

Ginza & Tsukiji

GINZA | TSUKIJI | SHIODOME

Neighbourhood Top Five

- 1 Feasting your eyes on the denizens of the deep at **Tsukiji Central Fish Market** (p68) and then feasting on some for breakfast.
- 2 Browsing Japan's poshest shops along **Ginza Yonchōme Crossing** (p76) and the surrounding streets.
- 3 Witnessing the colourful traditional spectacle of kabuki drama at **Shimbashi Embujō Theatre** (p76).
- 4 Sipping green tea in a traditional teahouse with a skyscraper backdrop at **Hama Rikyū Onshi-teien** (p71).
- 5 Snacking on *yakitori* (chicken skewers) under the tracks at **Yūrakuchō Yakitori Alley** (p72).



For more detail of this area, see Map p286 ➔

Explore Ginza & Tsukiji

Proudly reigning alongside Fifth Avenue, Beverly Hills and the Champs-Élysées, Ginza is one of the most famous shopping districts in the world. Ginza and the neighbouring district of Tsukiji, home to the world's largest fish market, make up a fairly compact area. Tsukiji Central Fish Market is best experienced in the wee hours for the tuna auction (visitor numbers are limited).

Starting outside Ginza Station, with Mitsukoshi department store behind you, you can explore the neat grid that draws Japan's best dressed by early afternoon. Window-shop till you drop at Mitsukoshi and the other department stores nearby, taking in the bustling basement *depachika* (department store food floor). Super-stylish and uberpopular retailers Muji and Uniqlo are also worthwhile if you still have the energy, and don't forget the interesting art galleries in the area.

Refresh yourself at one of the area's cafes and consider a matinee kabuki performance at the Shimbashi Embujō Theatre or hop on the Ginza Line subway to Shimbashi, for the Shiodome skyscraper district and its advertising museum, as well as Hama Rikyū Onshi-teien, home to a beautiful traditional teahouse.

Local Life

- ➔ **Eating** Treat yourself like a local executive with a deluxe sushi dinner (p72).
- ➔ **On the rails** Sip beer with lower-ranking workers under the Yūrakuchō tracks (p72).
- ➔ **People-watching** At night, Ginza's back streets swarm with high-class hostesses catering to salarymen.

Getting There & Away

Ginza

- ➔ **Train** The JR Yamanote Line stops at Shimbashi Station and Yūrakuchō Station.
- ➔ **Subway** The Ginza, Hibiya and Marunouchi Lines connect at Ginza Station, in the heart of Ginza.

Tsukiji & Shiodome

- ➔ **Train** Shimbashi Station (JR and subway) is the hub for Shiodome. Shimbashi is also the terminus for the Yurikamome Line for Odaiba.
- ➔ **Subway** For the fish market, take either the Hibiya Line to Tsukiji Station or the Ōedo Line to Tsukijishijō.
- ➔ **Water bus** Tokyo Cruise ferries (p73) stop at Hama Rikyū Onshi-teien and go to Asakusa and Odaiba.

Best Places to Eat

- ➔ Kyūbey (p72)
- ➔ Daiwa Sushi (p73)
- ➔ Yabaton (p72)

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Best Places to Drink

- ➔ Benisica (p76)
- ➔ Cha Ginza (p76)
- ➔ Nakajima no Ochaya (p76)

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Best Shopping

- ➔ Uniqlo (p76)
- ➔ Muji (p77)
- ➔ Natsuno (p77)

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