



Tokyo

**“All you’ve got to do is decide to go
and the hardest part is over.**

So go!”

TONY WHEELER, COFOUNDER – LONELY PLANET

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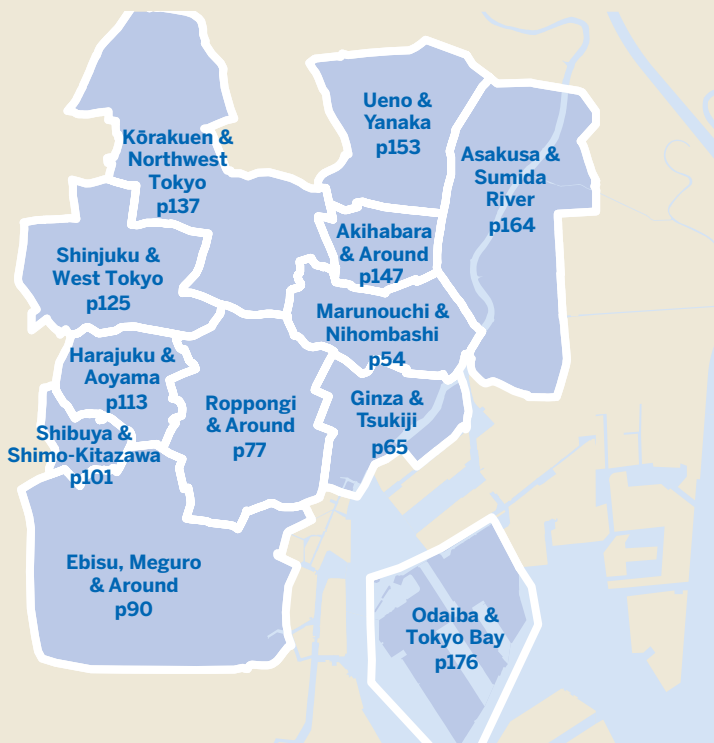
(left) **Tokyo National Museum p155** Buddha statue

(above) **Manga p221**
Billboard art in Ginza

(right) **Display at Meiji-jingū p115** Sake containers



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Top Itineraries

Day One

Harajuku & Aoyama (p113)

 Start the day in Harajuku with a visit to **Meiji-jingū**, Tokyo's signature Shintō shrine. Next stroll down **Takeshita-dōri**, the famous teen fashion bazaar. Work (and shop) your way through the back streets of Harajuku, and then head to **Omote-sandō** to see the jaw-dropping contemporary architecture along this stylish boulevard.



Lunch Go for dumplings at local fave Harajuku Gyōza-rō (p117).

Shibuya & Shimo-Kitazawa (p101)

 Head down to Shibuya (you can walk) and continue your schooling in Tokyo pop culture by wandering the lanes of this youthful neighbourhood. Don't miss **Shibuya Center-gai**, the main drag, and the mural, **Myth of Tomorrow**, in the train station. Stick around Shibuya until dusk to see **Shibuya Crossing** all lit up.



Dinner Grab skewers of *yakitori* in atmospheric Omoide-yokochō (p129).

Shinjuku & West Tokyo (p125)

 Take the train to Shinjuku and immerse yourself in the swarming crowds and neon lights of this notorious nightlife district. The **Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building** observatories stay open until 10pm, for free night views. From around 9pm the shanty bars of **Golden Gai** come to life; take your pick from the quirky offerings and finish up with a time-honoured Tokyo tradition: a late night bowl of noodles at **Nagi**.

Day Two

Ginza & Tsukiji (p65)

 Skip breakfast and head directly to **Tsukiji Market**. Spend the morning exploring the cobblestone lanes of the inner market and the bustling stalls of the outer market. You'll have to get there by 4am to get a spot at the tuna auction, otherwise, the inner market opens to the public at 9am.



Lunch Seafood at Tsukiji Market of course! Try Daiwa Sushi (p71).

Ginza & Tsukiji (p65)

 From Tsukiji, it's an easy walk to the landscape garden **Hama-rikyū Onshi-Teien**, where you can stop for tea in the teahouse **Nakajima no Ochaya**. Continue up to Ginza, home to stately department stores, art galleries and luxury boutiques. Go as far as Hibiya, to see the edge of the **Imperial Palace**, with its moats and keeps. Then head over to **Kabuki-za**, where you can get seats to watch a single act of kabuki for just ¥1500 (the last act starts around 5.30pm or 6pm).



Dinner Go for contemporary (and affordable) *kaiseki* at Maru (p71).

Marunouchi & Nihombashi (p54)

 Walk up Namiki-dōri, home to high-end hostess bars, and pretty, tree-lined Naka-dōri to Marunouchi. Call it a night with drinks at **So Tired**; the terrace overlooks the recently renovated **Tokyo Station**.



Asakusa-jinja (p167)



Hama-rikyū Onshi-Teien (p69)

Day Three

Ueno & Yanaka (p153)

 Spend the morning exploring the many attractions of **Ueno-kōen**, home to the **Tokyo National Museum**, centuries-old temples and shrines and Tokyo's biggest zoo. Then take a stroll through the old-fashioned, open-air market, **Ameya-yokochō** and the historical neighbourhood of Yanaka; in the latter you'll find art galleries and studios.



Lunch Get a course of seasonal skewers at historic Hantei (p162).

Asakusa & Sumida River (p164)

 Catch the subway for Asakusa to visit the temple complex **Sensō-ji**, the shrine **Asakusa-jinja** and the maze of old-world alleys that surround these sights. There are lots of shops selling traditional crafts and foodstuffs around here, too.



Dinner Fill up on steaming *oden* at 100-year-old Otafuku (p172).

Don't miss the temple complex all lit up from dusk.

Asakusa & Sumida River (p164)

 Buses run along Kototoi-dōri directly to **Tokyo Sky Tree**. Head up this spindly tower for the night view to end all night views. Or instead, get a view of the illuminated tower and the snaking Sumida-gawa (and a beer) from the **Asahi Sky Room**. Then take the subway to Ryōgoku for more beer: **Popeye** boasts

Day Four

Odaiba & Tokyo Bay (p176)

 Make this morning a relaxing one and get your onsen on at **Ōedo Onsen Monogatari**, the somewhat kitschy 'onsen theme park' on Tokyo Bay. Then take the Yurikamome line, which skirts through the skyscrapers of downtown, followed by the subway up to Kanda.



Lunch Go for *rāmen* at Kikanbō (p150) or *soba* at Kanda Yabu Soba (p150).

Akihabara & Around (p147)

 Walk up from Kanda, stopping at **mAACHUTE**, a shopping centre in an old train station filled with craft and gourmet food shops. Then spend a couple of hours exploring the sensory overload that is **Akihabara Electric Town**. Play retro video games at **Super Potato Retro-kan** and stop for coffee at maid cafe **@Home Cafe**. It's worth taking a detour



Dinner Get the *izakaya* experience at Jōmon (p84) or Gonpachi (p84).

to see the artisan bazaar **2K540 Aki-Oka Artisan** under the train tracks.

Roppongi & Around (p77)

 Check out **Roppongi Hills**, the first of Tokyo's new breed of live-work-and-play megamalls. On the top floor of a tower here is the excellent **Mori Art Museum**, which stays open until 10pm. Then head out into the wilds of Roppongi's

Tokyo Maps

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- Beach
- Bird Sanctuary
- Buddhist
- Castle/Palace
- Christian
- Confucian
- Hindu
- Islamic
- Jain
- Jewish
- Monument
- Museum/Gallery/Historic Building
- Ruins
- Shinto
- Sikh
- Taoist
- Winery/Vineyard
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- Other Sight

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- Other Activity

Sleeping

- Sleeping
- Camping

Eating

- Eating

Drinking & Nightlife

- Drinking & Nightlife
- Cafe

Entertainment

- Entertainment

Shopping

- Shopping

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- Mountain/Volcano
- Oasis
- Park
- Pass
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- Waterfall

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- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Transport

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- Cliff
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Hydrography

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- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Reef

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- Cemetery (Other)
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- Mudflat
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- Sportsground
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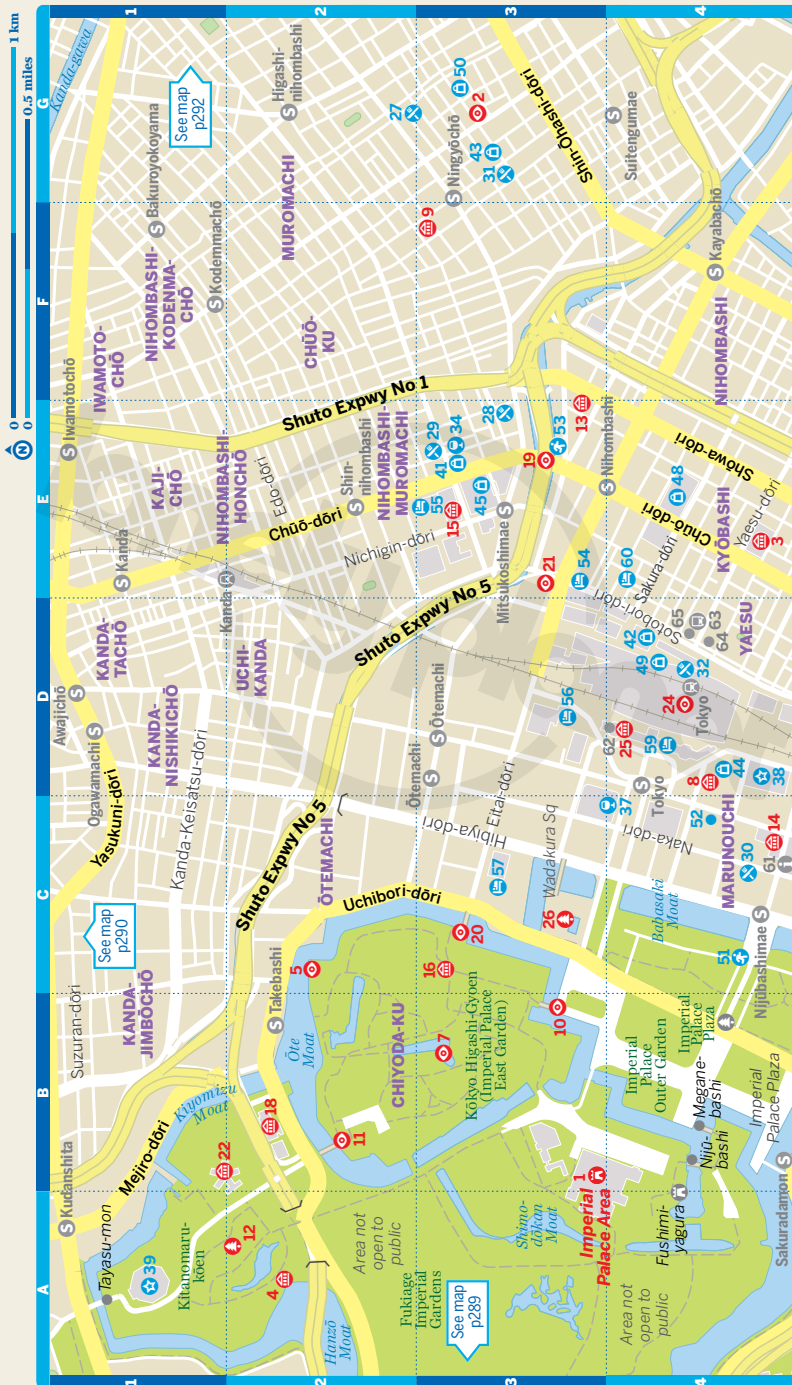
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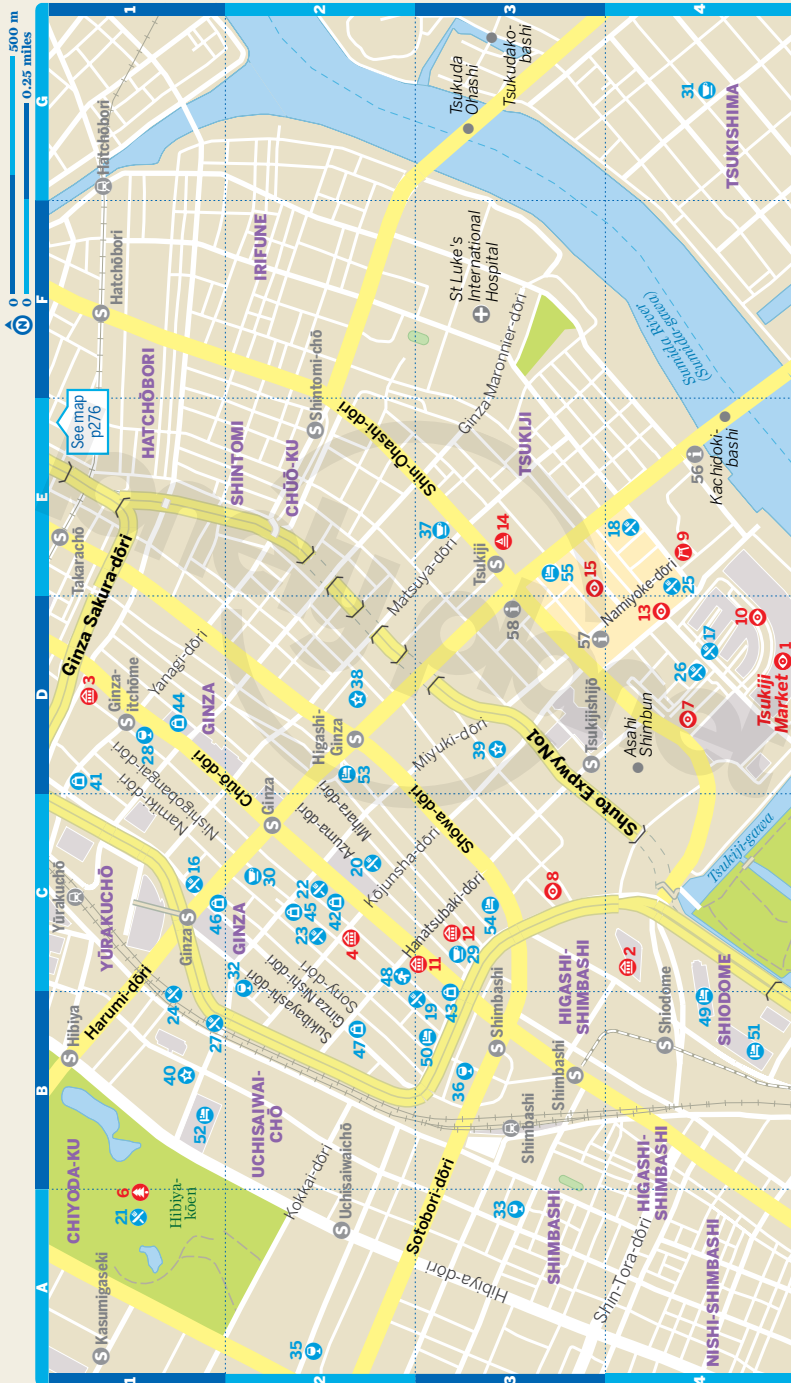


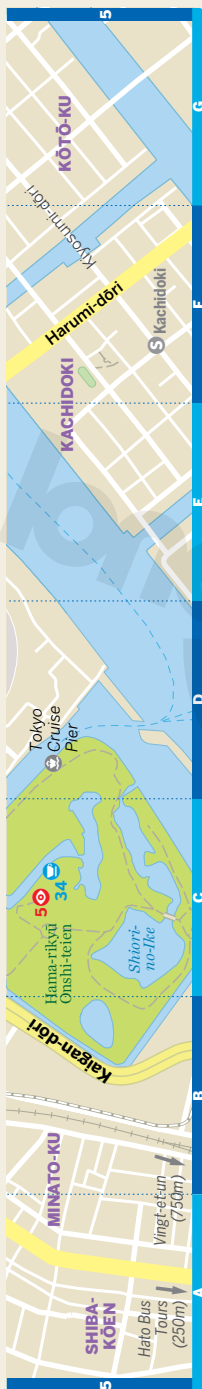
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MARUNOUCHI & NIHOMBASHI





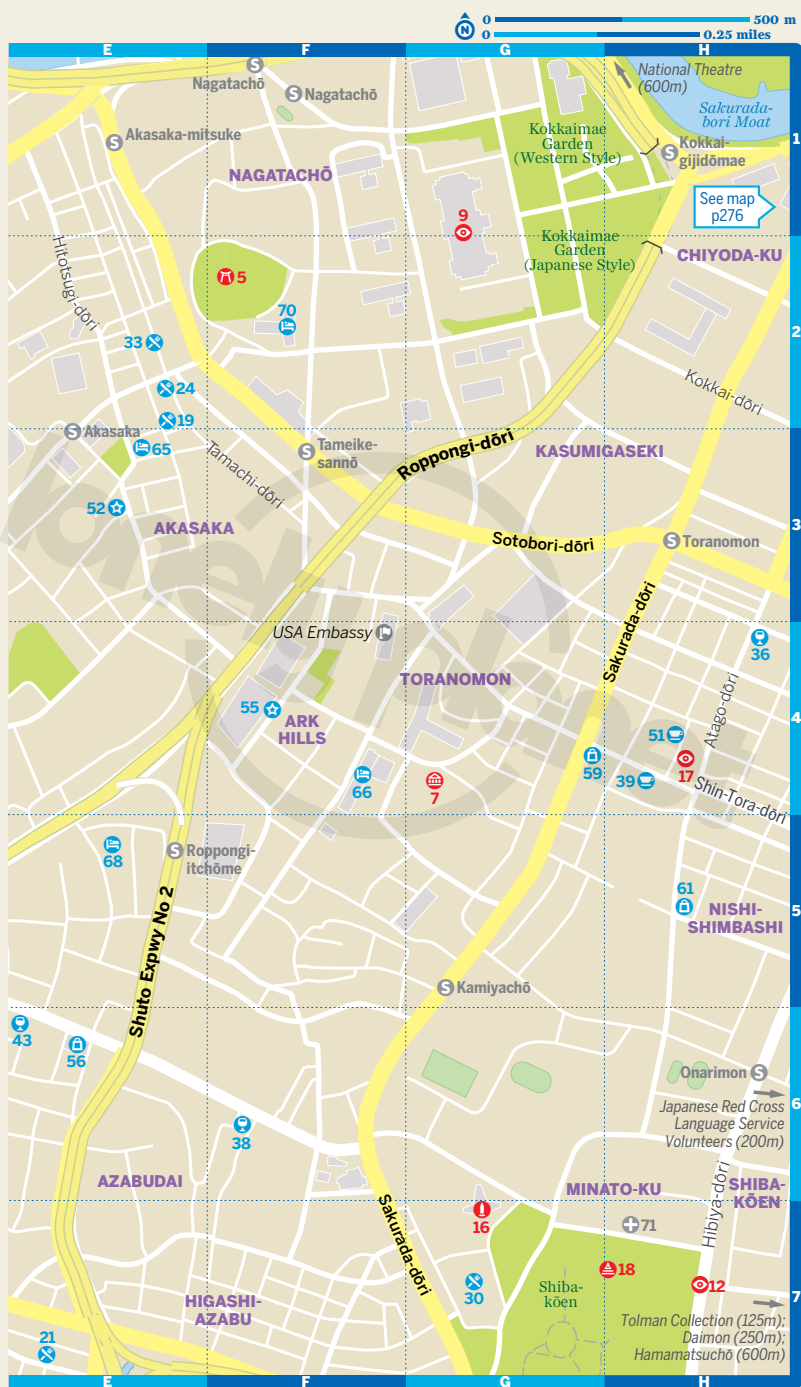


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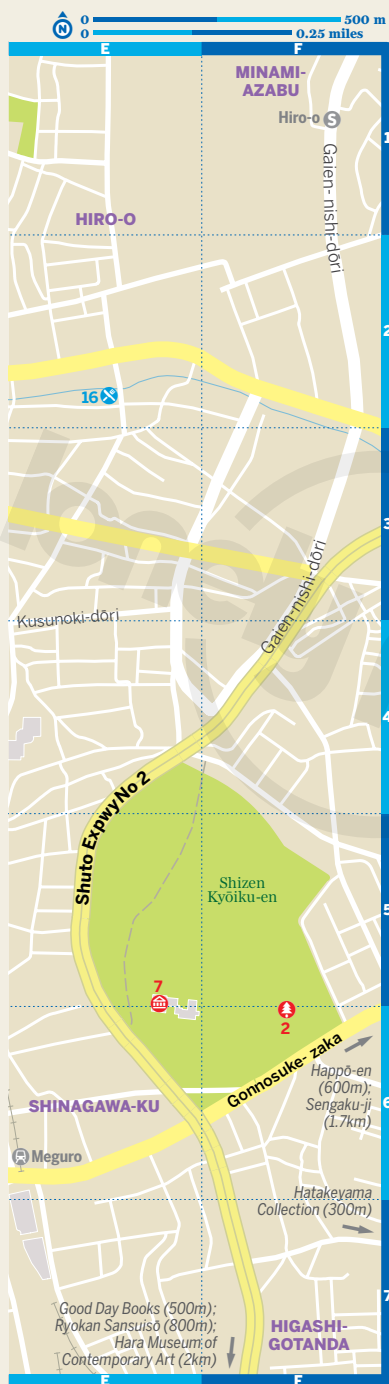
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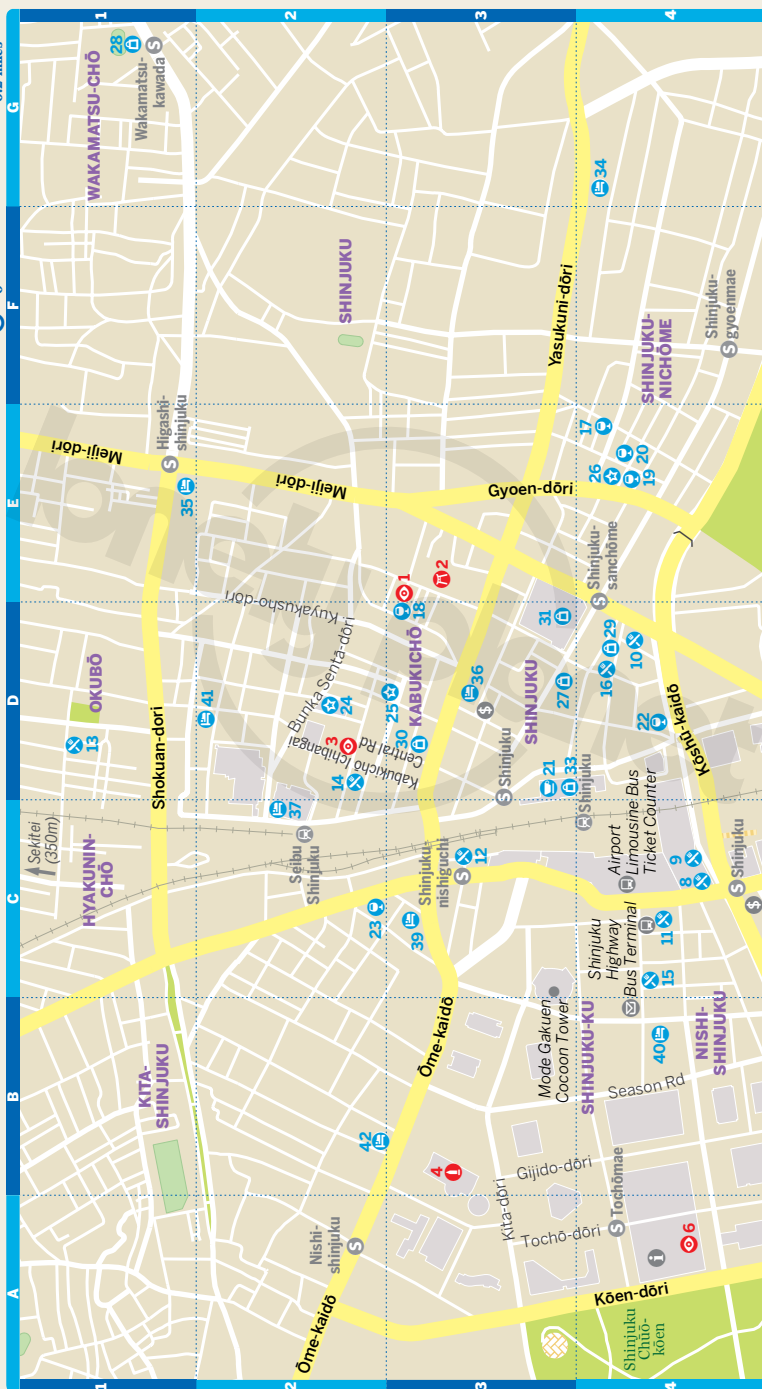
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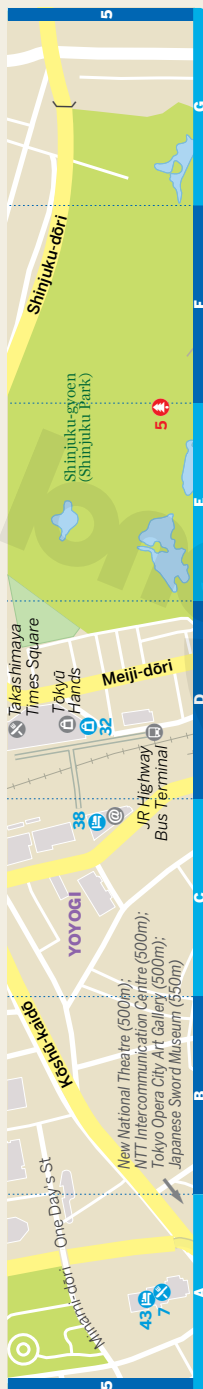
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Good Day Books (500m);
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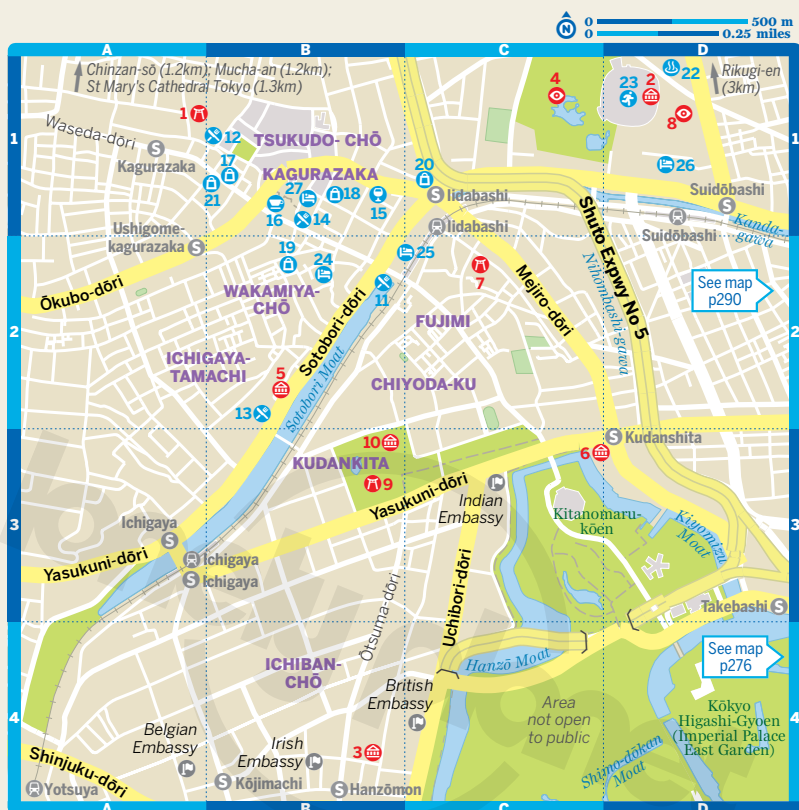
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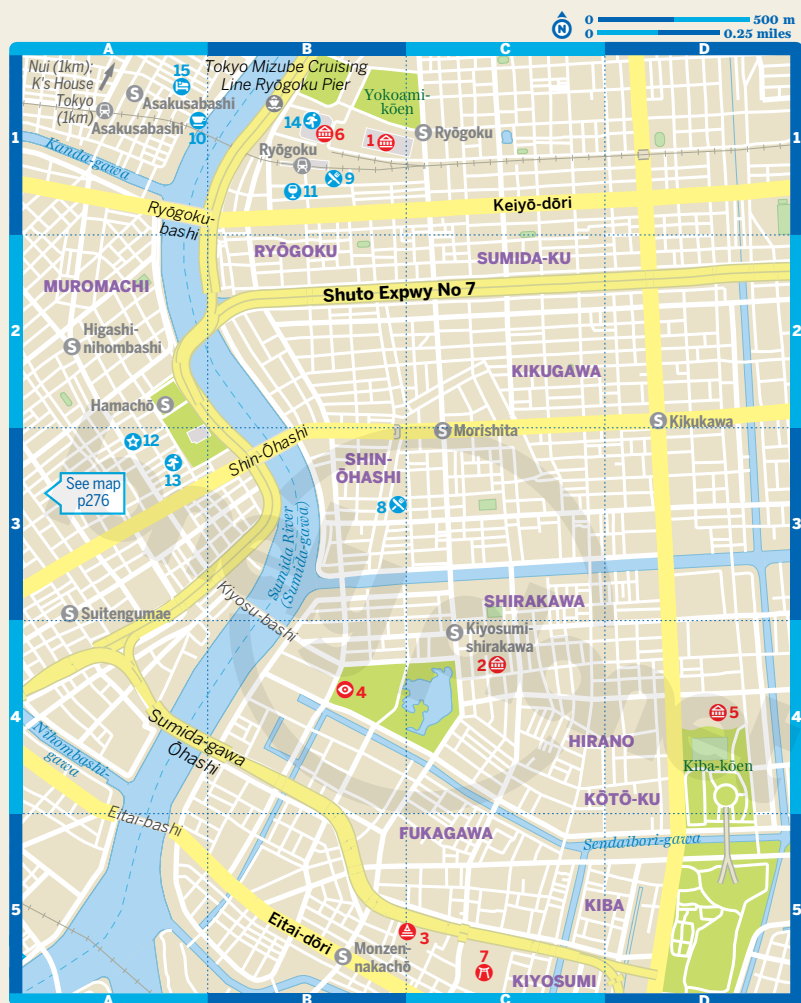
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