

How to ride the Toei Bus and the Tokyo Sakura Tram (Toden Arakawa line)

It's much easier than you think.
Just follow these three steps!

- 1 Check the route number and destination**
Check the direction and the route indicator displayed on the front of the vehicle before you get on.
- 2 Enter through the front door and pay the fare**
You get on at the front and pay either with cash or IC card. If you are travelling using a Toei One-day Pass, flash your ticket with the date clearly displayed.
- 3 Exit through the back door**
The upcoming stop will be announced over the intercom and displayed on the screen. Press the buzzer located on window sills or rails to inform the driver that you'd like to get off.
*Note that some of these rules vary in the Tama area.
*Bus timetable and routes [tobus.eng](https://www.tobus.eng)

TIPS

About the Tokyo Sakura Tram
Not all trams go all the way to the last stop, so check the final destination of the tram before boarding to avoid paying twice to get to your intended stop.

Wi-Fi information
Free Wi-Fi is available at major Toei subway stations, Toei Asakusa line, Toei Oedo line as well as on buses.

	REGULAR FARES			ONE-DAY PASS
		Cash	IC card	
TOKYO SAKURA TRAM	Adults	¥170	¥165	¥400
	Kids	¥90	¥82	¥200
TOEI BUS	Adults	¥210	¥206	¥500
	Kids	¥110	¥103	¥250

*Fares may vary on some Toei bus routes

Don't miss this deal!

TOEI ONE-DAY PASS (TOEI MARUGOTO KIPPU)

See Tokyo with a single ticket!

This unlimited-ride ticket gives you access to all Toei subways and buses, the Tokyo Sakura Tram (Toden Arakawa line) and the Nippori-Toneri Liner for one day. Plus, various discounts and gifts are offered at about **400** venues close to the stations.

Visit chikatoku.enjoytokyo.jp/en for more details.

FARES

Adults	¥700
Kids	¥350

Scan this QR code at a machine in Toei Subway stations to purchase your ticket

HOW TO PURCHASE

1 Look for the ticket machine with the patterned frame like the one shown in the picture at Toei subway stations.

2 Select your language, then select QR Code, and scan the QR code above to buy a Toei One-day Pass.

You can also get the ticket at Nippori-Toneri Liner stations, as well as onboard Toei buses and the Tokyo Sakura Tram (Toden Arakawa Line).

ALSO CONSIDER

Tokyo Subway Ticket

Good for unlimited travel on all Toei Subway and Tokyo Metro lines. Passport is required when purchasing the ticket. Visit the website below for more details.

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9am - 8pm (Available daily)

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30 THINGS TO DO ALONG THE TOKYO SAKURA TRAM (TODEN ARAKAWA LINE) & TOEI BUS

TOKYO SAKURA TRAM

01 Shopping
Munch on a 'streetcar' confection

Hop off the tram at Kajiwara Station to find Akemi, a long-established dessert dealer famed for its Toden Monaka. Shaped like streetcars and sold in boxes decorated in the same vein, these super-cute wafer snacks are filled with sweet bean paste and sticky rice cake. They make the perfect edible souvenir, too.

Akemi Seika 1-B



02 Restaurant
Spice up your life

Spice lovers come to sample the south Indian curry lunch, composed of three types of vegetable curry and two side dishes. 90 percent of the items on the menu are vegan at Nandori, which serves drinks and lighter fare in the evenings.

Nandori 1-B



04 Leisure
Wear history on your sleeve

Housed in a still-functioning workshop where chic kimonos have been dyed with traditional techniques since the early 1900s, this museum is a must-visit for anyone interested in the modern history of Japanese attire. Book ahead to tour the workshop and see all the equipment for yourself.

Tokyo Somemonogatari Museum 3-A

06 Shopping
Dig for offbeat finds

Old books, toys and random knickknacks collected from every corner of Japan line the shelves at this quirkiest of shops, a place sure to inspire all you tired souvenir-hunters. How about a Japanese-style brooch or a colourful paper pouch?

Tabineko Zakkatzen 3-A

07 Takeaway
Seek out a local favourite

Look out for the red flag marking the entrance to this backstreet favourite, where the jovial chap behind the counter serves up 'takosen' (octopus balls sandwiched between a pair of shrimp crackers) fresh off the grill. The shop is usually closed on rainy days.

Fukusen 1-B



08 Sightseeing
Gaze out over the city

One of Tokyo's lesser known viewpoints, the Hokutopia building's 17th-floor observatory offers vistas of the Skytree, the shinkansen passing by Oji Station and, on clear days, even Mt Fuji.

Hoku Topia 1-A

09 Restaurant
Enjoy an outstanding bowl of ramen

At Toy Box, a Michelin-rated eight-seat noodle joint, the stellar ramen features clear and flavourful soup made from heirloom chicken and enriched with soy sauce and chicken fat. Halal options available.

Toy Box 2-C



03 Sightseeing
Saunter with the elders

Sugamo is known as 'Harajuku for grannies' and this lively shopping street is its answer to Takeshita-dori. In addition to visiting the namesake temple, you can tour many little shops and restaurants and touch the fluffy posterior of Sugamon, the local duck mascot, for luck.

Sugamo Jizo-dori Shopping Street 2-A

05 Restaurant
Do the can-can

The self-styled 'most exciting bar in Otsuka' almost lives up to the billing with its weekly Tuesday night can-can shows, which see the space transformed into a very Japanese version of a French cabaret, complete with energetic dancers.

Shisui Deux 2-A



SPRING
Blossom beauty

A ride on the Tokyo Sakura Tram is one of the best ways to appreciate the city's cherry blossoms. Start at Asukayama Park right beside the Asukayama Station: from late March to early April, this hilltop park turns into a sea of pink, complete with night-time illumination. Another superb option is the riverside promenade between Omokagebashi and Waseda stations, as well as Edogawa Park. The latter park is best reached via bus 上 58 (get on at Waseda and disembark at Tsurumakicho).



10 Restaurant
Bite into a myriad of fish cakes

This hole-in-the-wall, standing-only eatery right by the train tracks at Oji Station teams with locals from as early as noon, attracting fans with up to 40 different kinds of oden, courtesy of a longstanding fish-cake specialist. Service in English is available after 3pm.

Hirasawa Kamaboko 1-A



SPRING / AUTUMN
Railside roses

You'd want to look out the window when riding the Tokyo Sakura Tram (Toden Arakawa line) between early May and early June or between early October and early November. This is when about 140 types of roses – a good 13,000 flowers in total – planted by local volunteers burst into bloom along the tracks, adding a stunning splash of colour to the cityscape. The roses between Machiya-Nichome and Minowabashi stations are particularly impressive.

13 Restaurant
Fuel up with a purr-fect meal

The owner of this homely café is a cat person, and it shows – even the onigiri are decorated to resemble feline faces. Order the 'Neko musubi gozen', a healthy power meal with miso soup, grilled fish, fried chicken and said purry rice ball.

Kuroneko-sha 1-C



15 Shopping
Indulge in candy for grown-ups

In the candy-making business for more than a century, Muramatsu is a wonderful little snack factory specialising in boozy sweets. Bite into a simple but aromatic whisky bon bon or check out the selection of candy made with both local and imported liquors.

Muramatsu Seika 1-C

16 Restaurant
Become a soba expert

Pair your buckwheat noodles with crispy tempura, have them in duck broth, or compare textures with the two-type tasting set at one of Sugamo's most notable soba joints. The knowledgeable staff will help you choose – and tempt you with a wide range of sake-compatible appetisers at dinnertime.

Kikutani 2-A



17 Shopping
Stretch your yen at a local market

This maze of streets next to the railway tracks between Ueno and Okachimachi stations is one of Tokyo's greatest street markets, where you'll find an array of souvenirs and clothes along with countless stalls selling fresh food. Loud, crowded and cheap, it's a fun throwback to the older days.

Ameyoko 3-C



19 Restaurant
Savour the finest cut of beef

Enter through the butcher shop – what a brilliant concept for a steakhouse. Nakasei is, above all, a purveyor of the finest quality aged premium kuroge wagyu beef, and you can buy around 20 cuts to take home.

都 02 - 上 58 - Nakasei Uchimise 3-B



21 Art
Explore art at the museum

Founded in 1926, Japan's first public art museum features special, thematic and free exhibitions. Visitors are also welcome to visit the onsite restaurants and shop. Another highlight is the museum's Japanese modernist architecture by Kunio Mayekawa.

都 02 - 上 58 - Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum 3-C

WINTER
Peek into the future of Japanese art

At the end of January every year, the students at Tokyo University of the Arts put on a graduation exhibition of their works. Held at the university's own museum and the Tokyo Metropolitan Art Museum as well as out in the open, the shows offer a window into the future of Japanese art.

Tokyo University of the Arts 3-C

11 Café
Rest your legs over an egg sarnie

Need a breather? Seek out Eight Days Cafe right by Otsuka Station, a laidback spot with wooden décor, free Wi-Fi, charging outlets and a plentiful selection of food that includes superb egg sandwiches.

Eight Days Cafe 2-A



12 Sightseeing
Visit a temple dedicated to children

Bask in the atmosphere of a bygone era at this solemn temple, revered since the early 1600s as a site of prayers related to children and childbirth. The shops and stalls lining the street in front of the structure are worth a gander too.

Kishimotojima 2-A

14 Takeaway
Grab a snack to go

A fixture on the old-school Joyful Minowa shopping street for over half a century, this local deli offers 80 different dishes daily. Take your pick from yakitori, grilled fish and croquettes, or go straight for the mouth-watering 'menchikatsu' cutlet with soft-boiled egg.

Torifuji 2-C



18 Art
Experience art in an old Japanese house

Billing itself as Tokyo's 'smallest cultural institution', this renovated house in the traditional Yanaka area includes a café and exhibition space, and also hosts occasional gigs and dance performances.

上 58 - 草 63 - Hagiso 2-B



20 Café
Raise a glass to cinema culture

One of the most distinctive jazz spots in Tokyo, 'Eigakan' means 'movie theatre' in Japanese. In addition to the fine audio system, there are many film and photography books on the shelves while vintage film camera equipment decorate the bar.

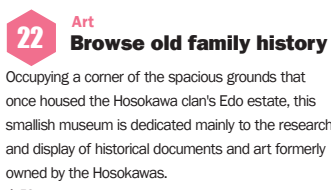
上 58 - 草 63 - Eigakan 2-B



22 Art
Browse old family history

Occupying a corner of the spacious grounds that once housed the Hosokawa clan's Edo estate, this smallish museum is dedicated mainly to the research and display of historical documents and art formerly owned by the Hosokawas.

上 58 - Eisei Bunko 3-A



23 Shopping
Pick out a bag that lasts

Hailing from Yonezawa in Yamagata prefecture, bag manufacturer Hinomoto Hanpu's own shop is where to pick up a durable shoulder or tote bag made from cotton canvas. They also stock stylish wallets made with the same wondrous material.

上 58 - 草 63 - Hinomoto Hanpu 2-B

25 Café
Cool down with a shaved ice dessert

This shaved ice workshop in Sugamo uses natural ice that comes straight from Mt Fuji, and the signature strawberry milk kakigori (¥800) is heavenly. More unusual options include powdered natto.

草 63 - Kakigori Kobo Sekka 2-A



Toei Bus Tips
How to read the signages

Bus stop signage

Look for the bus stop with Toei's green fan logo or a green roof. All signages are bilingual.

Bus signage

Check the destination displayed on top of the bus before you get on. The route number is a combination of a character and a number, such as 都 02.

24 Restaurant
Have a beery good time

Located in the Uenosakuragi-Atari complex in the heart of sleepy Yanesen, this comfy beer bar occupies a gorgeous old house built over 80 years ago. Sip on a lager, IPA or any other beer on tap and take in the atmospheric setting.

上 58 - 草 63 - Yanaka Beer Hall 2-C



26 Leisure
Soak away your tired muscles

Completely renovated in 2011 and now looking more like a resort-style ryokan than an old-school neighbourhood bathhouse, Fuku no Yu features both traditional and modern depictions of Mt Fuji.

都 43 - Fuku no Yu 2-B



27 Art
Spend some hours surrounded by art

Managed by three Japanese artists, this art gallery exhibits pieces made by young local and international creative heads. The exhibitions are temporary, so take a look at their official website to check out what you can expect from a visit.

草 63 - XYZ Collective 2-A

28 Sightseeing
Meet the Buddhas

The streets around this quiet corner of Bunkyo ward, known as Komagome-Horaicho until the 1960s, are packed with small temples, many of which hide unexpected treasures. Don't miss the golden Komagome Daikannon Buddha statue at Kogenji or the laughing god Hotei at Joshinji.

都 43 - Old Komagome-Horaicho 2-B

29 Takeaway
Find your favourite sarnie

Many Tabata residents start their day with a Fill's sandwich, and it's easy to see why this little shop is a neighbourhood favourite. There are 20 to 25 options every morning, all properly made and filled with fresh veg, making it the kind of place you wish you had down your street.

上 58 - Fill's 1-B

30 Sightseeing
Stroll around a traditional garden

Covering approximately 89,000sqm, the traditional Japanese garden Rikugien features miniature hills and winding pathways around a central pond. Rikugien is popular year round, but the new leaves in spring and the varied colours of autumn foliage are the most stunning.

上 58 - Rikugien 2-B

