

# Make a Travel Brochure for Tokyo!



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## The History of Tokyo

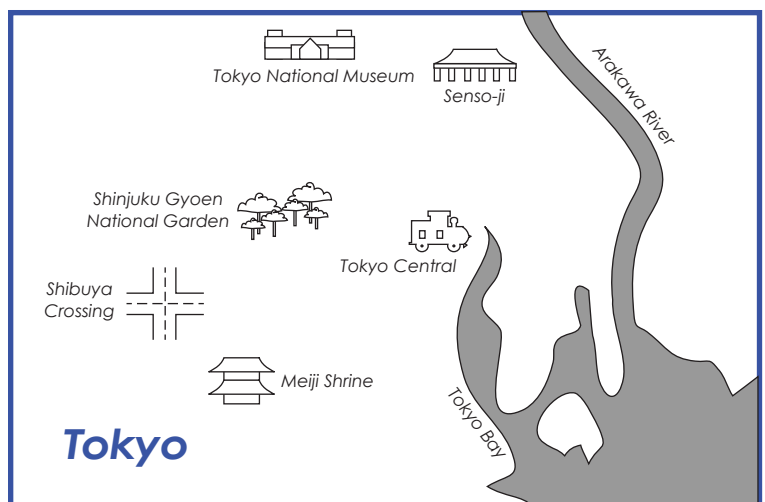
The first inhabitants of the area that would become Tokyo lived there as early as 10,000 BCE. These early peoples were hunters, fishers, and gatherers. The city was founded in the 12th century, during the period when shoguns, or military dictators, ruled the country. Around 1450, local ruler Edo Taro Shigenada built a castle there. The city was then named Edo, after its founder. Over the next three centuries, the city expanded rapidly, growing to over a million residents by the end of the 1700s. It became the cultural and political capital of Japan. In 1868, the city's name was formally changed to Tokyo, meaning "eastern capital" in Japanese. In 1869, Emperor Meiji made the city's status official when he made it the capital of Japan. The earthquake of 1923 was the biggest disaster in the history of Japan, ruining much of the city and causing widespread fires. During World War II, large sections of the city were destroyed by bombings, once in 1944 and again in 1945. The city eventually rebuilt, and in 1964, Tokyo hosted the Summer Olympics. It was the first time the Olympics were ever held in Asia. Major earthquakes hit Japan in 1995 and again in 2011, but Tokyo's earthquake-resistant infrastructure saved it from major damage. Today, the population of the city of Tokyo stands at 12 million people.

## Tourist Attractions and Famous Locations

Tokyo National Museum is the largest art museum in Japan, and contains a full collection of artworks and archaeological objects from Asia. Tokyo has the world's busiest metro system, with Tokyo Central Railway Station at its heart. The Samurai Museum contains armor, swords, and other artifacts from the 700-year Samurai warrior period. The Shibuya Crossing is one of the busiest intersections in the world. All traffic lights turn red at the same time, allowing pedestrians to spill into the intersection from all sides. Shinjuku Gyoen National Garden has over 75 different species of cherry tree, and you can attend a traditional Japanese tea ceremony. Meiji Shrine is a Shinto shrine dedicated to Emperor Meiji and his wife, Empress Shoken. Senso-ji is the oldest Buddhist temple in Tokyo.

## Famous Residents

Famous residents of Tokyo include musician and artist Yoko Ono; film directors Hayao Miyazaki and Akira Kurosawa; actor Masi Oka; Major League Baseball players Masanori Murakami, the first Japanese player to pitch for a Major League team, Ichiro Suzuki, and Hideki Matsui; and painter and printmaker Katsushika Hokusai.



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