🗿 1-1- Hanaka time, and some who can communicate in Chinese, almos all the time. At the Center, you can purchase Nikko passes and other tickets, and get information on the vicinity. Visitors can also use Wi-Fi free of charge within the facility. The Center is directly connected to Tobu Asakusa Station Staff who can communicate in English are present all th

[ Tobu Tourist Information Center Asakusa ]

Information on sightseeing information centers

generate coherence as a single area.

 ${\sf SKALKEE} @. \ {\sf This will help to integrate the bridge and Tokyo} \ {\sf Skytree} @. \ in the minds of visitors, and to the state of the bridge of the b$ bridge, the Sumida River Bridge is going to be painted "Skytree White," the color of TOKYO bustling space as the core of the whole district. Along with the addition of the new pedestrian around these two big sightseeing areas, enhance the appeal of the waterside area, and create a waterside terrace built under the railway bridge, its aim is to heighten the circulation of visitors more than 30 million visitors a year, by the shortest distance. Together with TOKYO mizumachi and secretariat). It provides a walkway linking the Asakusa and TOKYO SKYTREE $^{\otimes}$  areas, which draw approaches to waterfront improvement (with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government serving as the and Asakusa areas. It was built on the basis of a proposal by a group instituted to study new Attached to this bridge is SUMIDA RIVER WALK, a pedestrian bridge linking the TOKYO SKYTREE  $^{\circ}$ kept the bridge's structural members out of sight from inside the train cars. Station. Its design was marked by a curvature reflecting consideration for the river scenery and



and Asakusa areas linking the TOKYO SKYTREE® to the Sumida River Bridge, a pedestrian bridge attached **SOMIDA RIVER WALK,** 

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confinues to play a role as a node of boat transport even now.

a dock, pier, and boarding area for water taxis. Although the scenery has changed, it therefore if attracted attention for what was considered a modern park design at the time. Ioday, it includes contains boathouses, a pool, and other facilities that highlight its waterfront dimension. As a result, the fourth Tokugawa shogun, and have been favorites with the people ever since. The park also is noted for its cherry blossoms. Cherry trees were first planted here in the Edo period by letsuna, incorporated a pond and residual structures in the form of a Japanese-style garden. Sumida Park was decided to include the site of the Koume Mansion in the park, whose design consequently planned as part of the project of recovery from the Great Kanto Earthquake. During the planning, it Together with Hamamachi Park and Kinshi Park, Sumida Park was one of the three major parks river transport from the Kita-Jikken River to the Sumida River, and of the network of post roads. it burned down in the Great Kanto Earthquake, which struck in 1923. The site was also a node of

> Members of the Mito Tokugawa lived in the VIIIa until which headed the shogunate. For generations, the three main branches of the Tokugawa Clan, Mansion, a villa owned by the Mito Tokugawa, one of In the Edo period, this was the site of Koume

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## SUMIDA RIVER WALK Area Map



Asakusa area

draws people from around the world. Besides Sensoji Tempi it contains many long-standing shops selling traditional Japa



Kamawanu **Asakusa Store** 

"Chusen" hand towels imbued with the skills of traditional artisans

This store handles about 200 different types of hand towels and everyday tools collected from inside and outside Japan. The towels are dyed by the traditional "chusen" technique continuing from the 19th century, and feature seasonal patterns only available from the Asakusa store. They make nice souvenirs of Japan for family and friends in other countries



Goldfish-scooping for a festive mood,

A store where visitors can try to net goldfish and look for goldfish-related items. Goldfish-scooping is a favorite game

n Japan's summertime festivals, and you can try it here all

year round. There are easy-to-understand directions in English and Chinese. The store also has an assortment of

accessories, tableware, and many other items.

15 Jidaiya

culture

**Casual experience of Japanese** 

Jidaiya provides a casual experience of various

elements of Japanese culture, including the tea

sightseeing in Asakusa. While having all sorts of experiences, you can also take a lot of photos

that will be fond memories of your trip to Asakusa.

Kimuraya Honten

A venerable maker of ningyo-yaki, a

A little cake filled with sweet bean jam, "ningyo-yaki" is one of the treats for which Asakusa is known.

Kimuraya was founded way back in the medieval Edo

period, and still preserves the flavor from those days.
In its early days, people also reportedly called its ware

"meisho-vaki" ("famous-place-vaki") because the cakes

were shaped like the five-tiered pagoda, thunder god,

big lantern, dove, and other sites symbolic of Asakusa.

famous Asakusa treat

ceremony, calligraphy, and kimono as well as dressing up like a warlord. Recommended for

those who want a different approach to

all year round

Samurai & Ninja Asakusa Kingyo Dojo

A real samurai & ninja experience

**Asakusa** 

**A** Hanayashiki

Japan's oldest amusement park,

amusement park. Still in operation, the roller

coaster is the oldest one in the country and offers a thrilling ride. Recommended for both

cloaked in a retro atmosphere

Opened in 1853, this is Japan's oldest

children and adults, who can savor the

atmosphere of bygone years

Under the guidance of a real ninia, you can have a genuine ninja experience, including throwing star-shaped knives and shooting the ninja history and philosophy. The Dojo is visited by about 2,000 people every year, and ranks among the top as a Tokyo destination on



13 Sumida Park A park famed for its cherry blossoms

darts from a blowgun, as well as learning about



Sensoji Temple

A must-see spot visited by about 30 million people per year

The oldest Buddhist temple in Tokyo, Sensoji is always thronged with visitors,

who total about 30 million a year. Fronting it s Nakamise Shopping Street, a road lined

with stores selling souvenirs and sundries. The temple grounds also provide a good view of TOKYO SKYTREE®, which makes for a beautiful contrast of the old and new. SUMIDA RIVER WALK

A pedestrian bridge linking Asakusa and Tokyo Skytree® by the shortest distance This pedestrian bridge will be newly built on the existing railway bridge in April 2020. It will link the Asakusa area and Tokyo Skytree Town® by the shortest distance. In some

sections, it will have a glass floor enabling strollers to look at boats passing underneating

**KONCENT** 

A design platform connecting people who create things with people who use them

KONCENT is a hub of craftsmanship connecting creators, manufacturers, and users. It has an assortment that is centered around products designed by h-concept and various other items.



The theme of Wise Owl Hostels, which opened on TOKYO mizumachi, is "river." The adjoining cafe & bar and open snace are venues for interchange hetween residents and visitors, and for having different experiences. The



This store sells handmade glass items that Sumida artisans produce by glass-blowing. It also gives visitors a hands-on experience of leutors for etching patterns of their preference into glass. In addition to buying glass items, visitors can freely browse glass-related books

Etch a pattern of your choice on glass

Chiisana Garasu no

Hon no Hakubutsukan

and materials. (Reservations are required for the experience.)

**SUMIDA RIVER WALK & TOKYO mizumachi** area

This waterside district links the two sightseeing destinations of Asakusa and Oshiage. It is breeding a new downtown culture by broadening the "human, area, culture, and bustle"

assets rooted in the community

Asakusa Aiwafuku

A kimono rental shop for tourists

Enjoy seeing the sights of Asakusa in a kimono. The package includes getting you

groups and couples. Staff who can speak English and Chinese are always on hand. You

and the Sumida River fireworks display

The park lies along the Sumida River and straddles Tokyo's Taito and Sumida wards. It is

one of the prime locations for viewing cherry

blossoms in spring and for watching the huge Sumida River fireworks display in summer. It is

blossoms, hydrangea, and other flowers in any

ovides an excellent view of

also a perfect place for admiring plum

TOKYO SKYTREE®.

can leave any big pieces of luggage at the

hair set, and there is a variety of plans for



4 Genmori Bridge

The bridge was built in 2007. By standing on the eastern sidewalk, you can take a picture of a train on the Tobu Skytree Line and

bridge is therefore a popular spot for photographers. On it is a unique art object plus bench whose theme is "mutual support."

A place where smiles are born through

food, full of warmth and peace of mind

Skytree to the east and Asakusa to the west. Ir

the middle of this sightseeing area is a cafe &

dining establishment where people come for an interlude of smiling faces, warmth, and

peace of mind. The assortment of dishes for

casual dining, which shows a particularity about growing districts and seasonal foods,

**8** Jack's Wife Freda

All-day dining rated "NY1 delicious"

The popular New York restaurant with queues at the door has finally come to Japan for the

first time! The restaurant guide Zagat Survey

selected it as the place to get the best avocado toast in NYC. This little street-side

restaurant is one people want to newly

incorporate into their Tokyo lifestyle

by ZAGAT

delights customers at each table.

TOKYO SKYTREE® at the same time. The

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A duet by a railway and TOKYO

Park

TOKYO SKYTREE® seen through

TOKYO SKYTREE®, It contains the artwork "Oboroge," which consists of 161 poles. You can look up at TOKYO SKYTREE® through

A store specializing in banana sweets Located in a quiet residential area, Banana

terrace. Customers can also take out glasses of banana juice. Its best-selling item is banana pie Its shortcake, cream puffs, pudding, and other products are, of course, also made with banana



25 Sumida Aquarium

An urban aquarium in TOKYO **SKYTREE TOWN®** 

The aquarium is located on the fifth and sixth floors of TOKYO SKYTREE TOWN®, Among the most popular attractions are the Tokyo Big Tank reproducing the sea around the Ogasawara Islands and the Indoor Open Pool Tank for close-up observation of penguins and seals. The aquarium also holds many special events in each season



Kenban-dori

The street running through the center of the Mukojima entertainment district

The term "kenban" is a common name for offices established by local eateries, geishas and houses of assignation. The Mukojima entertainment district, which is situated to the north of Kenban-dori and east of Bokutei-dori, still contains nearly 20 traditional "ryotei"



29 Konica Minolta Planetarium -Tenku in TOKYO SKYTREE TOWN®

This adult-oriented entertains is located on the seventh floor of TOKYO SKYTREE TOWN®. It features works created through collaboration with popular artists and "healing" items with original aromas. Try the premium seats shaped like crescent moons for



22 UNLIMITED COFFEE BAR

**TOKYO SKYTREE TOWN® area** 

This area is centered around TOKYO SKYTREE®. It is home to entertainment fusing the

ontinuing traditional culture of the old downtown with stylish new culture. It showcases

the new appeals of Tokyo to the rest of the world.

A coffee shop that also serves alcoholic beverages

speciality coffees with a rich flavor. The shop also serves meals and desserts, as well as coffee cocktails and other alcoholic beverages.



23 Banana Factory

**Koume Children's** 

Factory specializes in banana sweets. Within the little store are a counter and seating on a



24 Mirindo Hand-roasted crackers with a flavor

that hasn't changed since the 1920s

Founded way back in 1923, Mirindo sells hand-roasted "sembei" crackers, dipped in a savory soy sauce to which it has been adding for more than 90 years. Besides dozens of types of crackers, it offers "nure-soft," a new hit product combining damp crackers with soft-serve ice cream. On weekends, customers can also watch the staff making the crackers

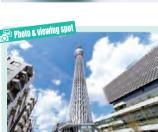


26 Oshiro Morihachi Honpo

A shop selling traditional Japanese confections with an unchanged flavor

Founded in 1933, this shop has carried on the tradition of Japanese-style confection-making. It sells sweet chestnut dumplings and buns containing a whole chestnut. It uses bean jam made by a method unique to Japanese sweets. Owing to its





**LU** Oshinari Bridge

A bridge for viewing the tower from its base

This little pedestrian bridge was built when TOKYO SKYTREE® opened, and links the Oshiage and Narihira districts. Its name combines the first two syllables of the names of these districts

on its two banks. It lies in front of Solamachi Plaza, and offers an impressive view of TOKYO SKYTREE\* from its base.

30 Postal Museum Japan

A museum about postal services in Japan The museum displays articles related to postal

and communications services in Japan Besides the collection of some 330,000 stamps, Japan's largest, it contains experience-oriented and hands-on contents isitors can really post letters in the mailbox in the museum, and have them stamped with an





energizing the local area

proprietor wants to publicize the charms of Sumida ward

**ZU** shake tree DINER Picture yourself as you never

imagined! "LET'S HAVE FUN!"

Their motto is "Let's have fun! Enjoy everything with our customers." The burgers using patties instead of buns have an outstanding impact.

Moving experience of the

"extra-ordinary" and starry sky



image of TOKYO SKYTREE®

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## 09 Ninja Bar An Asakusa bar where you can

meet ninja

The bar is located in the Asakusa Underground Mall, the oldest underground mall in Japan. It serves more than 200 types of Japanese sake and more than 70 types of cocktails, beer, and they get the urge to do so. Have fun with ninja tonight along with other customers from around the world. Asakusa Station Exit 6.

Bunkoya Ozeki Asakusa Store

Traditional cow leather goods made by craftspersons Ozeki sells "bunkogawa" a type of cow leather goods. Its craftspersons press frames onto

pure white leather and paint the leather by hand, one by one. They can paint over 100 types of pattern styles, including Japanese woodblock prints, Egyptian frescoes, and European tile motifs. Visitors are sure to find an item they like in its big assortment



**Denpoin Street Store - Dog-logo** bag maker Inujirushi kaban seisakujo

Handmade canvas bags born in

This store has been making canvas bags since right after the war. Canvas mellows with age, and is painstakingly produced with a power loom that can only weave a few dozen meters per day. Part of the bag's charm is simple designs unswayed by the going trends.



A community-type hostel welcoming travelers from around the world and

by operating as "hostels that people can visit for fun."
"Opening in succession beginning in 2021.

