2-C2
With a summit of 599m, this hiking spot is fun even for beginners. Reversed as a sacred mountain centered around Yakuo In Temple, Mt. Takao became a popular pilgrimage destination for commoners during the Edo period.

18 Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum
江戸東京たてもの園 MAP 2-D1
This open-air museum features relocated, restored, and preserved historical buildings from the Edo to mid-Showa period (mid-20th century). Stroll through the natural landscape of the grounds and get a sense of what life was like long ago.

19 Inokashira Park
井の頭恩賜公園 MAP 2-D2
This lush park surrounds Inokashira Pond, once a vital water source for the city in the Edo period. Adjacent to the park is Inokashira Park Zoo, where visitors can encounter a diverse range of animals and aquatic life.

20 Tokyo Metropolitan Edo-Tokyo Museum
東京都江戸東京博物館 MAP 1-C2, MAP 2-E2
Through a variety of models and exhibits, this museum makes it easy to understand how ancient Edo became modern-day Tokyo.

Useful Websites for Tokyo Sightseeing 東京観光お役立ちウェブサイト

- The Official Tokyo Travel Guide "GO TOKYO" 東京の観光公式サイト「GO TOKYO」
- "GO TOKYO" Edo History & Culture 「GO TOKYO」江戸の歴史・文化
- Digital Brochures "TOKYO Brochures" 東京観光デジタルパンフレットギャラリー
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See the City of Edo from the Water 水辺から見る江戸の街

Everywhere in central Tokyo, we can see the remnants of meticulous urban planning from the Edo period, which used water drawn from rivers. One example is the famous cherry blossom viewing spot, Chidorigafuchi Moat. Hop aboard a boat and be awed by the sheer scale of Edo Castle's stone walls and moat. Elsewhere, enjoy a unique blend of history and modernity aboard a "yakatabune" houseboat or water bus on the Sumida River, a vital artery of shipping and transportation since the time of Edo.

江戸・東京の中心部には川から引き込んだ水を利用した緻密な都市計画の名残が随所に見られます。桜の名所・千鳥ヶ淵もそのひとつ。ボートに乗ると江戸城の石垣や堀のスケールの大きさに圧倒されるでしょう。また、江戸の水運を支えた隅田川では、履形船や水バスに乗って、歴史と現代が入り交じる特別な景色に出会えます。

Transportation Network 東京近郊路線マップ



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- Asakusa Station 浅草駅
- Sensoji Temple 浅草寺
- Water Bus: Asakusa 水上バス浅草のけい
- Odaiba Marine Park お台場海浜公園
- Yurikamome: Daiba Station ゆりかもめ 台場駅
- Hamamatsucho Station 浜松町駅
- Zojoji Temple 増上寺
- Toei Asakusa Line: Daimon Station 都営浅草線 大門駅
- Toei Asakusa Line: Higashi-ginza Station 都営浅草線 東横駅
- GINZA KABUKIZA 歌舞伎座

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- Keio Line: Shinjuku Station 京王線 新宿駅
- Keio Line: Chofu Station 京王線 調布駅
- Deep Daiji Temple 深大寺
- JR: Mitaka Station 京王線 三軒茶屋駅
- JR: Musashi-Koganei Station 京武線 小金井駅
- Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum 江戸東京たてもの園
- Inokashira Park 井の頭恩賜公園