



# AKASAKA WALKING MAP

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# Spring in AKASAKA

Cherry tree buds expand in the warm sunlight, rapidly ushering in signs of spring in Akasaka. A group of Miharū Takisakura, weeping cherry trees, at Akasaka Sacas blossom first. This is followed by the cherry tree tunnel on Sakura-zaka Hill, Nogi Jinja Shrine, and Jodo-ji Temple, a seasonal flow of cherry blossoms.

**01** Visited by many entertainers on the day before spring starts  
**Toyokawainari Tokyo Betsu-in Temple**



This site houses the spirit of Toyokawainari worshipped by Oka Echizen no Kami Tadasuke in the Edo Period. It was moved to the current site from the Oka family estate in Akasaka in 1887 and has multiple sites of worship on the grounds, including the seven fukujin, Benzaiten, Kodakara Kannon, and Migawari Jizo. It also sells many charms and other amulets, and is a popular for all types of blessings.

1-4-7 Motoakasaka, Minato-ku

**03** Bringing flowers to the city, Akasaka Sacas  
**Akasaka Sacas**

This is a multi-faceted entertainment space with a variety of facilities, including TBS broadcast center, the live music venue Akasaka BLITZ, TBS Akasaka ACT theater, a playhouse, and Akasaka Biz Tower, which has offices and a wide range of restaurants. The Akasaka Sacas name has roots in the roughly 100 cherry trees that blossom (sakasu) in the area and the multiple hills (sakas) in Akasaka.

5-3-6 Akasaka, Minato-ku



**05** The cherry tree tunnel is a must-see in spring  
**Sakura-zaka Hill**



This is a gentle hill that stretches up from Roppongi, with the ANA Intercontinental Hotel Tokyo on the right. It was given this name because of a large cherry tree at the bottom of the hill prior to the war. Even now the line of trees on both sides of the road forms a wonderful cherry tree tunnel in the spring. It is worth swinging by from Roppongi-dori Avenue and getting refreshed.



The ryotei which still remains

**04** Closely tied to Japanese politicians  
**Akasaka Karyukai**  
 (high-end Japanese ryotei restaurant district)

Akasaka's Karyukai developed from the Meiji Period. It peaked in prosperity in prewar years through use by military, political and business leaders. Various political and business negotiations took place in this area in the postwar period because of its close proximity to the National Diet Building. It was often said that the area is the "inner room of the political world" and "political decisions are made in Akasaka." At its peak, the area had about 70 high-end Japanese ryotei restaurants and meeting rooms, and 400 geisha.

near 2chome Akasaka, Minato-ku



**02** Lively, splendid, charming  
 Connecting Akasaka to the present  
**Akasaka Odori**



Akasaka Odori is an annual event of dancing and music by an Akasaka geisha group cultivated through strict practice and events. In the past, the group rented out the Kabukiza Theatre for a week of shows. Even now with fewer ryotei and geisha, the geisha group gives a lively, splendid, and charming performing at Akasaka ACT Theater in March.

TICKET SPACE : 03-3243-9999



# Summer in AKASAKA

Akasaka is encompassed by beautiful green areas, including Akasaka Palace, the woods of Hikawa Jinja Shrine, the greenery of Teramachi, and park trees. The sound of cicadas from the greenery blends in with the summer heat. Visit Akasaka's restaurant area after walking in the sun. Make a toast with chilled beer!

Summer of AKASAKA Recommended Course  
 Geihinkan  
 Jodo-ji Temple  
 TBS Broadcasting Center  
 Hinokicho Park  
 [Distance]3km  
 [Time]45min



**01** Leading Western-style building from the Meiji Period  
**Geihinkan**



2-1-1 Motoakasaka, Minato-ku

This building was originally constructed as the Togu Palace for Emperor Taisho in 1909 when he was still the crown prince, inspired by the Palace of Versailles and other famous sites. The walls, ceilings, and carpets in each room contain works from painters and craftsmen who represent Japan. It was utilized as the National Diet Library after the war. It was converted to a state guest house (Geihinkan) for state visitors and others in 1974 and was designated as a national treasure in 2009.



**04** The beautiful Japanese Garden which can enjoy the change of the four season.  
**Hinokicho Park**

This is a public park located next to Tokyo Midtown and built at the same time. The Mori family estate was at this site in the Edo Period, and it was given this name because of the numerous hinoki in the area. The park features a small arbor that creates the feeling of Japanese garden, a large pond, a grass area and paths, and unique playground equipment. It is a spot loved by adults and children alike.



9-7-9 Akasaka, Minato-ku

Enjoy summer break in the city center  
**Midtown Loves Summer**

Tokyo Midtown holds various events each year to enjoy summer coolness as part of MIDTOWN ♥ SUMMER. These include ASHIMIZU, where you can rest your feet in a small stream and enjoy the coolness of the water, and SUMMER LIGHT GARDEN, an event with light fireworks in the summer night sky. Why not come and enjoy a cool summer time in Midtown, in the heart of the city?



This is the picture that the events were held in 2016

**02** Build ties with local residents through bon-odori  
**Jodo-ji Temple**



Jodo-ji Temple was founded in 1503 and moved to this site in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century. The summer's Jodo-ji bon-odori assembly is a lively seasonal event in Akasaka that attracts many people. The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary assembly takes place in 2017 and will feature a special program. The assembly has various events and this is an opportunity to deepen ties with the local area.

4-3-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku

**03** TBS (Tokyo Broadcasting) closely linked to Akasaka's history  
**TBS Broadcasting Center**



The arrival of televisions in homes after the war was a historical turning point. TBS moved to Akasaka in 1952 and has evolved along with Akasaka since then. Many entertainers and famous people created a lively environment in this area from past years. Additionally, local volunteers take care of more than 100,000 bees throughout the year on the roof of the TBS low-rise building as "Mitsubacheer - Akasaka BeeTown Project." This project contributes to environmental conservation, environmental learning for children, and activity in the area.

5-3-6 Akasaka, Minato-ku





# Autumn in AKASAKA

The festival at Hikawa Jinja Shrine is a major event for fall in Akasaka. Omikoshi and magnificent floats of the various neighborhood associations create a lively atmosphere on the shrine grounds. The area also has many spots with art to visit during the fall, such as Suntory Hall, Suntory Museum of Art, and TBS Akasaka ACT Theater.

**02** Quiet place for prayer in Akasaka  
**Daughters of St. Paul**



This is a spot where Catholic sisters live and pray located on a quiet residential street. The grounds include a chapel and space for work. Participants at prayer meetings are not only members of the Christian faith, but also local people. Prayer meetings take place at 7:00 pm on the first Saturday of the month. Feel free to stop by.

8-12-42 Akasaka, Minato-ku

**03** Collaboration with the National Art Center and Mori Art Museum  
**Suntory Museum of Art**

The Suntory Museum of Art opened in Marunouchi in 1961, moved to Akasaka-mitsuke 14 years later, and then moved to the current location in Tokyo Midtown in 2007. The museum's core theme is "beauty in daily life." It introduces famous works and items that reflect Japan's unique sense of beauty that appears in tools used on a daily basis and people's behavior. The museum has about 3,000 items, including one natural treasure. It holds planned exhibits 5-6 times a year.

Tokyo Midtown Galleria 3F, 9-7-4 Akasaka, Minato-ku



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6-10-12 Akasaka, Minato-ku

**01** Power spot for warding off trouble and matchmaking

**Akasaka Hikawa Jinja Shrine**

This is one of Tokyo's 10 most prominent shrines. The Reitaisai held on the second Saturday and Sunday of September every other year is a large-scale affair in which many floats and omikoshi parade through the streets. The shrine grounds become very lively with bon-odori and open-air stands of famous Akasaka stores. Autumn colors on the grounds are beautiful in late fall and a large ginkgo tree said to be 400 years old, which has been designated a natural treasure, turns to a gold color and its falling leaves create a yellow carpet.



**05** Hall with beautiful sound that is a prominent part of Japan's classical music history  
**Suntory Hall**

This is Japan's leading concert hall built with the concept of providing the "world's most beautiful sound." It holds over 600 events a year and more than 600,000 people come to listen to the refined sound. Every seat in the hall enjoys ideal sound quality thanks to the carefully designed ceiling, walls, and other structural features.



1-13-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku

\* Suntory Hall is closed for renovations during February 6 to August 31, 2017. It is scheduled to reopen on September 1.

**04** Excellent night in the city  
**Billboard Live Tokyo**

This is a live music venue located in Tokyo Midtown that has a liberating structure with open space from the third to fifth floor. Top Japanese and global artists offer a wide range of jazz, R&B, rock, J-POP, and other performances. There is a sophisticated atmosphere with a beautiful view, and carefully-selected alcoholic beverages and seasonal foods. Enjoy an excellent night in the city.

Tokyo Midtown Garden Terrace 4F, 9-7-4 Akasaka, Minato-ku





# Winter in AKASAKA

Early winter comes with nipping winds and falling leaves. Beautiful illumination brightens Akasaka's light posts and tree-lined streets, lifting moods for Christmas and year-end parties. The Akasaka district has numerous restaurants from around the world, including Japanese restaurants. Come try one for yourself!

- 06** From the home of the Choshu clan to the Defense Ministry and now Midtown  
**Tokyo Midtown**



"Midtown Christmas 2016"

9-7-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku, etc.a

- 05** Resting place for Raiden, a sumo wrestler from the Edo Period  
**Hodo-ji Temple**

Raiden Tameemon, a famous sumo wrestler from the Edo Period with an amazing 250 victories and just 10 losses, has his grave here. This is a well-known spot among sumo fans. The "Rai" character etched on the bell tower's nokimarugawara roof tile is a testament of the deep feelings of many to Raiden. The roofed wall on Sanpun-zaka Hill was built when the temple moved to this site in 1780 and has been designated a registered cultural treasure of Minato City along with the bell made in 1908.



7-6-20 Akasaka, Minato-ku

- 04** Short, but very steep hill  
**Sanpun-zaka Hill**

You might want to read this hill's name as "Sanbu-zaka," but the correct reading is "Sanpun-zaka." The name comes from being charged an extra silver "sanpun" (about 100 yen) for a ride that passed through the hill because of the steep slope. The hill's bow-shaped topography is another feature. You'll see how much it tires you out if you actually walk it.

Between 5-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku and 7-6 Akasaka, Minato-ku



Winter of AKASAKA Recommended Course	
Yagen-zaka Hill	
Tango-zaka Hill	
Entsu-ji Temple	
Sanpun-zaka Hill	
Hodo-ji Temple	
Tokyo Midtown	
[Distance]2km	
[Time]30min	



- 01** Cone-shaped hill declines and rises

## Yagen-zaka Hill

The hill's name comes from its resemblance to a pharmacist's boat-shaped mortar used to crush medicine with a concave landscape in the middle and high points on both sides. It is also called Niemon-zaka Hill utilizing the name of a resident who lived nearby. Many cars take this street because it connects to Route 246 at the top. Traffic is halted when there is heavy snowfall because of the steep slope.



Between 4-7 Akasaka, Minato-ku and 7-1 Akasaka, Minato-ku

- 02** Hill in memory of Lord Tango  
**Tango-zaka Hill**



It is thought that this hill was completed in the early Genroku years of the Edo Period. Tango-no-Kami Yonekura, who served the Tokugawa family, had a home on the northeastern side of the hill. The hill includes two sets of wide stairs and enabled 2-3 people walk alongside each other on each set. Columbia-dori Street is located at the bottom. This hill is located close to the shopping area in front of Akasaka-mitsuke Station and is great for walks.

Between 4-2 Akasaka, Minato-ku and 4-5 Akasaka, Minato-ku

- 03** Bell that kept time in Edo still rings  
**Entsu-ji Temple**

This temple was built in 1625 and used by not only local worshippers but also as a site for Kagekiyo rakugo performances. The temple bell was designated by the shogunate as a clock bell in the Edo Period for the local townspeople. It is a registered cultural treasure of Minato City and is opened up to local people once a year as a New Year's bell on the day of New Year's Eve. The bell's sound reverberates through Akasaka.

5-2-39 Akasaka, Minato-ku





# Route 246 connects Akasaka and Aoyama

In the Edo Period, Route 246 that passes through Akasaka and Aoyama was called Oyama Kaido, starting in Akasaka-mitsuke. It was a major road for logistics, culture, people, and information that served as a byroad that connected to Tokaido without going over Hakone. Even today, Route 246 is a key artery in Tokyo that links Akasaka, Aoyama, and Shibuya and is a central point for dissemination of business, cultural, and fashion information. It remains ahead of the times and continues to propose next-generation lifestyles.

## Aoyama Route 246

Aoyama Route 246 has many facilities with offices, fashion sites, interior shops, and restaurants and is known for attractive side streets, such as Miyuki-dori Street and Takagicho-dori Street. People can have a fun time just walking along the streets.

### 1 Ao

This is a commercial building with fashion sites, interior shops, and other tenants. Kinokuniya International in the basement offers a place to buy high-end foods.

### 2 Imported car showroom

The showroom has Porsche, Lamborghini, and other imported cars as well as sports cars with unique designs that appeal even to people who do not own a car.



Many buildings are currently being rebuilt. Now is your only time to be able to see Roppongi Hills with its "warrior helmet" design from Aoyama.



Zenko-ji Temple



Imported car showroom



1 Ao  
Minami Aoyama 5-chome



3 COMMUNE 2nd



4 T-PLACE



The street is full of fashionable boutiques and brand shops! It is very diverse so you can enjoy yourself just by walking and looking at building exteriors.

### 3 COMMUNE 2nd

This is a new community-like site with workspace, learning areas, highly unique restaurants, and features. It holds unique events too.

### 4 T-PLACE (Minami Aoyama Yusen Building)

This is an open space with brick-style buildings. People can visit high-quality stores, including fashion sites, restaurants, and bridal shops, in a relaxed manner.

## Akasaka Route 246

Akasaka Route 246 is a beautiful lush-green environment with greenery from Akasaka Goshou that extends to the north connecting to greenery in Jingu Gaien. Modern and historical worlds overlap with this green background, creating today's Route 246 profile.

### 1 Akasaka Goshou

This is the former site of a residence of the Kishu household, a branch of the three Tokugawa families. The large area contains the homes of Imperial princes, including the Crown Prince, and the official state guest house.

### 2 Toraya

This confectionery shop was founded in Kyoto to produce gifts for the Emperor in the Muromachi Period. It came to Tokyo with the Emperor's move to Tokyo in the Meiji Period. It is a longstanding and famous Japanese confectionery shop. (It is currently being rebuilt and plans to reopen in 2018.)



TORAYA  
Moto-akasaka  
2 1-chome



### 3 Traditional crafts at Aoyama Square

This is the only spot in Japan to see, understand, and buy traditional craft works from around the country designated by the Minister of Economy, Trade, and Industry (lacquer, pottery and porcelain, dyed textiles, wood and bamboo crafts, and metal products). It also has extensive information on production sites and groups for traditional craft works.

### 4 Canadian Embassy

The Canadian Embassy was first set up on the former site of the Yukitoshi Aoyama family home in 1933. Canada rebuilt the site as a modern building in 1991. It also houses the E.H. Norman Library and Takamadonomiya Gallery and is available for general tours.

### 5 Takahashi Korekiyo Memorial Park

This site is the former home of Takahashi Korekiyo, a politician active in the Meiji and Taisho years.

### 6 Sogetsu Kaikan

This is the headquarters of the "Sogetsu style" of modern Ikebana created by Sofu Teshigahara. It was designed by Kenzo Tange and finished in 1977. Isamu Noguchi, a leading sculptor of the 20th century, designed the lobby stone floor.

### 7 Yamawaki Gakuen

This is a girl's school that opened in the Meiji Period. It was rebuilt in recent years, and the yashiki gate of the Rojyu Honda Minoshu Tadamoto home (Okazaki domain) built immediately after a massive fire destroyed the site in 1862 was moved into the building.

### 8 Toyokawainari Tokyo Betsu-in in Temple

(Refer to P.4)



# Winter in AOYAMA

Not to mention illumination of Omotesando, the display of the highest brand shop is very beautiful in winter of Aoyama. By walking the town, it strongly enlivens a gorgeous feeling. Why don't you enjoy the exciting jazz music in Blue Note Tokyo.

**02** Sento for warming up on a cold winter day  
**Minami-aoyama Shimizu-yu**



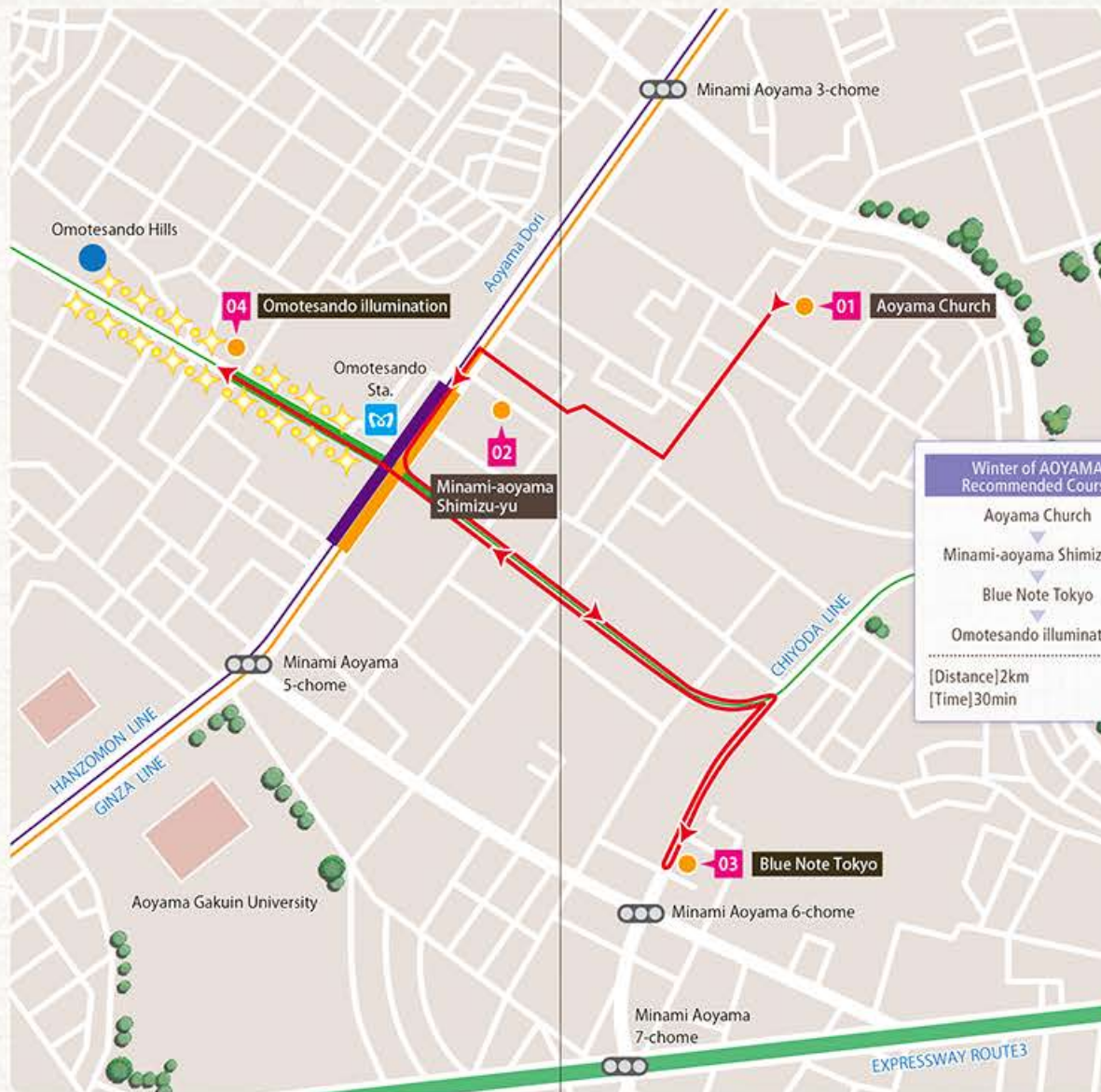
In past years, taking a warm bath on a cold winter day was a simple and extravagant pleasure of the ordinary person. Public baths (sento) could be found in many locations after the war, but Shimizu-yu, which has a history of 100 years, is the only one remaining in the Akasaka and Aoyama district. It is on the first floor of a condominium building and would not be recognizable as a sento without the sign. It was updated in spring 2009 and can now be enjoyed as a "revitalized sento" with a spa.

3-12-3 Minami-aoyama, Minato-ku

**04** Rich and lively lighting event  
**Omotesando illumination**

In December, roughly 500,000 LED light bulbs are attached to the line of keyaki trees along Omotesando. This beautiful and otherworldly illumination extends from Omotesando crossing through Jingubashi crossing and Meiji Jingu crossing. It is held annually and attracts many people. Buildings along the road add lighting and decorations around Christmas, and the entire street becomes even more spectacular.

Along Omotesando Street



**Winter of AOYAMA Recommended Course**

- Aoyama Church
- Minami-aoyama Shimizu-yu
- Blue Note Tokyo
- Omotesando illumination

[Distance] 2km  
[Time] 30min



**03** High-class jazz club for sophisticated music lovers  
**Blue Note Tokyo**

Blue Note Tokyo is located in Aoyama's art area between Kotto-dori Street and Miyuki-dori Street along with Nezu Museum and Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum. The entrance does not stand out, but a space beyond imagination exists on the other side of the door! This is a club for sophisticated patrons that is the pride of Aoyama, with live performances by excellent musicians from Japan and around the world, and delicious drinks and foods. If you love Aoyama, music, and drinks, be sure to stop by.

Leica Building 6-3-16, Minami-aoyama, Minato-ku



**01** Historic church with sincerity and warmth in Aoyama  
**Aoyama Church**

Aoyama Church is located one road off Gaien Nishi-dori Street in Minami-aoyama 4-chome. It is a historic church founded more than a 100 years ago when a city train started running on Aoyama-dori Street. It holds services every Sunday with choral singing. There is a candle service event at Christmas. The church plans to build a new hall in 2024.

4-9-4 Minami-aoyama, Minato-ku









# Summer in AOYAMA

Activity picks up during the summer in Aoyama with Zenko-ji Temple's bon-odori, Gujo-odori in Aoyama, and fireworks at Meiji Jingu Gaien. Stop by to enjoy the events with people who reside and work in the area and people who visit from other areas.

- Summer of AOYAMA Recommended Course**
- Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum
  - Nezu Museum
  - Baiso-in Temple
  - Gujo-odori in Aoyama
  - TEPIA Advanced Technology Gallery
  - Jingu Gaien Fireworks
- [Distance]2km  
[Time]30min



**05** Try out the advanced technology of the future for yourself!

## TEPIA Advanced Technology Gallery



This gallery presents the fruits of Japan's cutting-edge technology and visions of the future in an easy-to-understand and interactive exhibit. Many children and students, who are our future, visit during summer break and other holidays. The gallery is located on the former site of Japan's first bowling alley, and was opened with an exhibit area and video gallery in 1989. Permanent exhibits were started in April 2008. TEPIA is the abbreviation of Association for Technological Excellence Promoting Innovative Advances. Kibiro, an artificial intelligence robot, is shown in the photo.



TEPIA-KAN 2-8-44 Kita-Aoyama, Minato-Ku

**01** Space for unbridled passion and vivid art

## Taro Okamoto Memorial Museum

The Memorial Museum site was built by renovating the home and workshop of Taro Okamoto (1911-1996), a painter and sculptor known for saying that "Art is an explosion!" The artist's works and workshop have been preserved in their original state. Taro traveled to France when he was 19 years old and return to Japan about 10 years later. He produced many works, mainly of avant-gard art. He is known for the "The Tower of the Sun" exhibited at the Japan World Expo in 1970.



6-1-19 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-Ku

**02** Enjoy antique arts and a beautiful garden

## Nezu Museum

The Museum was built in accordance with the will of Kaichiro Nezu, a businessman and tea ceremony expert, in 1941. It stores about 7,400 Japanese and Eastern antique art works, including seven national treasures. The Japanese garden on a large plot of about 20,000m<sup>2</sup> has four tea rooms and eight impressive views (known as the Eight Nezu Museum Views). The Kakitsubata-zu (Irises) folding screen, a national treasure made by Korin Ogata, is exhibited in early summer when irises blossom.

6-5-1 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-Ku



**06**

Fireworks, songs, and events; Performance competition!

## Jingu Gaien Fireworks

This is an event held in August each year, and Jingu Stadium, Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium, and other facilities are opened up to the public for a show with about 12,000 fireworks. J-POP artists, idols, and others give live performances. The event is always full of energy! For those who want a more relaxed environment for the fireworks, Chichibunomiya Rugby Stadium and Tokyo Metropolitan Gymnasium, which are close to the station, are recommended. For those who want to enjoy the fireworks and live performances, head to Jingu Stadium!



3-1 Kasumigaoka, Shinjuku-Ku

**04**

Gujo-odori in Aoyama, a precursor to the original event

## Gujo-odori in Aoyama



Gujo LaLa Chan

The Aoyama branch of the Gujo Domain had a home at this site that provided the origin of the Aoyama area name. The association for the promotion of the shopping street by Aoyama Gaienmae started exchanges with the Gujo Hachiman Tourism Association due to this historical link, and these groups hold Gujo-odori in Aoyama in late June each year. Enthusiasts come to the event and Gujo goods are sold. Many people come to this event.

2-8-35 Kita-Aoyama, Minato-Ku

**03**

Origin of the Aoyama name with a beautiful bamboo tree path

## Baiso-in Temple

Baiso-in Temple was built when Yoshinari Aoyama, a vassal of Ieyasu Tokugawa, died in 1643. The name comes from Yoshinari's Buddhist name of Baisoin Denkojyoka Daizenjomon. This temple follows the Jodo Shu teachings. The Kannon contained in the Kannon chamber is called Aoyama Kannon. The temple attracted many visitors on festival days.



2-26-38 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-Ku



# Spring in AOYAMA

New buds on Gaenmae's line of ginkgo trees and Omotesando's keyaki trees signal the arrival of spring in Aoyama. Gentle-blooming cherry blossoms at Aoyama Cemetery and Zenko-ji Temple lift our spirits. Aoyama is a great spot for a stroll in a soft spring breeze.



The second-generation Nanja Monja trees that the flowers are out.

1-1-1 Kasumigaoka, Shinjuku-Ku

02

The third-generation Nanja Monja Trees



Famous Aoyama tree since the Bakumatsu period  
**Nanja Monja trees**

Nanja Monja trees (officially, *Chionanthus retusus*) are found at various spots in Jingu Gaien. Unusual and unnamed trees have long been referred to as "Nanja Monja." These trees only grow in a few areas of Japan and were designated as natural monuments in 1924. Many white flowers with four long, thin petals blossom in May.



01

Historical site for the Imperial Constitution; currently a wedding hall

### Meiji Kinenkan

This building was constructed in 1881 and utilized as a national guest house for the Akasaka Temporary Palace. Drafting meetings for the Imperial Constitution in the presence of the Emperor took place in the building. It was subsequently donated to the Hirobumi Ito family and moved to his home. Hirokuni, who inherited the Hirobumi Ito title, donated it to Meiji Jingu in 1918, and it was moved to the current site then and named the Constitution Kinenkan. It was opened as a wedding hall and renamed as the Meiji Kinenkan in 1947.

2-2-23 Motoakasaka, Minato-Ku

03

Building the local community and cultivating the next generation through highly expressive art

### Itochu Aoyama Art Square



The entrance can be seen after walking down the stairway to the plaza at the CI Plaza retail site. This gallery exhibits works from next-generation artists and holds events for international interaction and collaboration with the local area for free. Enjoy viewing a diverse selection of art works, including books and paintings. Feel the reverberations of art at the café space.

2-3-1 Kita-Aoyama, Minato-Ku



Spring of AOYAMA Recommended Course  
 Meiji Kinenkan  
 Nanja Monja trees  
 Itochu Aoyama Art Square  
 Aoyama Zenko-ji Temple  
 Aoyama Cemetery  
 The National Art Center Tokyo  
 [Distance]4km  
 [Time]60min

04

Watching over Aoyama-dori Avenue from the Edo Period to now

### Aoyama Zenko-ji Temple

This is a separate site for Jodoshu Daihonzan Zenko-ji Daihongan that was built to accommodate people in the Edo era who could not travel all the way to Shinshu to pray, and it spread the Zenko-ji faith. You can experience the "admonishment" of walking in darkness and then touching a special lock, just as in the Shinshu Zenko-ji Temple. Beautiful cherry trees blossom on the quiet temple grounds in the spring. You might see the cherry trees in a new light after cleansing your heart in the "admonishment."



3-5-17 Kita-Aoyama, Minato-Ku

05

Relaxing spot in the heart of a major city

### Aoyama Cemetery

This is Japan's first public cemetery that opened in 1874 and is the resting place for about 120,000 people. The street that passes through the center of the cemetery has about 230 Somei Yoshino trees on the two sides that create an amazing cherry blossom tunnel in the spring. Even after the best viewing time, cherry blossoms that fall to the ground form a beautiful pink carpet. This site is recommended for people who want a quiet "hanami" spot.

2-32-2 Minami-Aoyama, Minato-Ku

06

Enjoy sunlight filtering through trees and interact with art in a relaxing environment

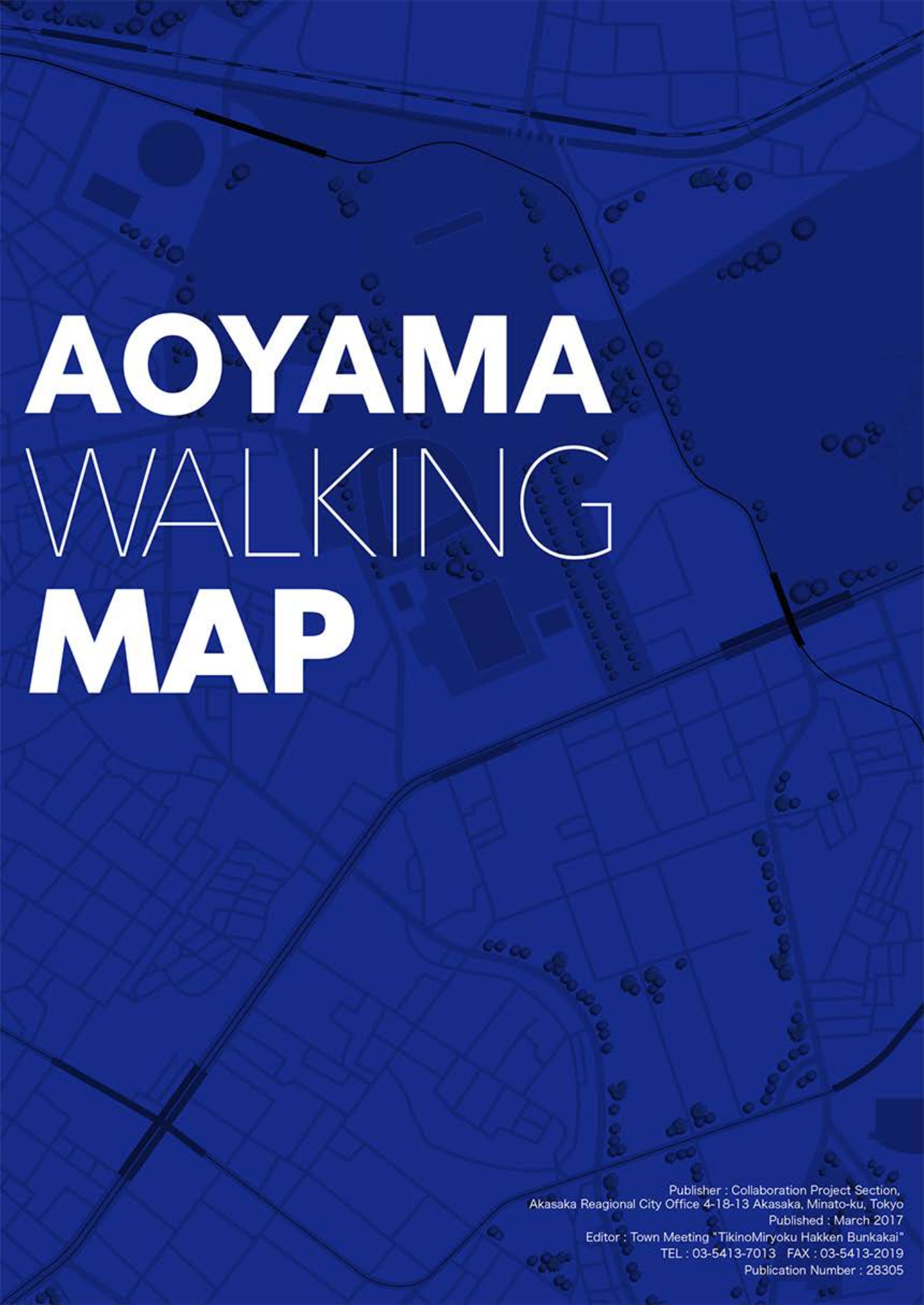
### The National Art Center Tokyo



This museum holds exhibits and also collects and presents materials related to art. Designed by Kisho Kurokawa, it has an undulating exterior form like a glass curtain. Natural light that enters the center creates a comfortable environment, and scenes of the four seasons can be enjoyed beyond the glass windows. Why not spend some relaxing time after viewing the exhibits at the Center's restaurant or café.

7-22-2 Roppongi, Minato-Ku





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