

TOKYO, JAPAN



Favorites

Notes

General tips:

Don't be scared by the guidebooks: there are plenty of ATMs, lots of free wifi (i.e. on trains/stations & in all department and convenience stores), and your phone will work fine.

Kissaten

Traditional coffee shops abound in Tokyo and locating them is part of the fun - try Cafe de l'Ambre or Cafe Bach and be transported to the 1950s with a cup of coffee that tastes of the past.

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For the modernist, this design museum commissioned by the Issey Miyake Foundation, is a sight to behold and the surrounding sculpture park is great to explore.

Daikanyama

Hipster neighborhood that's worth exploring for the architecture (Hillside Terrace, T-Site), shops (Tsutaya Books, Okura), and cheap eats (Shibuya Gyoza!).

Andy's

This bustling izakaya is my favorite place to eat in Tokyo. The gyoza-stuffed chicken wings, the freshest fish from Tsukiji market, crisp tempura and drinks aplenty.

Hama Rikyu Park

In contrast to the surrounding skyscrapers, this garden and former feudal residence is a great example of both classic Japanese landscape design and the juxtaposition of modern v. traditional that is all around Japan.