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001 Restaurant
Splurge on 'kaiseki'
If you don't mind a ¥6,000-plus bill for lunch, Conrad Hotel's Japanese restaurant will wow you with its beautifully presented 'kaiseki' (traditional multicourse meal). The view of Hamarikyu Gardens and Tokyo Bay is pretty spectacular too. Kazahana 2-D

002 Restaurant
Spice things up with Chinese specialities
In the quiet neighbourhood of Shirokanedai, inside the Sheraton Miyako Hotel Tokyo, you'll find this tranquil restaurant overlooking a lush Japanese garden and serving rich Sichuan cuisine. The specialty, mabo tofu, is a spicy dish consisting of braised tofu with minced meat, chilli beans and Chinese peppers. Shisen Chinese Restaurant 3-C

003 Restaurant
Do the BBQ samba
Tokyo's love of Brazilian barbecue seems to know no bounds and here you'll find 15 kinds of churrasco complemented by 40-odd dishes featuring Brazilian veggies. Lunch buffet includes drinks and dessert. Barbaoca 2-C



027 Restaurant
Share the kimchi
All your Korean food fantasies come true at Kantera, a yakiniku restaurant serving wagyu beef, homemade kimchi, savoury chijimi (pancakes) and spicy soups. Take a load of friends with you and share a smorgasbord of Korean dishes. Kantera 3-A

028 Restaurant
Bring your pup for a terrace lunch
Known for its designer rooms, Claska hotel presents this cool and classic lounge-style café, open from 7.30am to midnight. Dog owners will be happy to know their pooches are welcome on the terrace as well as inside. Claska Dining & Cafe Kiokuh 4-A

029 Shopping
Let's get arty
Specialising in art supplies, this store stocks paints, brushes, frames and more. The brand has 12 outlets but the Shinjuku flagship boasts the best selection – all reasonably priced too. Sekaido 1-B



030 Café
Choose your crab flavour
Set inside a pretty white-washed building, this Singaporean seafood restaurant is revered for its mud crab dishes, particularly the Chilli Crab and Black Pepper Crab. Singapore Seafood Republic 4-C

005 Restaurant
Have a French breakfast
Can't live without carbs? Head to the boulangerie at this authentic French café and pick from a variety of breads including pain au chocolat and quiche Lorraine. An 8am start (10am on weekends) makes the bakery a good breakfast stop. (Café opens 10am.) Aux Baccharales 2-C

006 Shopping
Peruse a few novelty knick-knacks
When people say that Tokyu Hands sells everything, they're exaggerating – but only a little. The (frequently bizarre) novelty goods section is particularly worth a peek. Tokyu Hands 2-B



007 Restaurant
Dine at the spot that inspired 'Kill Bill'
Dominating the Nishi-Azabu crossing like a feudal Japanese castle, Gonpachi was supposedly an inspiration for the film 'Kill Bill'. Sit at rustic wooden tables or in private booths and sup on simple country-style cooking, such as kushiyaki or soba noodles. Kushi Soba Gonpachi 2-C



033 Restaurant
Satisfy a burger craving
Try the signature Golden Brown Burger, a 100% beef patty with fresh mushrooms, sautéed onions, bacon and smoked cheese, served on a soft, light bun. Golden Brown 2-B

034 Shopping
Decorate with modern masters' designs
Selling pieces from luxury Italian brand Cassina and multi-brand ixc, this store attracts design buffs who relish the chance to pick up works by the likes of Le Corbusier and Vico Magistretti. Cassina ixc, Aoyama Shop 2-C

035 Restaurant
Add international flair to your meal
Take up a seat on the scenic open-air 5th floor terrace and tuck into perfectly grilled seafood or beef with seasonal local vegetables and one of 1,800 carefully selected bottles of wine from around the world. Two Rooms Grill | Bar 2-B

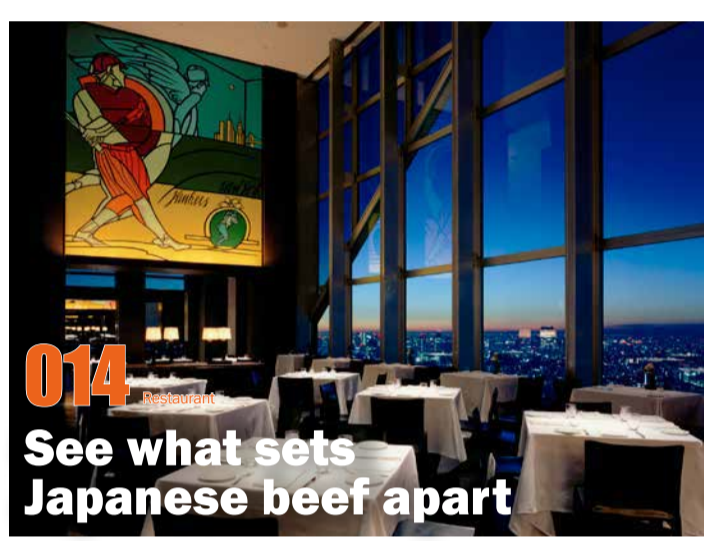


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012 Restaurant
Opt for organic
Originally from Belgium, this bakery and restaurant is loved for its organic bread and food. Take up a place at the long counter table and tuck into the Baker's Basket, a selection of breads served with homemade jam, or one of their delicious tartine sandwiches. Le Pain Quotidien 2-C



013 Restaurant
Snap up a terrace seat
Few dining destinations in Omotesando can rival the wow factor of this Italian restaurant's expansive terrace (seats can be reserved in English at www.bianca-omotesando.com). We recommend the Prix-fixed multicourse dinner (¥4,800-). Bianca 2-B



014
See what sets Japanese beef apart
Besides boasting a spectacular view from the 52nd floor of the Park Hyatt Tokyo, this restaurant offers sterling Japanese beef from Kobe, Yonezawa, Sendai and more. For weekday lunches, you can enjoy an appetiser buffet, main beef dish and a dessert buffet (¥5,400 excl. service fee). New York Grill | Bar 1-B

037 Restaurant
Feast on Edo-Tokyo cuisine
Known for incorporating traditional Japanese cuisine and ingredients into his recipes, and for focusing on dietary education for children, chef Kiyomi Mikuni has put together a menu emphasising Edo-Tokyo veggies for Mikuni Marunouchi. Mikuni Marunouchi 2-D

038 Café
Devour delicious carrot cake
Rose Bakery offers plenty of salad and veggie goodness, but if you aren't watching your waistline, make sure you try some of their famed carrot cake. Rose Bakery 2-D



039 Restaurant
Sip ale after browsing books
After a visit to popular Daikanyama Tsutaya Books, hop next door to this buzzing café for handcrafted ales and delicious pizza enjoyed on the sunny terrace. Ivy Place 3-B



015 Café
Round off with a hot dessert
When this long-standing café transformed from restaurant into café with confectionery, their popularity soared. Go for a cake set or their hot desserts (try the Hot Soufflé, Hot Fruits Custard and Fondant Chocolat), which can only be found in Aoyama. Ginza West Aoyama Garden 2-C



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It's always a hassle to find parking, never mind trying to find an open bay in the centre of Tokyo! Say goodbye to the stress by giving the Lexus Owner's Desk a call and letting them direct you to parking that's closest to you. Service only available for Lexus owners



016 Music
Dance the weekend away
One of the biggest club in Japan, Ageha is a little out of the way, but there's a free shuttle from Shibuya every half hour and three heating dancefloors to greet you. Ageha 4-B

017 Restaurant
Try tonkatsu
Get acquainted with one of the standard dishes in Japan: tonkatsu (deep-fried crumbed pork cutlets). Furnizen, found inside Hotel New Otani, serves the finest quality at reasonable prices, with the Pork Loim Set or Pork Fillet Set being the tastiest options. Seasonal washoku (traditional Japanese cuisine) is also available. Furnizen 3-C

018 Shopping
Spend ages with books
In a perfect world, all bookshops would be like this. Daikanyama Tsutaya Books is spread across three interlinked buildings and has a range of English-language titles and mags. At the Anjin lounge upstairs, enjoy vintage periodicals and cocktails in a sophisticated setting. Daikanyama Tsutaya Books 3-B



020 Restaurant
Work your way through a Thai buffet
Choose from more than 20 kinds of Thai dishes including curries, noodles and desserts at the ¥1,850 weekend buffet. A Thai chef ensures the food stays authentic. Jim Thompson's Table Thailand 2-D



043 Sightseeing
Gaze out over Tokyo, for free
When you're looking to get up high but don't feel like paying for the privilege, head to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building's two free 45th-floor observatories, which provide beautiful sunset views and the chance to spot Mt Fuji. Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building Observatories 1-B

041 Restaurant
Slurp the finest soba
Serving soba since 1924, Honmura-ans uses the finest locally produced buckwheat, ground fresh every day, for its noodles. A glass screen lets you glimpse the making of the soba, and the Japanese garden designed by bonsai artists is ultra pretty. Honmura-an 4-A

042 Restaurant
Make dinner an 'eco-luxe' occasion
Known for the buzz phrase 'eco-luxe', which refers to the local, organic ingredients used in his refined cuisine, Keisuke Matsushima first built a name for himself in Nice, France before opening this Tokyo branch. Ideal for a memorable, romantic dinner. Keisuke Matsushima 2-B

044 Art
Admire thousands of artworks
Its massive collection of international and Japanese artworks has its moments, but the temporary exhibitions at this 20-year-old contemporary art museum are the main reason to visit. Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo 4-B



045 Restaurant
Eat like an A-lister
Tuck into original Californian cuisine created by the official chef for the Academy Awards. The must-order is Wolfgang's Smoked Salmon Pizza – it's covered with salmon and dill cream, and favoured by celebs at the Oscars. Wolfgang Puck 2-C

046 Café
Snack under ginkgo trees
With pretty ginkgo trees creating the setting, this café is the perfect place for a scenic light lunch. Best time to go is in autumn when the leaves begin to turn a vibrant shade of yellow. Royal Garden Cafe 2-B

021 Restaurant
Tuck into legendary Indian cuisine
New York's famed Indian restaurant comes to life in Roppongi under the direction of Warren Wadud, son of the original restaurant owner. Besides the fine tandoori cuisine, be sure to try the pan-roasted lobster. Nirvana New York 2-C



022 Restaurant
Go for brunch, NYC style
New York breakfast queen Sarabeth's is going strong in Tokyo. Its Classic Eggs Benedict always makes for an ideal brunch, and from this branch in Shinjuku, transforms into a stylish bistro-style eatery. Sarabeth's 4-C



023
Step into the Lexus world
Showing off the Lexus 'lifestyle' rather than just cars, this unique space features vehicles, clothes, furniture, crafts, coffee and food – all of which exude the quality you'd expect from the luxury brand. Intersect by Lexus 2-B

047 Theatre
Watch movies all night
The nine-screen multiplex in Roppongi Hills has a few nifty features – notably its luxurious Premiere cinema – and also offers all-night screenings on Fridays, Saturdays and days preceding national holidays. Toho Cinemas Roppongi Hills 2-C

048 Café
Scoff as many pastries as possible
This spot is considered one of Tokyo's most splendid bakeries. Visit at 2.30pm on Monday or Thursday for the Sweet Buffet (¥1,544). Esprit de Bigot 4-A

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024 Restaurant
Taste shark's fin
Or, if you don't fancy snacking on Jaws, stick to one of the simpler dishes on the healthy Cantonese menu, which makes use of seasonal Japanese ingredients. Akasaka Rikyū 2-C



025 Shopping
Find your home comforts
A bastion of imported groceries, this supermarket is popular with Tokyo's international community who are homesick for familiar flavours, from Jerk seasoning to Jungle Crunch. National Asaba 3-C

026 Shopping
Kit yourself out in couture
Aside from housing the first MoMA Design Store to open outside of NYC, Gyre shopping centre boasts branches of Chanel, Maison Margiela and Trading Museum Comme des Garçons. Note: the parking lot gives priority to those who have reserved bays in advance. Gyre 2-B



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049 Restaurant
Relish the finest beef
You can look forward to USDA Prime and Certified Angus beef at this popular restaurant. Try Popover baked with Gruyere cheese, the delicious Lobster Salad Cobb Style and the Tuna Tartare with Avocado and Soy-Lime Dressing. BLT Steak Tokyo 2-C



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