

# Welcome to Minato City!

## What kind of place is Minato City?

Minato City, Tokyo, is located in one of the central Tokyo metropolitan areas filled with attractions that are characteristic of Tokyo. It is divided into five districts: Shiba district, Azabu district, Akasaka district, Takanawa district, and Shibaura-Konan district. There is an office town, a commercial area, a red light district, a residential area, and a large-scale development district coexisting within Minato City, and many historic sightseeing places such as historically important temples, the Daimyo Yashiki (House), and gardens still remain. Inside the district, there are many representative sights of Tokyo, such as Tokyo Tower, Shiba Park, Akasaka State Guest House, Rainbow Bridge, and Odaiba, and also many attractive shopping areas such as Roppongi shopping street, and Azabu-juban.



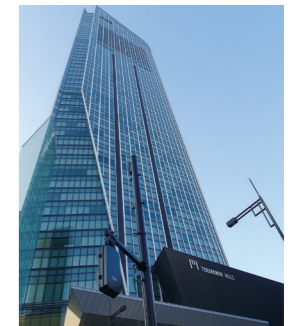
Large-scale urban development has been carried out in recent years, and Roppongi Hills, Shiodome Sio-Site, Tokyo Midtown, Akasaka Sacas, and Toranomon Hills have opened, and these areas have been further developed. It is also characterized by many famous universities, embassies, museums and galleries. Let's take a walk around Minato City with its many attractions.

## Shiba District

Shimbashi and Toranomon areas in Shiba district consist of many office buildings, and have become one of the major business districts of Japan. They are vibrant and bustling with business activities both morning and night on weekdays. But these areas were the towns where fishery once prospered. A little way off from the office areas, there are many sights such as Tokyo Tower and Takeshiba Pier, and historic temples such as Zojo-ji temple, the gate of which is a designated national cultural property. It is the district where the present and past coexist.

### Course around Shiba District

- A** Shiba course – A historic sightseeing course where you can feel the Edo period
- B** Shimbashi course – A course that goes around the areas where the Japanese railway originated
- L** Takeshiba course – Sweeping views of Tokyo Bay: Enjoy the sea breeze, along with the latest that Minato City has to offer



## Azabu District

In the Azabu district, you can catch a glimpse of the old government agencies and new residential areas on the higher grounds, as well as the downtown city center along the Furukawa river. These well-known areas and the famous restaurants found here are often featured on television and in magazines. In fact, however, it is said that this is an old residential area where many samurai residences were located in the Edo period (from the first half of the 17th century to 1868. With the passing of time, the historic sites where those residences once stood are now used as embassies for various countries. Therefore, Azabu district is also one of the districts in Minato City where many embassies can be found. Shopping facilities and galleries have sprung up in recent years, but you will find the residential areas once you enter the narrow streets.

### Course around Azabu District

- C** Azabu course – A course of historical and traditional Azabu sights
- D** Roppongi course – A course where you can experience the arts
- M** Arisugawa-no-miya Memorial Park – Cherry blossoms, fresh greenery, ginkgo, and even illumination in winter!  
The Moto-Azabu area walking course lets you enjoy the scenery to the fullest, no matter the season when you visit
- O** Kamiyacho Area Course – A course centered on the landmark Azabudai Hills, where you can enjoy yourself while experiencing history and art

