

Tokyo Tourism News Update – August 2020

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Dear Friends of Tokyo,

As we continue to keep dreaming of our next overseas adventure, Tokyo is working hard on looking after the health and well-being of citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic and preparing for the return of visitors.

Meanwhile, excitement about the future has taken on a whole new level of importance with the Tokyo Olympic competition schedule released last week, and a range of hotel openings taking the city by storm, from big international hotel brands through to creative, sustainable new concept hotels. And in true Tokyo style, the practice of excellent general hygiene has utmost priority with the city continuing to implement stringent measures which are helping to contain the spread of the global pandemic COVID-19. In such a populous capital Tokyo has many fabulous services, old and new, that help contribute to keeping it as safe and clean as possible.

And whilst Tokyo is known for its buzzing streets, there are plenty of ways to escape the crowds and indulge in more intimate experiences. From off-the-beaten-track adventures to lesser-known neighbourhoods and hidden temples and shrines, there is so much to discover.

Explore this, and more, in today's news update.

Stay well and safe!

Warm regards,

Alison & Yukiko

Tokyo Tourism Representative Office

Tokyo COVID-19 Update

In order to prevent the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19), various facilities around Tokyo may change their operating days or hours. In addition, some events may be cancelled or postponed. Please check official facility or event websites for the latest updates and information.

[Tokyo Metropolitan Government Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) advisory information](#)

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Some topics are:

***Otemachi One Opening

***New Shopping area: Toranomom
Yokocho

***Safe & worry-free travel: Latest
initiatives from hotels, restaurants & cafés

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The Olympic Competition Schedule has been released

We are pleased to share that the Olympic Competition Schedule has been released.
The Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games will feature a record 33 competitions and 339
events held across 42 competition venues.

[View schedule](#)

Hotel Openings



Tokyo Bay Shiomi Prince Hotel

This brand-new 605 bedroom property promises to marry inspiring modern art accented décor with practicality. Listening to the voice of the guest the hotel has been configured so that Twin rooms can also convert into quadruple rooms ideal for family stays.

Scheduled Opening: 1 September 2020

Photos © Tokyo Bay Shiomi Prince Hotel

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Kimpton® Shinjuku

[Kimpton® Shinjuku](#) combines a style and ethos inspired by New York's arts scene with exquisitely-detailed Japanese handcrafted artisanal traditions. The result is a curated canvas with intricate interiors that are guaranteed to inspire. Close to the iconic Shibuya crossing, the hotel sits in the heart of fashionable Shinjuku.

Scheduled Opening: Q3 2020

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Aoyama Grand Hotel

This sleek new property invites you to enjoy a cozy, homelike stay in the lap of comfort of its beautiful mid-20th century style rooms offering a quiet, relaxed atmosphere. With its sophisticated spaces, from its rooms to its various restaurants, the property strives to serve guests from all over the world as a source of fashion and culture.

Scheduled Opening: August 2020

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hotel Siro

Ikebukuro is transforming into a city of international arts and culture and has added a stylish, creative hotel named "hotel Siro". The hotel was created by a group of 3 designers and features an area for glamping on the rooftop.

Open since July 2020

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Tokyo Hotels: Safe, Clean & Kind

Robots have arrived in some of Tokyo's Hotels

[The Shinagawa Prince Hotel N Tower](#)

[Tower](#) launched the first autonomous delivery robot in Japan in October 2017. Now nicknamed “Harry” the room service robot can deliver a range of items to the rooms for a fee, including face towels, nightgowns, wine openers and more. At [Henn na Hotel](#), the “Unibo” robot concierge makes a variety of facial expressions and provides hotel and tourist information. Hostel [bnb + Toranomom](#) aims to reduce the risk of infection with the remote customer service mobile robot “RoBoHoN.”



Photo © Prince Hotel N Tower



Quintessa Hotel Tokyo Ginza becomes a “shelter hotel” to fight the spread of COVID-19.

The [Quintessa Hotel Tokyo Ginza](#) only opened in December, but now, under the supervision of a virology expert, it's transformed into a “shelter hotel.” The hotel operates in strict accordance with the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's infectious disease countermeasure guidelines to eliminate all potential traces of the virus.

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Other News

After a postponement, Otemachi One opened June 17

Due to the impact of COVID-19, Tokyo continues to push back the opening of new large-scale facilities, but [Otemachi One](#) has begun operations. Facing the moat of the Imperial Palace, it's a fresh new landmark located in the centre of Tokyo's business district and popular sightseeing area. This complex includes office space, a hall, and Otemachi One Avenue (shops and restaurants). The [Four Seasons Hotel Tokyo in Otemachi](#) will open its door in late summer.



Photo © Otemachi One

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Mori Building completed construction of Toranomom Hills Business Tower in January, and on June 11, Toranomom Yokocho opened featuring 26 branches of famous and well-established Tokyo stores.

With a touch of modern flair, it recreates the charm of the yokocho, a kind of side street with small shops that traditionally serve as a place for people to meet and socialise.

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Tokyo's New "Camping Café"

In the middle of Tokyo's business district, is the new cafe "REWILD OUTDOOR TOKYO." Come to enjoy an authentic camping experience after work. There's plenty of space, so you can keep social distancing and enjoy a worry-free visit.

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This Month's Inspiration



Culture & Tradition: Explore Tokyo's "Spirit Within"

Step outside the hustle and bustle of the big city for some peace and quiet. Explore century-old traditions, history, and the spiritual world through cultural activities such as temple and garden visits, a tea ceremony, and calligraphy. Tokyo is a goldmine of cultural and traditional activities.

[Explore Tokyo's Cultural Activities](#)



Unexpected Neighbourhoods: Kappabashi and its Many Tasteless Treats

A short walk from the temples and tourist attractions of Asakusa, sits a part of Tokyo known as Kappabashi or Kitchen Town. Although the area has made it on to the radar of a few travellers in recent years, it's still over-looked by many visitors. For those that do make the journey, however, a vast array of kitchenware, expertly crafted replica food, and countless other curiosities await. If you want to celebrate culinary culture without actually sampling snacks, then a brief trip to Kitchen Town should definitely make it on to your Tokyo itinerary.

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Explore Tokyo by Area

Arranged in a circle around the Imperial Palace, Tokyo is a patchwork of neighborhoods, each with its own distinct character. Click [here](#) to view our Area Guide.



Tokyo Area Guide

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Helpful Travel Information

Arriving in Tokyo can be both a thrilling and bewildering experience—especially if it is your first time to visit. To help you transition smoothly into the metropolis, familiarize yourself with the following basic information. Find out how to get around the city with ease with a Travel IC card and the easiest way to connect to the internet. Discover money-saving shopping tips, what to do in an emergency, what to pack in each season, and much more...

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