

A large-scale tea ceremony open to everyone, now with same-day tickets available for all sessions!

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026 Event Information

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Oct. 24 - 25), Hama-rikyu Gardens (Oct. 31 - Nov. 1)

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) are proud to present the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026, a large-scale tea gathering cherished as an autumn tradition in Tokyo. Held at two atmospheric venues, different schools of tea will come together to offer a variety of tea ceremonies that transcend school boundaries.



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



Promotional Image of
Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026



Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate"
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)

Now in its 17th edition, this year's event will be held for a total of four days: first on Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Koganei City, Tokyo), a Tokyo metropolitan open-air museum exhibiting historic structures that once stood in the city; then on Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1 at Hama-rikyu Gardens (Chuo City, Tokyo), known as an exemplary Japanese daimyo garden from the Edo period.

About the Tea Ceremony Programs

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony is an event where everyone is welcome — not only those experienced in tea ceremony, but also those unfamiliar with it in daily life, children, and international visitors.

Participants will receive Japanese kaishi paper for holding sweets and a kuromoji (a toothpick-like wooden utensil) for slicing sweets into bite-size pieces, allowing even first-timers to casually enjoy the ritual.

Both venues will feature a Tea Ceremony (Indoor), held indoors with hospitable decorations in the alcove where guests sit on tatami mats to enjoy tea with authentic etiquette, and an Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate", a casual outdoor style where guests are seated on chairs.

In addition to the "Tea Ceremony (Indoor)" and "Outdoor Tea Ceremony – Nodate":

● At the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum: An Tea Ceremony in English (Indoor) : will offer consecutive English interpretation explaining the history and etiquette of the tea ceremony. There will also be a Tea Ceremony for Children (Indoor), allowing children in junior high school and below accompanied by a parent or guardian to experience the tea ceremony while learning its etiquette and spirit of hospitality.



Sweets, kaishi paper, and kuromoji utensil
(Image)



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



Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate" in
English

*Photos from the Tokyo Grand Tea
Ceremony 2025

●At Hama-rikyu Gardens: An Outdoor Tea Ceremony– "Nodate" in English will feature consecutive English interpretation explaining tea culture and etiquette. An Outdoor Tea Ceremony– "Nodate" by High School Students will feature Tokyo high school tea ceremony club members serving tea outdoors, among other programs for visitors to casually enjoy tea culture.



Outdoor Tea Ceremony–"Nodate" with Japanese Sign Language Interpretation

*Photos from the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2025

Tea Ceremony Programs with Japanese Sign Language Interpretation

To enhance accessibility and create an environment where everyone can enjoy the tea ceremony, selected sessions of the "Tea Ceremony (Indoor)" and "Outdoor Tea Ceremony – Nodate" at both venues will be provided with Japanese sign language interpretation, along with priority seating.

Those requesting sessions with sign language interpretation should inform staff when purchasing same-day tickets.

How to Participate in Tea Ceremony Programs (Same-day Ticket Sales)

Participation in all tea ceremony programs is available on the day of the event by purchasing a same-day ticket at the venue. Tickets are sold on a first-come, first-served basis for each location and may sell out if capacity is reached, even during sales hours.

*Unlike previous years when the "Tea Ceremony (Indoor)" required advance reservation, no advance application is required this year, and tickets will be sold on-site on the day of the event.

Edo Culture Programs

This year features "Edo Culture Programs" in collaboration with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's "Edo Tokyo Campaign 2026 Autumn" to promote the charm of Edo culture.

Both venues will offer hands-on workshops on Tsumami Zaiku (traditional cloth craft). Additionally, live demonstrations will be held (free to view): Amezaiku (candy craft) at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, and Edo Sashimono (traditional woodwork) at Hama-rikyu Gardens.

At Hama-rikyu Gardens, visitors can also enjoy free traditional performances including a Kabuki Program with explanations and demonstrations for beginners by Kabuki actors, an Edo Culture Lecture by curators from the Edo-Tokyo Museum explaining Edo culture related to Hama-rikyu Gardens, as well as Wazuma (traditional Japanese magic developed in the Edo period) and Kamikiri (Traditional Paper Cutting).

Other Programs

To promote Japanese traditional culture and performing arts, both venues will host free-to-watch Traditional Cultural Performances. At Hama-rikyu Gardens, a Flower Arrangement Experience (Ikebana) with English commentary will be offered as part of the Traditional Cultural Experience Programs, complete with priority seating for children.

Fees (All taxes included)

Admission Fees:

- Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum: Free admission during the event (October 24 & 25).
- Hama-rikyu Gardens: Separate garden admission fee required. General: 300 yen; Seniors (65 and older): 150 yen. Free admission for children in elementary school and below, junior high school students living or attending school in Tokyo, disability certificate holders, and one companion.

Tea Ceremony Program Participation Fees:

- All tea ceremony programs include tea and sweets, at 800 yen per person per session.
- The "Tea Ceremony for Children" at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is 500 yen per person per session.

*Payment can be made in cash or via transportation IC cards, nanaco, Rakuten Edy, QUICPay, or iD. Credit cards are not accepted.

Experience Program Fees:

Flower Arrangement Experience (Hama-rikyu Gardens): 500 yen per person per session (includes flower cost). Payment by cash or electronic money (same as above).

Tsumami Zaiku Experience (both venues): 500 yen per person per session (includes material cost). Cash only.

Other Information

Details regarding session capacities, schedules, ticket sales methods, allergen information for sweets, etc., will be published on the official website (<https://2026.tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/eng/index.html>) starting from late August.

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026 Overview

1.Venue & Schedule Overview

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

- **Dates:** Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25, 2026
- **Hours:** 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM (Ticket Sales for Tea Ceremony Programs: 9:30 AM – 3:10 PM)
- **Location:** Inside Koganei Park, 3-7-1 Sakuracho, Koganei City, Tokyo (Park open 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, last entry 4:00 PM)
- **Admission:** Free during the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026 (October 24 & 25)
- **Directions:** From JR Chuo Line "Musashi-Koganei Station" North Exit (Bus Stop #2 or #3), take Seibu Bus (approx. 5 mins) to "Koganei-koen-nishiguchi", 5-min walk.
From Seibu Shinjuku Line "Hana-Koganei Station" South Exit (Bus Stop "Minami-Hana-Koganei"), take Seibu Bus (approx. 5 mins) to "Koganei-koen-nishiguchi", 5-min walk.
- **Organizers:** Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
- **Support:** Koganei City, Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry
- **Special Cooperation:** Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony Association, Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
- **Note:** Programs may be modified or canceled due to weather or other circumstances.

Programs Table (Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum)

Program Category	Program Name	Location	Fee (Per Person / Session)	Note
Tea Ceremony Programs	Tea Ceremony (Indoor)	House of Korekiyo Takahashi	800 yen (*1)	
		Second House of the Nishikawa Family		Includes sessions with Japanese sign language
		Mantoku Inn		
		Farmhouse of the Yoshino Family		

	Tea Ceremony for Children (Indoor)	Farmhouse of the Tenmyo Family	500 yen	Eligible for 1–2 children (up to junior high) + 1 guardian. Fee required per person.
	Tea Ceremony in English (Indoor)	Farmhouse of the Tsunashima Family	800 yen	English commentary provided
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate"	Gate of Date Family Residence		Includes sessions with Japanese sign language
Traditional Cultural Performances	[Oct. 24] Kotaro (Daikagura)	East Square	Free	
	[Oct. 25] Kanda Iori (Koudan)			
Edo Culture Programs	Tsumami Zaiku Experience	Next to Mantoku Inn	500 yen (*2)	
	Amezaiku Demonstration	Next to Kawano Shoten	Free	
Sales of light meals by Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry		East Square	—	
Same-day Event Music Program TOKYO "Machinaka Concert"	[Oct. 24] ①Bassoon Duo ②Flute & Koto Duo	Kodakara-yu	Free	Both days: ①10:40 AM / 11:50 AM ②1:40 PM / 2:50 PM
	[Oct. 25] ① Trombone & Tuba Duo ②Violin Duo			

*1: Includes tea and sweets (tax included). Comes with kaishi paper and kuromoji utensil.

*2: Includes materials (tax included). Participants may take their craft home.

About the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

This museum opened in Koganei Park (Koganei City, Tokyo) in March 1993 as a branch of the Edo-Tokyo Museum (Sumida City, Tokyo). The museum is home to 30 buildings recognized for their historic and cultural value from the Edo period to the 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 are maintained for exhibition purposes. The park aims to pass down these invaluable cultural properties to younger 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 (2025)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)



Tea Ceremony for Children (Indoor)



Tea Ceremony in English (Indoor)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate"

Hama-rikyu Gardens

- **Dates:** Saturday, October 31 and Sunday, November 1, 2026
- **Hours:** 10:00 AM – 5:30 PM (Ticket Sales for Tea Ceremony Programs: 7:45 AM – 3:40 PM)
- **Location:** 1-1 Hamarikyu-teien, Chuo City, Tokyo (Park open 9:00 AM – 9:00 PM last entry 8:30 PM)
- *Nighttime opening hours extended from Oct. 30 to Nov. 3. Please check the Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association website for details.
<https://www.tokyo-park.or.jp/park/hama-rikyu/index.html>
- **Admission:** General: 300 yen; Seniors (65 and older): 150 yen. Free for elementary school children and below, junior high students living in or attending school in Tokyo, disability certificate holders + 1 companion.
- **Directions:**
 - 7-min walk from Shiodome Station or Tsukijishijo Station (Toei Oedo Line) / Shiodome Station (Yurikamome Line).
 - 12-min walk from Shimbashi Station (JR, Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, 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
- Special Cooperation:** Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony & Flower Arrangement Federation, Tea Ceremony Department of Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation
- Note:** Programs may be modified or canceled due to weather or other circumstances.

Programs Table (Hama-rikyu Gardens)

Program Category	Program Name	Location	Fee (Per Person / Session)	Note
Tea Ceremony Programs	Tea Ceremony (Indoor)	Nakajima-no-ochaya	800 yen (*1)	
		Hobai-tei		Includes sessions with Japanese sign language
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony—"Nodate" (4 venues)	Uchibori Open Space		Includes sessions with Japanese sign language
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony—"Nodate" in English	Kaboku-en Gazebo		English commentary provided
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony—"Nodate" by High School Students	Kaboku-en		
Traditional Cultural Experience	Flower Arrangement Experience	Near Naka-no-gomon Gate	500 yen (*2)	English commentary provided Priority seating for children
Traditional Cultural Performances	[Oct. 31] Kamijo Mitsuru (The Edo Marionette Group)	Near Statue of Umashimade-no-mikoto	Free	
	[Nov. 1] Senmaru&Yuki (Daikagura)			
Edo Culture Programs	[Oct. 31] Kabuki Program	Near Statue of Umashimade-no-mikoto	Free	English commentary provided
	[Nov. 1] Edo Culture Lecture			English commentary provided Includes sessions with Japanese sign language
	[Oct. 31] Edo Traditional Performance: • Hayashiya Hana (Kamikiri) • Kyoko (Wazuma)			

	[Nov. 1] Edo Traditional Performance: • Hayashiya Kinosuke (Kamikiri) • Kyoko (Wazuma)			
	Tsumami Zaiku Experience	Near Naka- no-gomon Gate	500 yen (*3)	
	Edo Sashimono Demonstration & Display		Free	

*1: Includes tea and sweets (tax included). Comes with kaishi paper and kuromoji utensil.

*2: Includes flower cost (tax included). Participants may take flowers home.

*3: Includes materials (tax included). Participants may take their craft home.

About Hama-rikyu Gardens

Hama-rikyu Gardens exemplifies a typical Edo-period Japanese garden, boasting two duck ponds and a tidal pond (Shioiri-no-ike) that draws water from Tokyo Bay. Originally covered with reeds, the site was used by the Tokugawa clan for falconry until the 1640s. The garden took its present form during the reign of the 11th Shogun, Tokugawa Ienari (1773-1841), known as Hama Goten in the Edo period, it became an Imperial villa of the Imperial Household after the Meiji Restoration and was renamed Hama-rikyu.

In November 1952, the garden was designated both a Special Place of Scenic Beauty and a Special Historic Site under the Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties, making it one of very few urban gardens to receive both honors.



Images from the previous event at the Hama-rikyu Gardens (2025)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony –
"Nodate"



Outdoor Tea Ceremony –
"Nodate" by High School
Students



Outdoor Tea Ceremony –
"Nodate" in English

2. About the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony was launched in 2008, inspired by the historical event in October 1587 (Tensho 15) when Toyotomi Hideyoshi hosted the grand tea gathering "Kitano Ochanoyu" at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine in Kyoto. This year marks its 17th 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, welcoming a cumulative total of approximately 292,000 visitors as of the end of the last fiscal year.

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony is an open tea ceremony event where everyone can experience the unique atmosphere of a tea gathering. Visitors can closely observe tea serving procedures and participants enjoying tea across different schools—not only at the outdoor "Nodate" sessions, but also at the indoor "Tea Ceremony" sessions through the building windows.

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2026

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