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Your keys to understanding the city – we help you decide what to do and how to do it

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Make the most of your visit

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- **Entertainment**
- **Shopping**

These symbols give you the vital information for each listing:

- Telephone Numbers
- Opening Hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Internet Access
- Wi-Fi Access
- Vegetarian Selection
- English-Language Menu
- Family-Friendly
- Pet-Friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Metro
- Subway
- Tram
- Train

Find each listing quickly on maps for each neighbourhood:

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**Lonely Planet’s Tokyo**

Lonely Planet Pocket Guides are designed to get you straight to the heart of the city. Inside you’ll find all the must-see sights, plus tips to make your visit to each one really memorable. We’ve split the city into easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods and provided clear maps so you’ll find your way around with ease. Our expert authors have searched out the best of the city: walks, food, nightlife and shopping, to name a few. Because you want to explore, our ‘Local Life’ pages will take you to some of the most exciting areas to experience the real Tokyo.

And of course you’ll find all the practical tips you need for a smooth trip: itineraries for short visits, how to get around, and how much to tip the guy who serves you a drink at the end of a long day’s exploration. It’s your guarantee of a really great experience.

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Welcome to Tokyo

Tokyo is a city forever reaching into the future, resulting in sci-fi streetscapes of crackling neon and soaring towers. Yet it is also a city steeped in history, where you can find traces of the shogun’s capital on the kabuki stage or under the cherry blossoms. It’s a tapestry of sensorial madness unlike anywhere else in the world.

Kabukichō (p99)
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Tsukiji Outer Market (p34)
An early morning trip to this warren of stalls is a classic Tokyo experience.