

Budget-friendly Hotels in Tokyo

Here are some of our hotel recommendations within the Tokyo area. Some are recommended by our dear friends based on their experience as well.

If this is your first time to travel in Tokyo, you might consider booking a hotel near the convenient train stations within the “Yamanote Line” loop (ex: Shinjuku, Shibuya, and Tokyo~).



- APA Hotel (Shibuya – Dougenzakaue)
 - Additional notes: Perfect for people who love ramen and gyoza!
- Best Western Shinjuku Astina Hotel
- Shinjuku Washington Hotel
- Shinagawa Prince Hotel
- Sunshine City Prince Hotel Ikebukuro
- Hotel Sunroute Plaza Shinjuku

Note: You may also try renting places in Tokyo via AIRBNB. ^_^

If you have hotel suggestions you'd like to add

to our list, please feel free to comment below too! :)

The Yamanote Line Tour



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“The Yamanote Line (山手線, Yamanote-sen) is Tokyo’s most important train line. It is a circular line which connects Tokyo’s major ci-

ty centers. A trip around the whole circle takes approximately one hour.”

(source: www.japan-guide.com)

If you'd like to have a no-hassle Kawaii tour around Tokyo, we recommend taking the Yamanote Line and use the train stops as your basis for your itinerary. Our favorite train stops are the following:

- **Shinjuku**

- For: Calico Cat Cafe, Kinokuniya Book Store, My Lord Shopping Mall, Takashimaya, Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden, Alice's (in Wonderland) Fantasy Restaurant, Ladurée, Bunka, Robot Restaurant, Kagurazaka, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Office, Golden Gai, Fire Museum, Shinjuku West Exit Camera Town, Tokyo Toy Museum

- **Harajuku**

- For: Meiji Jingu Shrine, Yoyogi Park, La Foret, Takeshita Street, Vintage

Harajuku shops at Ura-hara, Omotesando area, Famous crepes, Freshly-cooked Calbee potato snacks, Q~pot café, LINE store, Pierre Hermé café, Tokyu Plaza, Pompompurin café, Closet Child, Ota Memorial Museum of Art, Cat Street, Rocket, Onitsuka Tiger, KIDDYLAND Harajuku, Niko and ...

- **Shibuya**

- For: Hachiko Statue, Shibuya Crossing / Scramble, Shibuya 109, The Guest Café and Diner, Village Vanguard in Parco, And People Café, Tower Records, Alice (in Wonderland) Dance Land Café, Trump Room, Grimoire, Fake Tokyo, Disney Store, Fujiya Family Restaurant, Loft, Tokyu Hands, Don Quijote, Mugiwara Store, Ichiran Ramen

- **Tokyo**

- For: Beautiful Tokyo Station, Tokyo Imperial Palace, Ginza, Hama Rikyu Gardens, Tokyo Tower, Roppongi, Marunouchi, Daimaru Department Store, Nijubashi Bridge, International Forum, Nakadori Avenue, Kitte shopping complex, Marunouchi Brick Square, Mitsu-

bishi Ichigokan Museum

- **Akihabara**

- For: Tax-free Japanese gadgets / electronics, Maid cafés, Don Quijote, Anime merchandise, Otaku culture, Chuo Dori, Yodobashi electronics store, Akihabara Crossfield, Sofmap, Laox, Manga cafés, Anime center, Home Café, Mandarake, Akihabara Dai Building, Radio Kaikan

- **Ueno**

- For: National museums and parks, Ameyokocho, Kawaii pandas, Tokyo Skytree, Tokyo National Museum, Asakusa, Sensoji Temple, Edo-Tokyo Museum, Rikugien, Ueno Park, Tokyo Solamachi, Botanical Garden, Yanaka, Kappabashi, Ryogoku, Sugamo

- **Nippori**

- For: Nippori Fabric Town (Japanese textile, kawaii fabrics), Yanaka, Tennoji Temple, 10 manju shop

- **Ikebukuro**

- For: Sunshine City, Tokyo Metropolitan Art Space, Electronic stores (Bic Camera, Yamada Denki), Shopping at (Tobu,

Seibu, Marui) department stores Loft,
Seibu, Otome Road, Namja Town, Sun-
shine 60 Observatory, J-World Tokyo

- **Shin-Okubo**

- For: Korean town, K-pop fans, Idol
Park Cafe, Toppoki, Korean BBQ /
yakiniku

For more info about each stop, [click here](#).