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"YOKOSO" means "welcome"

In Japan, there are more than 1,500 museums and art galleries and their numbers are increasing year by year.

The present leaflet, however, mainly introduces those found in and around such major tourist centers as Tokyo, Kyoto and Osaka, which are easily accessible to visitors. Regarding similar institutions in other districts, only those comparatively well favored by visitors from abroad have been listed.

Listed are art galleries, folk history museums, treasure houses and folk art museums. Major science museums and those of a unique nature are also introduced.

These institutions are arranged geographically from north to south and are classified roughly by district and city according to their location.

The information contained in this leaflet is based on current data as of December 2006.

Notes:

- 1) Admission fees will be higher than indicated when special exhibitions are held.
- 2) The museums are closed temporarily during changes of exhibitions.
- 3) The museums are generally closed from Dec. 28 to Jan. 4.
- 4) "Open:" shows opening hour and closing hour, **but ticket windows are usually closed 30 minutes before closing time.**
- 5) At most museums, identification labels for objects and pamphlets are written in Japanese.
- 6) Telephone numbers in parentheses are the area codes for long-distance calls.
- 7) Mon. (Tue)* = Closed on Mon. however, when Mon. falls on a national holiday, the museum is open and it is closed on the following Tuesday.

HOKKAIDO

Historical Museum of Hokkaido (北海道開拓記念館)

53-2, Konopporo, Atsubetsu-cho, Atsubetsu-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido Pref.

Tel. (011)898-0456

Access: 60 min. by bus from Sapporo Sta. on JR line or Subway, 5 min. by bus from Shinrinkoen Sta. on JR line or 10 min. by taxi from Shin-Sapporo Sta. on JR line.

Open: 9:30–16:30. **Closed:** Mon., national holidays except May 3–5, Sep. 15, 23, Oct. 10, Nov. 3 **Admission:** ¥450.

Paleontological and biological specimens, archeological remains, implements and utensils used by the Ainu and immigrants, displays of process of colonization and industrialization of Hokkaido.

Botanical Garden, Field Science Center for Northern Biosphere, Hokkaido University (北海道大学北方生物圏フィールド科学センター植物園)

Nishi 8-chome, Kita-3jo, Chuo-ku, Sapporo, Hokkaido Pref.

Tel. (011)221-0066

Access: 10-min. walk from Sapporo Sta. South exit on JR line or Subway.

Open: 9:00–16:30 (Apr. 29–Sep. 30), 9:00–16:00 (Oct. 1–Nov. 3). (only the greenhouse) **Admission:** ¥110. **Open:** Nov. 4–Apr. 28. 10:00–15:00 (–12:00 Sat.) **Closed:** Sun., national holiday, Dec. 28–Jan. 4

Closed: Mon. **Admission:** ¥400.

Specimens of flora and fauna peculiar to Hokkaido, implements and utensils of the early Ainu and Gilyaks, once the property of Dr. John Batchelor, are on display.

North Latitude 43 Museum (北緯43 美術館)

23 Sen, Shitakaragenya, Akan-cho, Akan-gun, Hokkaido Pref.

Tel. (0154)66-117

Access: 1h. 20min. by bus from Kushiro Sta. on JR line. to Akankohan-sen Tancho-no-Sato Bus Stop.

Open: 10:00–17:30. **Closed:** Mon. & late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥700.

This museum is located at north latitude 43, exhibiting art works from all over the world. Visitors will also be able to get information about religion, politics and climate of the world at this museum. More than 300 works from 16 different countries are being shown.

NORTHEASTERN HONSHU

Munakata Shiko Memorial Museum of Art (棟方志功記念館)

2-1-2, Matsubara, Aomori, Aomori Pref.

Tel. (017)777-4567

Access: 20 min. by bus from Aomori Sta. on JR line.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon., Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥500.

Prints and paintings by Munakata Shiko (1903–75), Aomori's best-known artist.

Chusonji Temple Treasures (中尊寺讚衡蔵)

202, Koromonoseki, Hiraizumi, Hiraizumi-cho, Nishiiwai-gun, Iwate Pref.

Tel. (0191)46-2211

Access: 5 min. by bus from Hiraizumi Sta. on JR line. to Chusonji Bus Stop, 30-min. walk from Hiraizumi Sta.

Open: Throughout the year. 8:00–16:30 (Apr. 1–Nov. 10), 8:30–16:30 (Nov. 11–Mar. 31).

Admission: ¥800 for Konjikido (Golden Hall), Kyozo (Sutra Treasures) and Sankozo (Treasure House).

A fine collection of the art of the late Heian Period, some 800 years ago. The collection includes Buddhist images, paintings and other cultural and historical relics of that period.

Homma Museum of Art (本間美術館)

7-7, Onari-cho, Sakata, Yamagata Pref.

Tel. (0234)24-4311

Access: 5-min. walk from Sakata Sta. on JR Uetsu Honsen Line.

Open: 9:00–17:00 (Apr.–Oct.), 9:00–16:30 (Nov.–Mar.) **Closed:** Mon. in Dec.–Feb., Dec. 25–Jan. 7. **Admission:** ¥700.

Japanese paintings, calligraphy, prints, swords and various articles associated with the local culture and folk arts. Many were the property of the Homma family, wealthy merchants in Sakata.

Sendai City Museum (仙台市博物館)

Sannomaru-ato, Sendai-jo, 26 Kawauchi, Aoba-ku, Sendai, Miyagi Pref.

Tel. (022)225-3074

Access: 10 min. by bus from Sendai Sta. on Shinkansen "Hayate" to Hakubutsukan Kokusai Center-mae Bus Stop and 3-min. walk from the bus stop.

Open: 9:00–16:45. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue)*, Dec. 28–Jan. 4 and the day following national holidays. **Admission:** ¥400.

Samurai armor, swords, old costumes and other art objects, many of which were possessed by the Date family, the well-

known feudal lord of Sendai. Also on display are Japanese paintings, Ukiyo-e, and pottery in Edo Period.

Kurita Museum (栗田美術館)

1542, Komaba-cho, Ashikaga City, Tochigi Pref.
Tel. (0284)91-1026

Access: 10-min. walk from Tomita Sta. on JR Ryomo Line.
Open: 9:30–17:00 (enter before 16:00). **Closed:** Mon., Dec. 28–Jan. 2 and the days following national holidays. **Admission:** ¥1,550.

A large collection of Imari and Nabeshima porcelains. More than 10,000 potteries exhibited. A branch of this museum can be found in Tokyo (See Tokyo section).

The Mashiko Reference Collection Museum (益子参考館)

3388, Mashiko, Mashiko-machi, Haga-gun, Tochigi Pref.
Tel. (0285)72-5300

Access: 5 min. by car from Mashiko Sta. on Mooka Tetsudo. 1

hr. by bus from Utsunomiya Sta. on JR Tohoku Honsen Line.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon., Dec. 28–Jan. 4. and Feb. 1–late Feb. **Admission:** ¥800.

Works of late Shoji Hamada and his collection (Eastern and Western ceramics, fabrics, furniture, paintings, etc.)

Museum of Kaisendo (蟹仙洞博物館)

4-6-8, Yarai, Kaminoyama City, Yamagata Pref.
Tel. (0236)72-0155

Access: 6-min. walk from Kaminoyama-onsen Sta. east exit on Yamagata Shinkansen.

Open: 9:00–17:00, 9:00–16:30 (Dec.–Feb.) **Closed:** Tue., Dec. 29–Jan. 5. **Admission:** ¥500.

Collection of lacquer crafts and other art works is displayed, including many works from China. Some of them are such precious assets as Important Cultural Properties and art treasures.

TOKYO

Bridgestone Museum of Art (ブリヂストン美術館)

1-10-1, Kyobashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3563-0241

Access: 5-min. walk from Tokyo Sta. (Yaesuguchi side).
Open: 10:00–20:00 (Tue.–Sat.), 10:00–18:00 (Sun. & Holiday). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and the end of Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥800.

Western paintings, prints, sculpture, pottery and metal items, and paintings by contemporary Japanese artists.

Communications Museum (通信総合博物館)

2-3-1, Otemachi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3244-6811

Access: 1-min. walk from Subway Otemachi Sta. A5 exit.
Open: 9:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥110.

A large collection of postage stamps and various data on communications.

Edo-Tokyo Museum (江戸東京博物館)

1-4-1, Yokoami, Sumida-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3626-9974

Access: 3-min. walk from Ryogoku Sta. West exit. on Sobu Line.
Open: 9:30–17:30, 9:30–20:00 (Thur. & Fri.). **Closed:** Mon. Dec. 28–Jan. 1 (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥600.

This museum presents the culture and industrial development of the city (Tokyo) from just before Edo Period to the present day. Free earphone guides (English, Korean & Chinese) and a tour with an English-speaking volunteer are available.

Fukagawa Edo Museum (深川江戸資料館)

1-3-28, Shirakawa, Koto-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3630-8625

Access: 3-min. walk from Kiyosumi Shirakawa Sta. A3 exit on Subway Toei Oedo Line.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Dec. 28–Jan. 4. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥300.

Reproduction of the 19th century riverside district (Saga-cho) in Edo, the original Tokyo.

Furniture Museum (家具の博物館)

1148 Nakagami-machi, Akishima-shi, Tokyo
Tel. (042)500-0636

Access: 5 min. by walk from Nakagami Sta. North exit on JR Oume Line.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Wed., Aug. 11–17 and Dec. 28–Jan. 5. **Admission:** ¥400.

Japanese antique furniture.

The Gotoh Museum (五島美術館)

3-9-25, Kaminoge, Setagaya-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3703-0661

Access: 4-min. walk from Kaminoge Sta. on Tokyu Oimachi Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30. **Closed:** Mon., the days following national holidays, Jul. 19–Sep. 6, Dec. 24–Jan. 5 & several days for change of exhibitions. **Admission:** ¥700.

Please confirm that it is open and admission before visiting. Fine arts and crafts of ancient Japan, China and other Asian nations.

Hatakeyama Collection (畠山記念館)

2-20-12, Shirokanedai, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3447-5787

Access: 5-min. walk from Takanawadai Sta. A2 exit on Subway Toei Asakusa Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Apr.–Sep.), 10:00–16:30 (Oct.–Mar.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥500.

Fine arts and crafts of ancient Japan, Korea and China with many objects relating to the tea ceremony. A tea ceremony room found on the upper floor.

Idemitsu Museum of Arts (出光美術館)

9F, Teigeki Bldg., 3-1-1, Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo.
Tel. (03)5777-8600

Access: 3-min. walk from Teigeki Entrance of Subway Yurakucho Sta.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 20–Jan. 7. (depends on year)

Admission: ¥1,000.

Zenga, or Zen paintings, by Zen priest Sengai (1750–1837), Japanese ceramics, crafts & paintings, hand-painted Ukiyo-e and Chinese ceramics, crafts & bronzes.

The Japan Folk Crafts Museum (日本民芸館)

4-3-33, Komaba, Meguro-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3467-4527

Access: 5-min. walk from Komaba-Todaimae Sta. West exit on Keio Inokashira Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

Folk art of Japan and Korea, and other parts of the world, mostly assembled by Yanagi Soetsu.

Japanese Sword Museum (刀剣博物館)

4-25-10, Yoyogi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3379-1386

Access: 10-min. walk from Sangubashi Sta. on Odakyu Line.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. and mid Dec.–early Jan.

Admission: ¥525.

Works of noted swordsmiths, both ancient and modern.

Kite Museum (凧の博物館)

5F, Taimeiken Bldg., 1-12-10, Nihombashi, Chuo-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3275-2704

Access: 2-min. walk from Subway Nihombashi Sta.

Open: 11:00–17:00. **Closed:** Sun., national holidays, and Dec. 31–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥200.

Kites collected from throughout Japan and the world.

Museum of Contemporary Art, Tokyo (東京都現代美術館)

4-1-1, Miyoshi, Koto-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)5245-4111

Access: 15-min. walk from Kiba Sta. Number 3 exit on Subway Tozai Line, 15-min. walk from Kikukawa Sta. A4 exit on Subway Toei Shinjuku Line or 15-min. walk from Kiyosumi Shirokawa Sta. A3 exit on Subway Toei Oedo Line.

Open: 10:00–18:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥500. It is one of the largest modern art museums in Japan with permanent collection galleries, temporary exhibitions, and an art library.

Museum of Maritime Science (船の科学館)

3-1, Higashi-Yashio, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo (in the reclaimed land area)

Tel. (03)5500-1111

Access: Take "Yurikamome" to Fune-no-kagakukan Sta.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Mon.–Fri.), 10:00–18:00 (Sat., Sun. & national holidays). **Closed:** Dec. 28–Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

Various nautical exhibits housed in a ferro-concrete replica of a 60,000-ton liner in the seaside park.

Matsuoka Art Museum (松岡美術館)

5-12-6 Shirokanedai, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)5449-0251

Access: 20-min. walk from Meguro Sta. East exit on JR.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. & several days for change of exhibitions. **Admission:** ¥800.

Oriental ceramics and Japanese paintings, and Egyptian, Greek, Roman and Indian sculptures.

Meiji Jingu Treasure Museum (明治神宮宝物殿)

1-1, Kamizono-cho, Yoyogi, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)3379-5511

Access: 13-min. walk from JR Yoyogi Sta. or 5-min. walk from Sangubashi Sta. on Odakyu Line.

Open: Sat., Sun. & national holidays, 9:00–16:30 (Apr.–Oct.); 9:00–16:00 (Nov.–Mar.). **Closed:** 3rd Fri. **Admission:** ¥500.

Objects used by Emperor Meiji (1852–1912).

The National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo & Crafts Gallery (東京国立近代美術館 / 工芸館)

1-1 Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (in Kitanomaru Park)

Tel. (03)5777-8600 (Museum)

Tel. (03)5777-8600 (Crafts Gallery)

Access: 7-min. walk from Takebashi Sta. on Subway Tozai Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00. (10:00–20:00 on Fri., Museum only.)

Closed: Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 29–Jan. 1. (Dates vary annually.) **Admission:** ¥420 (Museum), ¥200 (Crafts Gallery).

Museum: Japanese paintings, sculptures, prints, and calligraphy.

Crafts Gallery: Contemporary Japanese handicrafts.

The National Science Museum (国立科学博物館)

7-20, Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo (in Ueno Park)

Tel. (03)3822-0111

Access: 5-min. walk from JR Ueno Sta., 10-min. walk from Ueno Sta. on Keisei Line, Subway Hibiya Line or Ginza Line.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, and Dec. 28–Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥500.

Exhibits in the fields of natural history and physical science and technology.

Tokyo National Museum (東京国立博物館)

13-9, Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo (in Ueno Park)

Tel. (03)3822-0111

Access: 10-min. walk from JR Ueno Sta., 10-min. walk from Ueno Sta. on Keisei Line, Subway Hibiya Line or Ginza Line.

Open: 9:00–17:00; 9:00–20:00 (Fri.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥500.

The largest museum in Japan. Fine arts and archaeology of Japan including many that are designated as National Treasures or Important Cultural Properties. Also collections of Chinese, Korean and Indian art and archaeology.

The National Museum of Western Art (国立西洋美術館)

7-7, Ueno-koen, Taito-ku, Tokyo (in Ueno Park)

Tel. (03)3828-5131

Access: 3-min. walk from JR Ueno Sta., 10-min. walk from Ueno Sta. on Keisei Line, Subway Hibiya Line or Ginza Line.

Open: 9:30–17:30 (20:00 on Fri.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥420.

Works of famous Western painters and sculptors, mostly French artists from the 19th century to the recent past.

NHK Broadcast Museum (NHK放送博物館)

2-1-1, Atago, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)5400-6900

Access: 7-min. walk from Kamiyacho Sta. on Subway Hibiya Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 26–Jan. 4

Admission: Free.

Materials showing the history of the development of radio and TV broadcasting in Japan.

Sumo Museum (相撲博物館)

1-3-28, Yokoami, Sumida-ku, Tokyo (in Kokugikan 1F)

Tel. (03)3622-0366

Access: 1-min. walk from Ryogoku Sta. West exit in the Kokugikan Sumo Hall compound.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Sat., Sun. and national holidays, late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** Free. (During tournaments, only those with Sumo tickets can get in).

Records and documents concerning the history of Sumo (Japanese wrestling) since the 18th century.

Ukiyo-e Ota Memorial Museum of Art (太田記念美術館)

1-10-10, Jingumae, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)3403-0880

Access: 3-min. walk from Meiji-Jingumae Sta. on Subway Chiyoda Line or Harajuku Sta.

Open: 10:30–17:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and 27th—the last day of each month, and Dec. 20–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥700 or ¥1,000 (depends on exhibition).

A large collection of Ukiyo-e woodblock prints collected by Seizo Ota.

The Okura Shukokan Museum (大倉集古館)

2-10-3, Toranomom, Minato-ku, Tokyo (in front of Hotel Okura front entrance)

Tel. (03)3583-0781

Access: 8-min. walk from Subway Tameike Sanno Sta. on Subway Ginza Line or Namboku Line. 8-min. walk from Kamiyacho Sta. on Subway Hibiya Line or 10-min. walk from Toranomom Sta. on Subway Ginza Line.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥800.

Fine arts and crafts of ancient Japan and other Asian countries.

Paper Museum (紙の博物館)

1-1-3, Oji, Kita-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)3916-2320

Access: 5-min. walk from Oji Sta. South exit on kehin tohoku line.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥300.

Various kinds of Japanese paper. Products and utensils for the making of handmade paper.

Photography Museum (東京都写真美術館)

1-13-3, Mita, Meguro-ku, Tokyo (in Ebisu garden place)

Tel. (03)3280-0099

Access: 8-min. walk from Ebisu Sta. east exit on JR Yamanote line.

Open: 10:00–18:00, 10:00–20:00 (Thur. & Fri.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 29–Jan. 1. **Admission:** Depends on exhibition.

Science Museum (科学技術館)

2-1, Kitanomaru-koen, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo (in Kitanomaru Park)

Tel. (03)3212-8544

Access: 5-min. walk from Takebashi or Kudanshita Sta. on Subway Tozai Line.

Open: 9:30–16:50. (enter before 16:00) **Closed:** Dec. 29–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥600.

The latest in machinery.

Suntory Museum of Art (サントリー美術館) will open on Mar. 31, 2007

9-7-4, Akasaka, Minato-ku, Tokyo

Tel. (03)3479-8600

Access: 0-min. walk from Roppongi Sta. on Subway Oedo and Hibiya Line or 3-min. walk from Nogizaka Sta. on Chiyoda Line or 8-min. walk from Roppongi-itchome Sta. on Namboku Line.

Open: 10:00–18:00 (Sun., Mon. & national holiday), 10:00–20:00 (Wed.–Sat.) **Closed:** Tue., (Wed.)* & Jan. 1. **Admission:** varies according to the exhibition.

With the theme of "Art in Life", this museum will feature Japanese art.

URL: <http://www.suntory.com/culture-sports/sma/index.html>

Tobacco and Salt Museum (たばこと塩の博物館)

1-16-8, Jinnan, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3476-2041

Access: 8-min. walk from JR or Subway Shibuya Sta. or 10-min. walk from Harajuku Sta.

Open: 10:00–18:00. **Closed:** Mon., (Tue.)* 1st Tue. of Jun. and Dec. 29–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥100. ¥300 for special exhibition.

Items and documents relating to smoking and salt. There are special exhibits such as “Ukiyo-e prints depicting smoking customs” on the 4th floor.

Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum (東京都庭園美術館)
5-21-9, Shirokanedai, Minato-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3443-0201

Access: 7-min. walk from the East Exit of Meguro Sta.

Open: 10:00–18:00. **Closed:** 2nd & 4th Wed. (Thur.)* Dec. 28–Jan. 3.

Admission: Depends on the exhibition. Garden/¥200.

Former residence of the late Prince Asaka. The interior of the building is a masterpiece of the Art-Deco style. The home is closed between exhibitions except for a certain period during winter.

Hara Museum of Contemporary Art (原美術館)

4-7-25, Kita-Shinagawa, Shinagawa-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3445-0651

Access: 15-min. walk from Shinagawa Sta. Takanawa exit.

Open: 11:00–17:00; 11:00–20:00(Wed.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

Collection of paintings and sculptures from 1950 to the present by leading artists of the United States, Europe and Japan.

Tsubouchi Memorial Theater Museum, Waseda University (早稲田大学坪内博士記念演劇博物館)

Waseda University, 1-6-1, Nishi-Waseda, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)5286-1829

Access: 6-min. walk from Waseda Sta. on Subway Tozai Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Mon., Wed., Thur., Sat. & Sun.); 10:00–19:00 (Tue. & Fri.). **Closed:** National holidays, and following Sundays, summer, winter and spring vacations and Oct. 21. **Admission:** Free. (Note: Enquiry needed before visiting.)

Items and documents related to Noh and Kabuki drama as well as Shakespearean theatre.

Yamatane Museum of Art (山種美術館)

1F Sanban-cho KS Bldg., 2, Sanban-cho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3239-5911

Access: 10-min. walk from Subway Hanzomon Sta. or 12-min. walk from Kudanshita Sta. on Subway Tozai Line or Toei Shinjuku Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥800.

Japanese paintings of Meiji Period to the present.

Byobu Museum (屏風博物館)

1-31-6, Mukojima, Sumida-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3622-4470

Access: 5-min. walk from Honjo Azumabashi Sta. on Subway Toei Asakusa Line. **Open:** 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Sun., national holidays and the 2nd and 4th Sat. of the month from Mar. to Oct., Dec. 28–Jan. 5. **Admission:** Free.

The city of Sumida has 23 “small museums,” where individuals and corporations exhibit rare industrial products, materials and technical expertise which have helped in the cultural

building of the city. This Byobu Museum is one of these mini museums and is a showroom for the Kataoka Byobu workshop. Byobu is a traditional Japanese folding screen. Tools and items for the manufacturing process are explained in an easy-to-understand manner. Folding screens produced in the workshop are on display and are for sale.

Edo-Tokyo Open-Air Architectural Museum (江戸東京たてもの園)

3-7-1, Sakura-cho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo
Tel. (042)388-3300

Access: 7 min. by bus from Musashi-Koganei Sta. to Edo Tokyo Tatemono-en Bus Stop, then 3-min. walk.

Open: 9:30–17:30 (9:30–16:30, Oct.–Mar.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan.4. **Admission:** ¥400.

In 7 ha. of the Koganei Park, structures inheriting the history and culture of Edo-Tokyo structures have been famous for its portal and reconstructed. Presently, various houses and structures are under restoration, and about 27 structures are completed and exhibited.

The National Showa Memorial Museum (昭和館)

1-6-1, Kudanminami, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3222-2577

Access: 1-min. walk from Kudanshita Sta. on Subway Tozai Line, Hanzomon Line or Toei Shinjuku Line.

Open: 10:00–17:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥300.

This museum collects, stores and exhibits historical documents and information about the difficulties experienced by families of the war dead during and after World War .

National Museum of Emerging Science and Innovation (日本科学未来館)

2-41-3, Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo
Tel. (03)3570-9151

Access: 5-min. walk from Fune-no-Kagakukan Sta. or Telecom Center Sta. on Yurikamome Monorail.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Last admission:16:30) **Closed:** Tue. (unless it's a public holiday) and Dec. 28 - Jan.1. several days for maintenance. **Admission:** ¥500.

Opened in July 2001. Here, visitors can experience the latest developments in science and technology by hands-on exhibits, participating in various events, and meeting scientists and technicians.

Ghibli Museum, Mitaka (三鷹の森ジブリ美術館)

1-1-83, Shimo-renjaku, Mitaka, Tokyo
URL: <http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/>

Access: 15 min. on foot from Mitaka Sta. South exit on JR Chuo Line.

Open: 10:00–18:00. **Closed:** every Tue. (open when Tue. falls on a national holiday, and close the following day) and a few occasions. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

Entrance to the museum is strictly by advance purchase of a reserved ticket which specifies the appointed date and time of the reservation. Reserved tickets can be purchased only at LAWSON convenience stores. Reservation tickets (admission vouchers) are available in Hong Kong, Taiwan and Korea from designated local travel agencies of each country.

This museum was created by Hayao Miyazaki, master of Japanese animation. Visitors are welcomed by Totoro and other characters from his animation films. A must-visit for his fans.

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Japan Open-air Folkhouse Museum (日本民家園)

7-1-1, Masugata, Tama-ku, Kawasaki, Kanagawa Pref.
Tel. (044)922-2181

Access: 13-min. walk from Mukogaoka-yuen Sta. on Odakyu Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30. (Nov.–Feb.) 9:30–17:00 (Apr.–Oct.)
Closed: Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4.

Admission: ¥500.

Outdoor museum featuring old and rare Japanese farmhouses.

Silk Museum (シルク博物館)

2F, Silk Center Bldg., 1, Yamashita-cho, Naka-ku, Yokohama,

Kanagawa Pref.

Tel. (045)641-0841

Access: 15-min. walk from Kannai Sta., Sakuragicho Sta. or Ishikawacho Sta. on JR or Yokohama-Shiei Subway.

Open: 9:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4.

Admission: ¥500 (depends on exhibition).

Various kinds of silk goods and educational materials relating to silk.

Kanagawa Prefectural Kanazawa-Bunko Museum (神奈川県立金沢文庫)

142, Kanazawa-cho, Kanazawa-ku, Yokohama, Kanagawa Pref.

Tel. (045)701-9069

Access: 10-min. walk from Kanazawa-Bunko Sta. on Keihin-Kyuko Line.

Open: 9:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, Dec. 29–Jan. 3 and a few days in every other month for change of exhibits and the day following national holidays. **Admission:** ¥250.

Sculpture, paintings, calligraphy, historical documents and a large library of Chinese and Japanese classics. This Kanazawa Bunko was founded about 1260 by the Hojo family.

Kamakura Museum (鎌倉国宝館)

2-1-1, Yukinoshita, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. (in the precincts of Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine)

Tel. (0467)22-0753

Access: 15-min. walk from Kamakura Sta. east exit on Yokosuka Line.

Open: 9:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, late Dec.–early Jan. and several days for change of exhibitions. **Admission:** ¥300. Paintings, sculpture and other art objects of the 12th–16th centuries.

The Museum of Modern Art, Kanagawa (神奈川県立近代美術館)

Kamakura-kan 2-1-53, Yukinoshita, Kamakura, Kanagawa Pref. (in the precincts of Tsurugaoka Hachimangu Shrine)

Tel. (0467)22-5000

Access: 13-min. walk from Kamakura Sta.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan., the day following national holidays and several days every three months for change of exhibitions. **Admission:** Depends on exhibition.

Japanese and foreign art: paintings, sculpture and prints from the 19th century to the present.

John Lennon Museum (ジョン・レノン・ミュージアム)

Saitama Super Arena, 8, Shintoshin, Chuo-ku, Saitama Pref.

Tel. (048)601-0009

Access: 3-min. walk from Saitama-Shintoshin Sta.

Open: 11:00–18:00. **Closed:** Tue. (open when Tue. falls on a national holiday, and close the following Wed.) and Year-end & New Year's holiday. **Admission:** ¥1,500.

The first permanent John Lennon Museum in the world is located on the 4th and 5th floors of Saitama Super Arena.

Art Tower Mito Contemporary Art Gallery (水戸芸術館・現代美術センター)

1-6-8, Goken-machi, Mito, Ibaraki Pref.

Tel. (029)227-8111

Access: 7 min. by bus from Mito Sta. on Joban Line to Izumi-machi 1-chome Bus Stop, then 3-min. walk.

Open: 9:30–18:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥800.

Contemporary art gallery that specializes in planning exhibitions of modern art, actively taking up modern arts expressed by contemporary artists.

The Museum of Modern Art, Saitama (埼玉県立近代美術館)

9-30-1, Tokiwa, Urawa-ku Saitama

Tel. (048)824-0111

Access: 3-min. walk from Kitaurawa Sta. West exit on Keihin Tohoku Line.

Open: 10:00–17:30. (–20:00 on Fri.) **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** Free for regular exhibition.

This museum is located inside of Saitama Prefectural Kitaurawa Park. The building has a simple rectangular appearance. Exhibited works are mainly from Saitama Prefecture, but there are other works not only from Japan but also from other countries. It holds planning exhibitions under its original theme about 5 times a year.

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The Hakone Open-Air Museum (彫刻の森美術館)

1121 Ninotaira, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref.

Tel. (0460)82-1161

Access: 2-min. walk from Chokoku-no-mori Sta. on Hakone-Tozan Railway.

Open: 9:00–17:00 (Mar.–Nov.); 9:00–16:00 (Dec.–Feb.). **Admission:** ¥1,600 including The Picasso Museum.

A collection of late 19th and 20th century sculpture by Western and Japanese artists. Public Art & Open-air Exhibition make visitors join playing with arts.

Hakone Art Museum (箱根美術館)

1300, Gora, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref.

Tel. (0460)82-2623

Access: 1-min. walk from Koen-kami Cable Car Stop. Cable car leaves from Gora Sta. on Hakone-Tozan Railway.

Open: 9:30–16:30 (Apr.–Nov.); 9:30–16:00 (Dec.–Mar.). **Closed:** Thur. (except national holidays). Dec. 25–Dec. 31, Jan. 4–Jan. 14 **Admission:** ¥900.

A collection of pottery and porcelain from Japan. Bamboo and moss garden in the museum grounds.

Narukawa Art Museum (成川美術館)

570, Moto-hakone, Hakone-machi, Ashigarashimo-gun, Kanagawa Pref.

Tel. (0460)83-6828

Access: 40 min. by bus from Hakone-yumoto Sta. on JR line to Moto-hakone Bus Stop.

Open: Daily. 9:00–17:00. **Admission:** ¥1,200.

Commanding a panoramic view of Lake Ashi and Mt. Fuji, Narukawa Art Museum is a unique museum showing only modern Japanese-style paintings. More than 4,000 paintings are displayed.

ATAMI

MOA Museum of Art (MOA美術館)

26-2, Momoyama-cho, Atami, Shizuoka Pref.

Tel. (0557)84-2511

Access: 10 min. by bus, 5 min. by taxi from Atami Sta. on JR Tokaido Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30. **Closed:** Thur. (Open when Thur. falls on a national holiday). **Admission:** ¥1,600.

Collection of Japanese and Chinese art objects belonging to Mokichi Okada.

CENTRAL HONSHU

The Utsukushigahara Open-Air Museum (美ヶ原高原美術館)

Utsukushigahara-Kogen, Kamihoniri, Takeshi-mura, Chiisagata-gun, Nagano Pref.

Tel. (0268)86-2331

Access: 1 hr. 20 min. by bus from Matsumoto Sta. on JR line or 1 hr. by bus from Ueda Sta. on JR line.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mid Nov.–Mid Apr. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

Collection of contemporary sculpture. Lots of world-wide events are held. Visitors can feel arts by touching and exercising.

Nagano Prefectural Shinano Art Museum Higashiyama Kaii Gallery (長野県立信濃美術館・東山魁夷館)

Joyama Koen nai, 1-4-4, Hako-shimizu, Nagano, Nagano pref.

Tel. (026)232-0052

Access: 10 min. by bus for Zenkoji from Nagano Sta. on JR line, get off at Joyama Koen-mae Bus Stop, then walk 2 min.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Wed., the day following a national holiday and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥500.

More than 900 paintings donated from famous painter, Kaii Higashiyama are displayed. Other art works of local artists are

also put on display.

Museum of Sake (酒の博物館)

Onsen kyo, 2811, Oaza-taira, Omachi, Nagano Pref.
Tel. (0261)22-1942

Access: 20 min. by bus for Ogisawa from Shinano Omachi Sta. on Oito Line.

Open: 9:00–17:30 (Nov.1–Apr. 24 9:00–17:00). **Closed:** Thu. (Fri.)* **Admission:** ¥400.

More than 500 traditional tools for making sake and 1500 bottles of sake are displayed. There is also a tasting room.

The Tokugawa Art Museum (徳川美術館)

1017, Tokugawa-cho, Higashi-ku, Nagoya, Aichi Pref.
Tel. (052)935-6262

Access: 20min. by bus from Nagoya Station exit 9 (bus stop No. 7), and get off "Tokugawaen" shindeki bus stop. Then 3 min. walk.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* & mid Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥1,200. Please confirm that it is open before visiting. This museum was established in 1935. Heirloom objects of the Tokugawa family, so called "daimyo dogu" are displayed as they were. The collection counts more than 10,000 objects. Main gallery holds monthly planned exhibitions.

Museum Meiji-mura (博物館明治村)

1, Uchiyama, Inuyama, Aichi Pref.
Tel. (0568)67-0314

Access: 20 min. by bus from Inuyama Sta. on Meitetsu Inuyama Line.

Open: 9:30–17:00 (Mar.–Oct.); 9:30–16:00 (Nov.–Feb.)
Closed: Mon. (Dec.–Feb.), Dec.31. **Admission:** ¥1,800.

about 70 buildings of the Meiji and Taisho Period (1868–1926) in a large landscaped park.

Hida Folklore Village (飛騨民俗村)

1-590, Kamiokamoto-cho, Takayama, Gifu Pref.
Tel. (0577)34-4711

Access: 30 min. by bus from Takayama Sta. on JR line.

Open: 8:30–17:00. **Admission:** ¥700.

The village is composed of several old Japanese farmhouses in Gassho-zukuri style moved from villages in the Hida district. Many traditional articles are preserved in each house.

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art (石川県立美術館)

2-1, Dewa-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa Pref. (beside Kenrokuen Park)
Tel. (0762)31-7580

Access: 20 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Late Dec.–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥350. Old Japanese paintings, lacquerware, textiles and Kutani ware. Oil-paintings, sculptures, Japanese-style paintings and art by modern and contemporary artists residing or once resided in Ishikawa Prefecture.

Seisonkaku (成巽閣)

1-2, Kenrokumachi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa Pref. (in Kenrokuen Park, near Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art)
Tel. (0762)21-0580

Access: 15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. on JR line.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Wed. and Dec. 29–Jan. 2. **Admission:** ¥600.

A collection of objects belonging to the Maeda family, the feudal lord of the region, displayed in a large Japanese-style house built in 1863. The name of this castle comes from "tatsumi" located at south-east of Kanazawa-castle.

National Museum of Japanese History (国立歴史民俗博物館)

117, Jonai-cho, Sakura, Chiba Pref.
Tel. (043)486-0123

Access: 15 min. by bus from Sakura Sta. on JR Sobu line to Kokuritsu Hakubutsu-kan- mae Bus Stop.

Open: 9:30–17:00 (Mar.–Sep.); 9:30–16:30 (Oct.–Feb.).
Closed: Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 27–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥420.

This museum supports systematic research, collection, preservation and exhibition of Japanese history and culture. Exhibitions are picked up from the course of Japanese history and culture, and are arranged on the base of specific themes for each period with an emphasis on the daily lives of the Japanese.

International Design Center Design Museum (国際デザインセンターデザインミュージアム)

4F, Nadia Park Design Center Buiding, 3-18-1, Sakae, Naka-ku, Nagoya, Aichi Pref.
Tel. (052)265-2100

Access: 8-min. walk from Sakae Sta. on Subway Higashiyama Line. 5-min. walk from Yabacho Sta. on Meijo Line.

Open: 11:00–20:00. **Closed:** Tue. **Admission:** ¥300.

International Design Center, aiming to be a stimulation for new design, holds a permanent exhibition as part of its activities. Along with various completed design works as furniture or tableware, it also shows works in making sources of ideas and the histories.

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*Unless it is other wise mentioned, for access to the museum and art galleries in Kyoto, please take Kyoto Bus (public bus) from JR Kyoto Station. In the box [] is the route no. of the bus.

Sado Research Center (茶道資料館)

1F & 2F, Urasenke Center, Horikawa-Teranouchi Agaru, Kamigyō-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)431-6474

Access: 100m from Horikawa-Teranouchi Bus Stop [9]

Open: 9:30–16:30. (enter before 16:00) **Closed:** Mon. and early Dec.–Jan. 7. **Admission:** ¥500 or ¥800. (depends on exhibitions)

Tea ceremony utensils are exhibited.

Chishaku-in Temple Storehouse (智積院収蔵庫)

Higashiyama-Shichijō, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto (on the grounds of Chishaku-in Temple)
Tel. (075)541-5361

Access: Near Higashiyama-nanajo Bus Stop [206].

Open: 9:00–16:00. **Closed:** Dec. 29–31. **Admission:** ¥500.

Japanese paintings on walls and screens of the Momoyama Period (1573–1615). Its Japanese garden is one of the best gardens in Kyoto.

Kyoto Prefectural Insho-Domoto Museum of Fine Arts

(京都府立堂本印象美術館)
26-3, Kamiyanagi-cho, Hirano, Kita-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)463-0007

Access: Near Ritsumeikan Daigaku-mae Bus Stop [50].

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4.

Admission: ¥500.

Japanese paintings, prints, ceramics by the famous artist, Domoto Insho (1891–1975).

Ike Taiga Art Museum (池大雅美術館)

57, Matsuomangoku-cho, Nishikyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)381-2832

Access: In front of Kokedera Bus Stop operated by Kyoto Bus.

Open: 10:00–16:00. **Closed:** Wed. except national holidays and Dec. 28–Jan. 2. **Admission:** ¥500.

Sumi-e (ink paintings) and calligraphy by Ike Taiga (1723–1776)

Kawai Kanjiro's House (河井寛次郎記念館)

569, Kanei-cho, Gojozaka, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)561-3585

Access: 2-min. walk from Umamachi Bus Stop [206].

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, late Dec.–early Jan. and Aug. 11–20. **Admission:** ¥900.

Works of the famous potter, Kawai Kanjiro (1890–1966), the folkcraft objects used in his traditionally-styled Japanese house. His workroom and two kilns are preserved.

Kyoto Municipal Museum of Art (京都市美術館)

124, Enshoji-cho, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto (in Okazaki Park)
Tel. (075)771-4107

Access: In front of Kyoto Kaikan Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop [5].

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Open when Mon. falls on a national holiday) and Dec. 28–Jan. 2. **Admission:** ¥400~. (depends on exhibition)

Works of modern Japanese artists. Predominantly Japanese

paintings of the Kyoto School.

Kyoto Museum of Traditional Crafts Fureaikan (京都伝統産業ふれあい館)

Miyako Messe, 9-1, Seishoji-cho, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)762-2670

Access: 2-min. walk from Kyoto Kaikan Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop [5].

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Dec. 29–Jan. 3. **Admission:** Free. Kyoto's traditional crafts such as Nishijin textiles, Yuzen products, bamboo crafts and dancing fans are exhibited.

Kyoto National Museum (京都国立博物館)

527, Chaya-machi, Higashiyama-ku, Kyoto (near Sanjusangendo Hall 三十三間堂)
Tel. (075)525-2473

Access: In front of Hakubutsukan-Sanjusangendo-mae Bus Stop [206] or [208].

Open: 9:30–17:00. 9:30–18:00 (except Mon., Fri. and during special exhibitions) 9:30–20:00 (Fri. during special exhibitions). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥500 (permanent exhibition / Free of charge on 2nd & 4th Sat. for the permanent exhibition).

Fine arts and archaeology of Japan, mainly from the museum's collection. Many exhibits include art treasures from shrines and temples in and around Kyoto.

The Museum of Kyoto (京都文化博物館)

Sanjo-Takakura, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)222-0888

Access: 5-min. walk from Karasuma-Oike Sta. 5th exit on Subway Karasuma Line.

Open: 10:00–19:30. (depends on exhibition) **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 3.

Admission: ¥500~ (depends on exhibition).

Kyoto Prefecture's cultural properties are exhibited.

The National Museum of Modern Art, Kyoto (京都国立近代美術館)

Enshoji-cho, Okazaki, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto (in Okazaki Park)
Tel. (075)761-4111

Access: In front of Kyoto Kaikan Bijutsukan-mae Bus Stop [5].

Open: 9:30–17:00., 9:30–20:00 (Fri. from mid Apr.–mid Sep. during special exhibitions) **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥800 (depends on exhibition).

Contemporary arts of Japan and other countries.

The Raku Museum (楽美術館)

Aburanokoji, Nakadachiuri Agaru, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)414-0304

Access: 5-min. walk from Horikawa Nakadachiuri Bus Stop [50] or [9].

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Open on National holidays) and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥700~ (depends on exhibition).

Collection of ceramic arts handed down through the Raku family and implements related to the tea ceremony.

Sen-Oku Hakuko Kan (Sumitomo Collection) (泉屋博古館)

24, Shimo-Miyanomae-cho, Shishigatani, Sakyo-ku, Kyoto
Tel. (075)771-6411

URL: <http://www.sen-oku.or.jp>

Access: 5-min. walk from Higashi Tenno-cho Bus Stop [5].

Open: 10:00–16:30 (Mar.–Jun., Sep.–Nov.). **Closed:** Dec.–Feb., Jul., Aug., Mon. and national holidays (Open when Sun. falls on a national holiday). **Admission:** ¥730.

Mainly Chinese fine arts.

Toji Treasure House (東寺宝物館)

1, Kujo-cho, Minami-ku, Kyoto (on the grounds of Toji Temple)
Tel. (075)691-3325

Access: 15-min. walk from the Southwest Exit of Kyoto Sta. (Hachijoguchi Exit).

Open: 9:00–17:30 (Mar. 20–Sep. 19), 9:00–16:30 (Sep. 20–Mar. 19) **Admission:** ¥500 (depends on exhibition).

Buddhist statues, paintings, sutras and other objects belonging to the temple.

Miho Museum (ミホミュージアム)

300, Momodani, Shigaraki-cho, Koga-city, Shiga Pref.
Tel. (0748)82-3411

URL: <http://www.miho.jp>

Access: 20 min. by taxi from Shigaraki Sta. on Shigaraki-Kogen Tetsudo. 35 min. by taxi from Ishiyama Sta., Seta Sta. or Kusatsu Sta. on Tokaido Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. and Dec. 16–Mar. 14. **Admission:** ¥1,000.

This museum is built so as to melt into the mountains of Shigaraki. More than 80 percent of the building is underground in order to best restore the mountain to its former state. This created a space with a lot of light. More than 2000 fine arts of Nara and the Heian period as well as modern times, including 5 Important Cultural Properties, are displayed.

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Horyuji Daihozo in Gallery of Temple Treasures (法隆寺大宝蔵殿)

1-1, Horyuji-sannai, Ikaruga-cho, Ikoma-gun, Nara Pref. (on the grounds of Horyuji Temple)
Tel. (0745)75-2555

Access: 20-min. walk from Horyuji Sta. on Kansai Line.

Open: Throughout the year 8:00–17:00 (Feb. 22–Nov. 3); 8:00–16:30 (Nov. 4–Feb. 21). **Admission:** ¥1,000

Buddhist statues, shrines and other works of Buddhist art belonging to Horyuji Temple.

Kofukuji National Treasure House (興福寺国宝館)

48, Noborioji-cho, Nara (on the grounds of the Kofukuji Temple)
Tel. (0742)22-7755

Access: 7-min. walk from Kintetsu Nara Sta.

Open: Throughout the year 9:00–17:00. **Admission:** ¥500.

Buddhist statues, which are National Treasures, and sculptures of the Nara (710–784) and Kamakura Periods (1192–1333)

Nara City Museum of Photography (奈良市写真美術館)

600-1, Takabatake-cho, Nara
Tel. (0742)22-9811

Access: 6 min. by bus from Nara Sta., get off at Wariishi-cho Bus Stop, then walk 10 min.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon., and the day following a national holiday and Dec. 27–Jan. 3. **Admission:** ¥500.

This museum mainly exhibits Taikichi Irie's (1905-1992) work.

Nara National Museum (奈良国立博物館)

50, Noborioji-cho, Nara
Tel. (0742)22-7771

Access: 15-min. walk from Kintetsu Nara Sta.

Open: 9:30–17:00, (9:30–19:00, Fri. & the last week of Apr.–the last week of Oct.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥500.

The best Buddhist arts in Japan, in the possession of temples in the Nara area.

Nara Prefectural Museum of Art (奈良県立美術館)

10-6, Noborioji-cho, Nara
Tel. (0742)23-3968

Access: 5-min. walk from Kintetsu Nara Sta.

Open: 9:00–17:00. 9:00–21:00 (Fri. & Sat. for special exhibition). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** Depends on exhibition.

Old Japanese paintings, textiles, and contemporary arts of Japan and other countries.

Neiraku Museum (寧楽美術館)

74, Suimon-cho, Nara
Tel. (0742)22-2173

Access: 15-min. walk from Kintetsu Nara Sta.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Tue. (Open when Tue. falls on a national holiday, but closed on the following day.) the year-end & new year's holiday. Aug. 13–Aug. 14. **Admission:** ¥600.

Ancient Chinese bronzes, 10th–12th century Korean celadon, and a number of important Japanese art objects. Isuien, the Japanese landscape garden, is opposite the museum.

Shosoin Treasure Repository (正倉院校倉)

129, Zoshi-cho, Nara
Tel. (0742)26-2811

Only the exterior can be viewed. Located in the northwestern part of Daibutsuden Hall

Access: 5-min. walk from Imarkoji Bus Stop (Departs from Kintetsu Nara Sta.)

Open: 10:00–15:00. **Closed:** Sat., Sun., national holidays, and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** Free.

Precious art works of the late Nara Period (710–784). Many of these objects formerly belonged to Emperor Shomu. Some are shown to the public annually at Nara National Museum for a short period between late Oct. and early Nov.

Toshodaiji Treasure House (唐招提寺新宝蔵)

13-14, Gojo-cho, Nara (on the grounds of Toshodaiji Temple)
Tel. (0742)33-7900

Access: 10-min. walk from Nishinokyo Sta. on Kintetsu

Kashihara Line.

Open: Throughout the year 8:30–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30). **Admission:** ¥700 (including temple).

Buddhist statues, paintings and art objects, which are Important Cultural Properties of the Nara Period (710–784). The statue of Ganjin, normally housed in a separate building, is usually shown only at the time of the temple festival, from June 5 to 7.

The Museum Yamatobunkakan (大和文華館)

1-11-6, Gakuen-Minami, Nara
Tel. (0742)45-0544

Access: 7-min. walk from Gakuen-mae Sta. on Kintetsu Nara Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:00). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥600 or ¥900. (depends on exhibition)

Art objects—paintings, sculpture, ceramics, lacquerware, prints, textiles—of Japan, China, Korea and other Asian countries.

OSAKA & VICINITY**Fujita Museum of Art** (藤田美術館)

10-32, Amijimacho, Miyakojima-ku, Osaka
Tel. (06)6351-0582

Access: 2-min. walk from Osaka-jo-Kitazume Sta. 3rd. exit on Tozai Line.

Open: 10:00–16:30 (early Mar.–early Jun., mid Sep.–early Dec.). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥800.

Japanese and Chinese fine arts and crafts. Many objects are related to the tea ceremony.

Open Air Museum of Old Japanese Farm Houses (日本民家集落博物館)

1-2, Hattori Ryokuchi, Toyonaka, Osaka Pref.
Tel. (06)6862-3137

Access: 15-min. walk from Ryokuchi-koen Sta. on Kita-Osaka Kyuko Railway.

Open: 9:30–17:00 (enter by 16:30) **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 11–Jan. 4 **Admission:** ¥500

Old Japanese farmhouses have been reassembled and put on display in a village setting.

Mint Museum (造幣博物館)

1-1-79, Temma, Kita-ku, Osaka (in the grounds of the Osaka Mint Bureau)
Tel. (06)6351-8509

Access: 15-min. walk from Minami-Morimachi Sta. on Subway Tanimachi Line or Sakaisuji Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30 (enter by 16:00) **Closed:** Sat., Sun. and national holidays. late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** Free.

Japanese coins from the feudal days to the present times.

The National Museum of Art, Osaka (国立国際美術館)

4-2-55, Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka, Osaka Pref.
Tel. (06)6447-4680

Access: 10-minutes walk from Fukushima Sta. on Hanshin Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00 **Closed:** Mon., (Tue.)* Dec. 28–Jan. 4. and several days for changing exhibitions. **Admission:** ¥420.

Contemporary paintings and other works of the East and West.

National Museum of Ethnology (国立民族学博物館)

10-1, Senri-Bampaku-Koen, Suita, Osaka Pref. (in Expo Park)
Tel. (06)6876-2151

Access: 15-min. walk from Bampaku-Kinen-Koen Sta. on Osaka monorail.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30). **Closed:** Wed. and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. (Open when Wed. falls on a national holiday, but closed on the following day.). **Admission:** ¥420 (depends on exhibition).

Display of artifacts from Japan and other countries and booths for individual viewing of films relating to the exhibits.

Japan Folk Crafts Museum of Osaka (大阪日本民芸館)

10-5, Senri-Bampaku-Koen, Suita, Osaka Pref. (in Expo Park)
Tel. (06)6877-1971

Access: 15-min. walk from Bampaku-Kinen-Koen Sta. on Osaka monorail.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (ticket sales end at 16:30). **Closed:** Wed. (Open when Wed. falls on a national holiday, but closed on the following day.). **Admission:** ¥700.

Japanese folk craft objects that have been chosen with great care for their representativeness.

Osaka Museum of History (大阪歴史博物館)

1-32 Otemae 4-chome, Otemae, Chuo-ku, Osaka
Tel. (06) 6946-5728

Access: Subway Tanimachi and Chuo Line, Tanimachi 4-chome Station, Close to Exit [9] **Open:** 9:30–17:00 (Fridays 9:30–20:00) (Last admission: 30 minutes prior to closing)

Closed: Tue. (open when Tue. falls on a national holiday, and closed the following day) 28 Dec.–4 Jan. **Admission:** ¥600.

Materials and records connected with the history, economy, and culture of Osaka.

Osaka Municipal Museum of Art (大阪市立美術館)

1-82, Chausuyama-cho, Tennoji-ku, Osaka (in Tennoji Park)
Tel. (06)6771-4874

Access: 5-min. walk from Tennoji Sta. on JR Kansai Line, or Osaka Loop Link Subway Midousuji or Tanimachi Line.

Open: 9:30–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥300 (depends on exhibition up to) ¥1,500.

Japanese, Chinese, and Korean art objects, both ancient and modern.

Osaka Museum of Natural History (大阪市立自然史博物館)

1-23, Nagai-koen, Higashi-Sumiyoshi-ku, Osaka (in Nagai Park)
Tel. (06)6697-6221

Access: 10-min. walk from Nagai Sta. south 3rd. exit on Subway Midousuji Line.

Open: 9:30–16:30 Last Admission: 16:00). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥300 (depends on exhibition).

Specimens for natural science studies.

Modern Transportation Museum (交通科学博物館)

3-11-10, Namiyoke, Minato-ku, Osaka
Tel. (06)6581-5771

Access: Near Bentencho Sta. on Osaka Loop Line. or Subway Chuo Line.

Open: 10:00–17:30. (Last admission: 17:00) **Closed:** Mon. (open daily during spring holiday season and summer holiday season). Dec. 29–Jan. 2 **Admission:** ¥400.

Various items relating to air, land, and sea transportation and more specifically to the modernizing of the Japanese National Railways.

KOBE & VICINITY**Hakutsuru Art Museum** (白鶴美術館)

6-1-1, Sumiyoshi-Yamate, Higashi-Nada-ku, Kobe, Hyogo Pref.

Tel. (078)851-6001

Access: 15-min. walk from Mikage Sta. on Hankyu Line.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and the day following national holidays.

Admission: ¥800.

Chinese bronzes, ceramics, lacquerware, and ancient Japanese art objects.

Hyogo Prefectural Museum (兵庫県立美術館)

1-1-1, Kaigan-dori, Wakihama, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo Pref. Tel.(078)262-0901

Access: 10-min. walk from JR Nada Sta. or 8-min. walk from Iwaya Sta. on Hanshin Line.

Open: 10:00–18:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, Dec. 28–Jan. 3 and several days for maintenance.

Admission: ¥500~.

Contemporary arts of Japan & other countries.

Opened Apr. 2002. The largest art museum in Western Japan, designed by Tadao Ando.

Kobe City Museum (神戸市立博物館)

24, Kyo-machi, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (078)391-0035

Access: 10-min. walk from Sannomiya Sta. on Tokaido-Sanyo Line, Hankyu Line or Hanshin Line.

Open: 10:00–17:00 (ticket sales end at 16:30). **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 4. **Admission:** ¥200 for the permanent exhibition (depends on exhibition).

Featuring the archaeology and history of Kobe. It also houses

a fine collection of 16th to 17th century Japanese paintings and art objects with Portuguese and Spanish influences (Namban Art), Kohmoh or Dutch-influenced Art (17th to 19th centuries) and old maps.

Tekisui Art Museum (適翠美術館)

13-3, Yama-Ashiya-cho, Ashiya, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (0797)22-2228.

Access: 8-min. walk from Ashiyagawa Sta. on Hankyu Line.

Open: 10:00–16:00 (ticket sales end at 15:00). **Closed:** Mon., Jul.–early Sep. and Dec.–early Apr. **Admission:** ¥600.

Japanese art objects, collection of toys and games, tea ceremony utensils.

Disaster Reduction and Human Renovation Institution (阪神・淡路大震災記念 人と防災未来センター)

1-5-2, Kaigan-dori, Wakihama, Chuo-ku, Kobe, Hyogo Pref. Tel. (078)262-5050

Access: 8-min. walk from Iwaya Sta. on Hanshin Electric Railway or 11 min. by bus from Sannomiya Sta. on JR line.

Open: 9:30–17:30, 9:30–19:00 (Fri. & Sat.), 9:30–18:00 (From Jul. to Sep.) **Note:**Please enter 1 hr. before closing time. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)*, Dec. 31 & Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥500.

The museum contributes to a world-wide disaster reduction by the experience of Hanshin-Awaji Earthquake. By using an audio facility, a community space, library, pictures and films, visitors can experience the historical day.

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Bizen Pottery Traditional and Contemporary Art Museum (岡山県備前陶芸美術館)

1659-6, Imbe, Bizen, Okayama Pref. Tel. (0869)64-1400

Access: In front of Imbe Sta. on Ako Line.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* (Apr., May, Oct. & Nov. open daily) & Dec. 29–Jan. 3 **Admission:** ¥500.

A large collection of Bizen ware by contemporary potters.

Japanese Rural Toy Museum (日本郷土玩具館)

1-4-16, Chuo, Kurashiki, Okayama Pref. Tel. (086)422-8058

Access: 15-min. walk from Kurashiki Sta. on Sanyo Line.

Open: 9:00–17:00. (9:00–18:30 for shop & gallery) **Closed:** Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥500.

Old Japanese folk toys collected from all parts of the country.

The Fujiwara Kei Art Museum (藤原啓記念館)

3863 Honami, Bizen, Okayama Pref. Tel. (0869)67-0638

Access: 15 min. by bus from Imbe Sta. on JR Ako Line, get off at Koataika-mae Bus Stop, then walk 5 min.

Open: 10:00–16:30. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec.20–Jan.10. **Admission:** ¥500.

Bizen Pottery made by Kei Fujiwara and old Bizen pottery.

Kurashiki Archaeological Museum (倉敷考古館)

1-3-13, Chuo, Kurashiki, Okayama Pref. Tel. (086)422-1542

Access: 15-min. walk from Kurashiki Sta.

Open: 9:00–16:30 (Dec.–Feb.) (Last admission: 16:00), 9:00–17:00 (Mar.–Nov.). **Closed:** Mon. (Open when Mon. falls on a national holiday)*. **Admission:** ¥400.

Archaeological relics unearthed in the Inland Sea districts.

Kurashiki Museum of Folkcraft (倉敷民芸館)

1-4-11, Chuo, Kurashiki, Okayama Pref. Tel. (086)422-1637

Access: 15-min. walk from Kurashiki Sta.

Open: 9:00–17:00 (Mar.–Nov.), 9:00–16:15 (Dec.–Feb.). **Closed:** Mon. (when Mon. falls on a holiday, it is open) and Dec. 29–Jan. 1.

Admission: ¥700.

Folkcraft objects of Japan and other countries.

Ohara Museum of Art (大原美術館)

1-1-15, Chuo, Kurashiki, Okayama Pref. Tel. (0864)22-0005

Access: 13-min. walk from Kurashiki Sta.

Open: 9:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30). **Closed:** Mon.

(when Mon. falls on a holiday it is open)* and Dec. 28–Jan. 1.

Admission: ¥1,000.

The art museum exhibits Western paintings and sculpture of the 17th to 20th centuries, and the crafts museum displays contemporary Japanese ceramics, textiles, woodblock prints, etc.

Hiroshima Museum of Art (ひろしま美術館)

3-2, Moto-machi, Naka-ku, Hiroshima (in Chuo Park) Tel. (082)223-2530

Access: 15 min. by bus or streetcar from Hiroshima Sta. on JR Tokaido-Sanyo Line.

Open: 9:00–17:00 (Last admission: 16:30). **Closed:** late Dec.–early Jan. **Admission:** ¥1,000 (depends on exhibition).

Works of Impressionists and other European artists from the 19th century and also modern Japanese artists.

Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum (広島平和記念資料館)

1-2, Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima Tel. (082)241-4004

Access: 20 min. by bus from Hiroshima Sta.

Open: 8:30–18:00 (Mar.–Nov.), 8:30–19:00 (Aug.), 8:30–17:00 (Dec.–Feb.). **Closed:** Dec. 29–Jan. 1. **Admission:** ¥50.

Houses the official records of the 1945 Hiroshima atomic bombing.

Hiroshima National Peace Memorial Hall for the Atomic Bomb Victims (国立広島原爆死没者追悼平和祈念館)

1-6, Nakajima-cho, Naka-ku, Hiroshima Tel.(082)543-6271

Access: 6 min. walk from Genbaku Dome-mae sta. **Open:** 8:30–18:00 (Mar. 1–Jul. 31, Sep. 1–Nov. 30), 8:30–19:00 (Aug.), 8:30–17:00 (Dec 1–Feb. last day). **Closed:** Dec. 29–Jan. 1. **Admission:** Free.

This Memorial Hall is an effort by the Japanese national government to remember and mourn the sacred sacrifice of the atomic bomb victims. Temporary exhibition area has a collection of over 100 thousand atomic bomb memoirs and explanatory display apparatus. Victim's information area has the collection of the names and photographs of so many A-bomb victims.

Seto Inland Sea Folk History Museum (瀬戸内海歴史民俗資料館)

1412-2, Tarumi-cho, Takamatsu, Kagawa Pref. Tel. (087)881-4707

Access: 40 min. by bus for Shimokasai from Takamatsu Sta., get off at Yuzuriha Bus Stop, walk 25 min.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 29–Jan. 3.

Admission: ¥220.

Wooden fishing boats and all kinds of fishing gear, farm tools and archaeological items that have been excavated in and around Seto Inland Sea. The museum is located atop one of the hills of the Goshikidai region commanding a magnificent view over the Seto Inland Sea.

The Otsuka Museum of Art (大塚国際美術館)

65-1, Uraaza Fukuie, Tosadomari, Naruto-cho, Naruto, Tokushima Pref.

Tel. (088)687-3737

Access: 15 min. by bus bound for Naruto Koen from Naruto Sta., get off at Kosoku Naruto.

Open: 9:30–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* **Admission:** ¥3,150.

Using a special technique, ancient murals, carefully selected by 6 committees, and 1074 famous Western are reproducible paintings possessed by more than 190 museums in 25 countries are displayed at this museum.

The Isamu Noguchi Garden Museum Japan (イサム・ノグチ庭園美術館)

3519, Mure, Mure-cho, Kita-gun, Kagawa Pref.

Tel. (087)870-1500.

10 min. by taxi from Yashima Sta.

Open: 3 times a day 10:00, 13:00, 15:00. By appointment only.

Closed: Mon., Wed., Fri. and Sun. **Admission:** ¥2,100.

Along with more than 150 carvings, the removed and reconstructed pavilion selected by Isamu Noguchi, Isamu's house and designed carving garden create a huge "earthlike carving" work.

Hagi Urugami Museum (山口県立萩美術館・浦上記念館)

586-1, Hiyako, Hagi, Yamaguchi Pref.

Tel. (0838)24-2400

Access: Walk 20 min. from Higashi-Hagi Sta.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 25–Jan. 1.

Admission: depends on the exhibition.

Variety of "Ukiyoe" art works and ceramic art work given by Toshiro Urugami who was born and grew up in Hagi Town are exhibited.

Adachi Museum of Art (足立美術館)

320, Furukawa-cho, Yasugi, Shimane Pref.

Tel. (0854)28-7111

Access: Hourly shuttle bus service from and to JR Yasugi Sta. (free of charge, a 20-min. ride.)

Open: 9:00–17:30 from Apr. to Sep., 9:00–17:00 from Oct. to Mar. **Admission:** ¥2,200.

Works of Taikan Yokoyama and Japanese paintings produced after Meiji Period. Known also for its superb Japanese gardens.

KYUSHU & OKINAWA**Fukuoka Art Museum** (福岡市美術館)

1-6, Ohori-koen, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka (in Ohori Park)

Tel. (092)714-6051

Access: 10-min. walk from Ohori-Koen Sta. 3rd. exit on Subway Kuko Line.

Open: 9:30–17:30, 9:30–19:30 (Tue.–Sat. of Jul.–Aug.).

Closed: Mon. (Tue.)* and Dec. 28–Jan.4. **Admission:** ¥200 (depends on exhibition).

Objects once owned by the Kuroda family, the local feudal lord; the Matsunaga Collection, which is noted for its tea ceremony implements; and oil paintings from both Japan and the West.

Nagasaki Municipal Museum (長崎市立博物館)

Heiwa Kaikan, 7-8, Hirano-machi, Nagasaki

Tel. (095)845-8188

Access: 15 min. by streetcar from Nagasaki Sta., get off at Hamaguchi-machi Streetcar Stop, then walk 5 min.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon. and Dec. 29–Jan. 3.

Admission: ¥100.

Christian art and religious objects, porcelain from Holland, and copper bars and copperware from China collected during Japan's isolation period (1639–1854).

Okinawa Prefectural Museum (沖縄県立博物館)

1-1, Onakacho, Shuri, Naha, Okinawa Pref.

Tel. (098)884-2243

30 min. by bus bound for Ishimine Airport from Naha Airport Bus Terminal, get off at Shurijo Koen Iriguchi Bus Stop, then walk 3 min.

Open: 9:00–17:00. **Closed:** Mon., national holidays (Closed Tue. as well when Mon. falls on a national holiday.) (Open May 5). **Admission:** ¥210.

Art objects of the Okinawa islands including paintings, sculpture, pottery, clothing and lacquerware.

Nagasaki Atomic Bomb Museum (長崎原爆資料館)

7-8, Hirano-machi, Nagasaki

Tel. (095)844-1231

Access: 5-min. walk from Hamaguchi-machi Bus Stop and streetcar stops.

Open: 8:30–17:30 (Apr., Sep–Mar.), 8:30–18:30 (May.–Aug.). 8:30–20:00 (Aug. 7–9). **Closed:** Dec. 29–Dec. 31.

Admission: ¥200.

At this museum is shown the devastation of Nagasaki immediately after the atomic bombing and the reality of the damage with pictures and relics. In the exhibition room, a clock which stopped at 11:02, the exact time of the atomic bombing, and a picture of a boy whose entire back is burnt and other things are shown.

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