

Reservations for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) can be made online from Wednesday August 20, to Monday, September 8.
Same-day tickets will be on sale at the venues, ensuring that all can freely participate!

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025 Event Information

Hama-rikyu Gardens (Oct. 4 & 5), Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Oct. 18 & 19)

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) are proud to present the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025.

Held at two venues within the city, different schools of tea will come together to offer a variety of tea ceremonies that transcend school boundaries, all set in atmospheric and historically rich venues.



Outdoor Tea Ceremony – “Nodate”
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)



Promotional Image of Tokyo Grand Tea
Ceremony 2025



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)

Now in its 16th time, this year's event will be held for a total of four days, first on Saturday, October 4 and Sunday, October 5, the event will be held in Chuo-ku at Hama-rikyu Gardens, known for its exemplary Japanese garden from the Edo period. Then, on Saturday, October 18 and Sunday, October 19, at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum in Koganei-shi that exhibits historic structures that once stood in Tokyo.

Tea Ceremony Program, Participation Fee and Information

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony is an event that not only widely promotes Japan's traditional culture and performing arts both domestically and internationally, but also works to preserve and pass them on to future generations. It is a tea gathering where everyone is welcome — not only those with experience in tea ceremony, but also young people, children, and international visitors who may not be familiar with it in their daily lives — to participate casually and enjoyably.

Both weekends will include a Tea Ceremony (Indoor), in which tea is enjoyed indoors in a hospitably decorated room with an alcove and an Outdoor Tea Ceremony – “Nodate”, which is held in the refreshing open air while seated on chairs.

In addition to Tea Ceremony (Indoor) and Outdoor Tea Ceremony- “Nodate”, the event at Hama-rikyu Gardens, an Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English will be offered with an English interpreter providing explanations on tea ceremony culture and the spirit of hospitality. In addition, there will also be an Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students, in which Tokyo high school students from their school's tea ceremony clubs will serve tea outdoors. Various other tea ceremony programs will also be offered for visitors to casually learn about the culture.



Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)



Tea Ceremony for Children
(Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)
*Photos from Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2024

At the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum will also offer an Indoor Tea Ceremony in English with an English interpreter providing explanations on the history and ritual of the tea ceremony. There

will also be a Tea Ceremony for Children, allowing children in junior high school and below attended by parents (or guardians) to experience the tea ceremony while learning about its etiquette and spirit of hospitality.

At both venues, as in the previous year, efforts will be made to improve accessibility so that everyone can enjoy the tea ceremony.

Some of the “Tea Ceremony” and “Outdoor Tea Ceremony” sessions will be conducted with Japanese sign language interpretation.

This year, certain priority seats will be designated for sessions with Japanese sign language interpretation. For details on how to use these seats, please check the official website.

Participation fee in all tea ceremony programs is 800 yen per person (tax included; same hereafter). All of them include tea and sweets. The Tea Ceremony for Children at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is 500 yen per person.

Participants in all tea ceremony programs will receive Japanese *kaishi* paper for holding sweets and a *kuromoji* (a toothpick-like utensil) for slicing the sweets into bite-sized pieces. Even first-time participants will easily be able to enjoy the tea ceremony ritual.

There is a separate charge for entry into Hama-rikyu Gardens. (Admission is free for children in elementary school and below, and for junior high school students living or attending school in Tokyo, and for persons with a disability certificate and one accompanying person.)

Entry into the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is free during the event.

Reservation through the official website is required to participate in the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) at either venue. Same-day tickets for programs excluding the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) will be available for purchase at the venues.

Reservations for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor)

Those wishing to participate in the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) must make reservations via the official website. If the number of reservations exceeds capacity, a lottery will be held after the reservation period.

Each person may reserve only one session at one venue.

■ How to Reserve

Via the Official Website

Fill in the Reservation Form via the official website
(<https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony2025.jp/eng/index.html>) .

The Reservation Form allows you to select your preferred venue, tea ceremony location, first and second preferred date and time (A. before 1:00 p.m. or B. after 1:00 p.m.), number of participants (up to 2), and Japanese sign language requirements. (Note: Japanese sign language programs have a designated location. See the Reservation Form for more details.)

■ Participation Fee

Participation in the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) is 800 yen (tax included, comes with tea, sweets, *kaishi* paper and *kuromoji* utensil).

■ Reservation Period

The reservation period is from Wednesday, August 20, to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 8, via the official website.

■ Reservation Terms

- A lottery will be held if the number of reservations exceeds the available capacity.
- Same-day tickets will go on sale at the venue if the number of reservations does not exceed capacity, or if reservations are canceled on the day of the event.
- Personal information acquired in the reservation process will only be used for the purpose of operating the event and for contacting you about the event.

- Allergen information relating to the sweets provided at the event is published on the official website.

■ Lottery Results

Lottery results will be notified by email at the end of September after the reservation period.

■ Payment of Participation Fee

Lottery winners must bring their Lottery Winning Notice to the venue and present it at the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) Ticket Counter in the venue on the day of the event. The participation fee will be paid on site.

Payment Methods

The participation fee can be paid in cash or with a transportation IC card, nanaco, Rakuten Edy, QUICPay, or iD.

*Credit cards are not accepted.

■ General Inquiries

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Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025 Overview

1. Event Overview

Hama-rikyu Gardens

Date	Saturday, October 4, and Sunday, October 5, 2025
Hours	10:00 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. (Tea Ceremony Program Registration Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.)
Venue Location	1-1 Hamarikyuteien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo (Park open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission until 4:30 p.m.)
Admission	General Admission: 300 yen; Senior Admission (65 and older): 150 yen; Admission is free for children in elementary school and below, and for junior high school students living or attending school in Tokyo, and for persons with a disability certificate and one accompanying person.
Directions	The venue is a 7-minute walk from Shiodome Station or Tsukijishijo Station on the Toei Oedo Line and Shiodome Station on the Yurikamome Line. The venue is a 12-minute walk from Shimbashi Station on the JR, Tokyo Metro Ginza, and Toei Asakusa Line.
Organizers	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Co-organizers	Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association
Support	Chuo City
Cooperation	Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony & Flower Arrangement Federation, Tea Ceremony Department of Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation

Note

The event may be changed or canceled due to weather or other reasons.

Event Program

Program Name	Content	Location	Time (Per Session)	Participation Fee (Per Person Per Session)	Note
Tea Ceremony Program *1	Tea Ceremony (Indoor) *2	Nakajima-no-ochaya	25 min.	800 yen Pay on site	Reservation required (date and time specified). Lottery held if reservation capacity is exceeded.
		Hobai-tei			Japanese sign language provided for a portion of sessions. Reservation required (date and time specified). Lottery held if reservation capacity is exceeded.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate" (4 programs)	Uchibori Open Space			Japanese sign language provided for a portion of sessions. Same-day tickets available.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English	Kaboku-en Gazebo			English language instruction provided. Same-day tickets available.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students	Kaboku-en	20 min.		Same-day tickets available.
	Traditional Cultural Experience Programs	Flower Arrangement Ikebana	By the Naka-no-gomon Gate	60 min.	500 yen Pay on site
Traditional Cultural Performances	October 4 Kanda Iori(Kodan)	Across from Hobai-tei	30 min.	Free	Twice per day
	October 5 Sharari (Violin and Tsugaru-shamisen)				
Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association Program	October 4 Ishimorishachu (Satokagura)	Across from Hobai-tei	30 min.	Free	Once per day
	October 5 Asami Honoka(Koto)				

*1 Tea ceremony program participation fee includes the cost of tea and sweets.

*2 Reservation required for Japanese sign language interpretation of the Tea Ceremony (Indoor).

About Hama-rikyu Gardens

Hama-rikyu Gardens exemplifies a typical Japanese garden from the Edo period, boasting two duck ponds, along with a tidal pond (Shioiri-no-ike) drawing water from Tokyo Bay. Originally covered in reeds, the Tokugawa clan used the site for falconry until the 1640s. It wasn't until the reign of the 11th Shogun, Ienari Tokugawa (1773-1841), that the garden transformed into its current state. The garden was known as Hama Goten in the Edo period.

During the Meiji Restoration, the garden became a royal villa of the Imperial Household and was renamed Hama-rikyu. The National Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties resulted in the garden being designated both a Special Place of Scenic Beauty and a Special Historic Site in November 1952, making it one of very few city gardens and cultural properties to receive both honors.



Images from the previous event at the Hama-rikyu Gardens (2024)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony –“Nodate”
(Uchibori Open Space)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Nakaiima-no-ochava)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony
by High School Students
(Kaboku-en)



Traditional Cultural Experience
Programs (Flower Arrangement)

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

Date	Saturday, October 18, and Sunday, October 19, 2025
Hours	10:30 a.m. to 3:55 p.m. (Tea Ceremony Program Registration Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:10 p.m.)
Venue Location	3-7-1 Sakuracho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo (inside Koganei Park) (Park open from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Admission until 4:00 p.m.)
Admission	Free during the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025 (October 18 and 19)
Directions	Musashi-Koganei Station on the JR Chuo Line Take the North Exit to Seibu Bus Stop #2 or #3. Get off at Koganei -koen-nishiguchi Bus Stop (Boarding time is about 5 minutes). The venue is a 5-minute walk away. Hana-Koganei Station on the Seibu Shinjuku Line Take the South Exit and walk 5 minutes to the Minami-Hana-Koganei Seibu Bus Stop. Get off at Koganei-koen-nishiguchi Bus Stop (Boarding time is about 5 minutes). The venue is a 5-minute walk away.
Organizers	Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Support	Koganei City, Koganei City Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Cooperation	Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture), Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony Association
Note	The event may be changed or canceled due to weather or other reasons.

Event Program

Program Name	Content	Location	Time (Per Session)	Participation Fee (Per Person Per Session)	Note
Tea Ceremony Program *1	Tea Ceremony (Indoor) *2	House of Korekiyo Takahashi	25 min.	800 yen Pay on site	Reservation required (date and time specified) Lottery held if reservation capacity is exceeded
		Farmhouse of the Yoshino Family			
		Mantoku Inn			
		Second House of the Nishikawa Family			Japanese sign language interpretation available at a portion of sessions. Reservation required. Lottery held if reservation capacity is exceeded.
	Tea Ceremony for Children	Farmhouse of the Tenmyo Family		500 yen Pay on site	Participation eligible for one or two children in junior high school or below with one parent or guardian. Same-day tickets available. Participation fee for each participant is required.
	Indoor Tea Ceremony in English	Farmhouse of the Tsunashima Family		800 yen Pay on site	English language instruction provided. Same-day tickets available.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate"	Gate of Date Family Residence			Japanese sign language interpretation available at a portion of sessions. Same-day tickets available.
Traditional Cultural Performances	October 18 ItoYusuke (Kendama)	East Square	30 min.	Free	Twice per day
	October 19 Hikoichi-dango (Houkagei <Juggling>)		30 min.		
Light meals for sale by the Koganei City Chamber of Commerce		East Square	—	—	10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Same-day Event Music Program TOKYO "Machinaka Concert"	October 18 A. Horn Quartet B. Cello Duo	Kodakara-yu	20 min.	Free	On Both Days A. 10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., 11:50 a.m. - 12:10 p.m. B. 1:40 p.m. - 2:00 p.m., 2:50 p.m. - 3:10 p.m.
	October 19 A. Oboe Trio B. Trumpet Quartet				

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*2 Reservation required for Japanese sign language interpretation of the Tea Ceremony (Indoor).

About the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

This museum opened in Koganei Park (Koganei-shi, Tokyo) in March 1993 as a branch of the Edo-Tokyo Museum (located in Sumida-ku, currently closed for major renovations). The museum is home to 30 buildings recognized for their historic and cultural value from the Edo period to mid-Showa period. Each was relocated to the museum when their original locations were no longer practical. The buildings have been restored both externally and internally, and maintained for exhibiting. The museum aims to pass down these invaluable cultural properties to future generations. The interior of each structure recreates the atmosphere of various lifestyles and trades, with authentic items used in daily life on display.



Images from the previous event at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (2024)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Mantoku Inn)



Tea Ceremony for Children
(Farmhouse of
the Tenmyo Family)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony- "Nodate"
(Gate of Date Family Residence)



Traditional Cultural Performances
(East Square)

2. About the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony was launched in fiscal year 2008, inspired by the historical event in October 1587 (Tenshō 15) when Toyotomi Hideyoshi hosted the grand tea gathering "Kitano Ōchanoyū" at Kitano Tenmangū Shrine in Kyoto. This year marks its 16th edition.

Each time, the event offers a variety of tea ceremony programs that allow everyone to enjoy the culture of tea in a casual and welcoming way.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, the event was cancelled in fiscal year 2020, and again in 2021, with online video content related to the tea ceremony provided instead. In fiscal year 2022, the event resumed for the first time in three years, held again at two venues. To date, the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony has welcomed a total of approximately 276,000 visitors.

Those attending the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony can closely observe the rituals and tea serving procedure of the Outdoor Tea Ceremony. Whether participating in the program or not, visitors will be able to immerse themselves in the unique atmosphere and formalities of the tea ceremony.

■Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025

Official Website	https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony2025.jp/eng/index.html
Official X	https://x.com/tgtc3
Official Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/1070712666325449
Official Instagram	https://www.instagram.com/tokyograndteaceremony

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