

# 50 things to do in Tokyo

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## Lexus International Gallery Aoyama



At the international Desk, bilingual staff provide explanations of Lexus products and accept requests for test drives. We also provide information on how to acquire and renew driver's licenses in Japan, and also on leisure spots in and around Tokyo. Please enjoy Lexus hospitality offering both excitement and comfort.

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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.

**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.

**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.



**004 Shopping**  
**Design a better interior**

If you're ready to graduate to a more sophisticated decor style, make a beeine for The Conran Shop and its stylish furnishings and interior accessories. They stock both original and curated items from around the world.



**5 TIPS FROM THE LEXUS OWNER'S DESK**  
**No.1 Figure out the best route**

The Lexus Owner's Desk is a call centre that's available from 9am to 6pm, 365 days a year for Lexus owners. If you need to get from A to B in a hurry, they'll give you navigational guidance according to the traffic. It's like a GPS on speed dial.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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 Chili Crab and Black Pepper Crab.

**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.)

**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.



**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.



**008 Restaurant**  
**Fill up on American portions**

Proudly American, Bubby's serves up generously sized burgers with juicy 200g patties and fries. Tuck into a Blueberry Shortcake Pancake afterwards if you have space.

**009 Restaurant**  
**Allow yourself a little luxury**

The flagship restaurant of the Andaz Tokyo hotel is dressed to impress: expect tinkling live piano music, aerial views across Tokyo and an international menu of luxury ingredients with prices to match.

**010 Restaurant**  
**Name-drop the chef**

Australian restaurateur Bill Granger now boasts three restaurants in Tokyo, with this one being the biggest. Enjoy scrambled organic eggs on toast or ricotta pancakes with fresh banana and honeycomb butter while taking in views of Tokyo Bay.



**011 Art**  
**Stroll through ancient art and a Japanese garden**

Besides a collection of more than 7,400 Asian artworks - including world-famous ancient Chinese bronzes - this museum provides breathing space in its beautiful garden.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**036 Shopping**  
**Go crazy for gadgets**

Centring on the multimedia tower, which seems to stock just about every computer-related contraption in existence, the Yodobashi camera and electronics empire's home base spreads out over a total of 11 buildings.

**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.



**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](http://www.bianca-omotesando.com)). We recommend the Prix-fixed multicourse dinner (¥4,800-).



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).

**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.

**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.

**5 TIPS FROM THE LEXUS OWNER'S DESK**  
**No.4 Make dinner a special occasion**

Whether you're dining with family or you're planning a romantic date, certain dinners deserve to be extra special. Lexus Owner's Desk operators are well versed in the finest restaurants and will reserve seats at the best venue for the occasion. It goes without saying that you should escort your companion(s) in your favourite car.

**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.



**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.



**5 TIPS FROM THE LEXUS OWNER'S DESK**  
**No.2 Find your nearest parking lot**

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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.



**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.

**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.

**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).

**5 TIPS FROM THE LEXUS OWNER'S DESK**  
**No.5 Get the latest news from your car**

Huh? From your car? That's right, the Lexus Owner's Desk can deliver news and weather reports directly to your vehicle so by the time you get to work you'll be all caught up on the day's top stories.



**050 Shopping**  
**Add timeless design to your home**

If the names Artek and Fritz Hansen are on your decor wish list, you'll find them and other famous-designer furnishings here.

**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.



**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.

**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.

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