City Guide

Tokyo

The city of Tokyo is the capital of Japan and the largest metropolitan area in the world. With a population of more than 35 million, Tokyo became the capital of Japan in 1868. In addition to Tokyo's towering skyscrapers, the booming city is still home to traditional architecture in the forms of Buddhist and Shinto temples and traditional restaurants and homes in smaller neighborhoods. Visit the grounds of the Imperial Palace and the temples in Ueno Park for a better glimpse at traditional Japan.

Airports

Narita International Airport (NRT)
- The international airport is located outside of Tokyo in the town of Narita, 43 miles (70km) northeast of Tokyo.
- Buses and trains provide transportation from the airport to the city center of Tokyo. Taxis do provide service between the airport and the city, but due to the distance and to traffic times, fares can reach over ¥19,000 (US$200).
- Transportation to the city center from NRT via airport limousine bus costs ¥3,000 (US$31) and can take up to two hours. The airport limousine bus service runs between Narita airport and over 40 hotels and multiple subway stations. Information on times and routes can be found at the airport kiosks and online. www.limousinebus.co.jp/en
- Transportation to the city center from NRT via train is the fastest option. The JR Narita Express costs ¥2,940 (US$30) each way and takes just under one hour. Tickets can be purchased at Japan Railways stations and at the airport, but since tickets can sell out in advance, it is often best to purchase them online. If that line is sold out, the JR Airport Liner, a slower and cheaper option, costs ¥1,280 (US$13) and takes 80 minutes from Narita to Tokyo Station. Tickets can be purchased online. www.jreast.co.jp/e/nex/tickets.html

Transportation

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- Metro: Tokyo’s subway system is one of the most extensive systems in the world and is known for its efficiency. There are 13 lines and nearly 300 stations. Navigating the subway can be daunting, but travelers can quickly learn where they are as all signs have an English translation and stations have specific numbers along each route. Ticket prices vary depending upon the distance of your route. You can purchase multi-use Suica cards or individual trip tickets at the station. A map of the subway system is available here: www.tokyometro.jp/en/subwaymap/index.html
- Taxi: For travelers that are worried about navigating the metro, taxis are a hassle-free option. Taxis in Tokyo are expensive in comparison to most cities. Heavy traffic during rush hours can increase the cost, but traveling in groups makes them more affordable. Taxis begin at a rate of ¥710 (US$7.20) and increase at ¥180 ($1.85) every half kilometer. Unless you are going to a well-known landmark, have your concierge write your destination’s address in Japanese.
Hotels

Price Key
$$ 200-300 USD per night
$$$ 300-400 USD per night

The Westin Tokyo ($$)
1-4-1 Mita | Ebisu Garden Place, Meguro
Tokyo Prefecture 153-8580
www.westin-tokyo.co.jp

Hotel Ryumeikan Tokyo ($$)
1-3-22 Yaeus, Chuo
Tokyo Prefecture 103-0028
www.ryumeikan-tokyo.jp/english

The Strings by InterContinental Tokyo ($$)
26-32F Shinagawa East One Tower, Minato
Tokyo Prefecture 108-8282
www.intercontinental-strings.jp

Hilton Tokyo Shinjuku ($$)
6-6-2 Nishishinjuku, Shinjuku
Tokyo Prefecture 160-0023
www.hilton-tokyo.jp

The Imperial Hotel ($$$)
1-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda
Tokyo Prefecture 100-8558
www.imperialhotel.co.jp/e/tokyo

Conrad Tokyo ($$$)
1-9-1 Higashi-Shinbashi, Minato
Tokyo Prefecture 105-7377
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