

Same-Day Tickets Available for the First Time in 4 Years! All Are Welcome to Join on the Day!

“TOKYO GRAND TEA CEREMONY 2023”

**Hama-rikyu Gardens (Oct. 14-15) &
 Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Oct. 21-22)**

Tea Ceremony (Indoor) reservation by Sep. 10 (Sun.) via online site

Programs in English at both venues / Programs for children and parents at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

In order to introduce traditional Japanese culture both domestically and overseas, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) is proudly hosting a grand-scale tea ceremony, the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2023. The event will be held at two separate venues in Tokyo, making it easy to attend — everyone from those with experience in the Japanese tea ceremony to children and foreigners who are new to the culture.



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



TOKYO GRAND TEA CEREMONY 2023
 Key Visual



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

This year marks the 14th occasion of the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony. It will take place over a total of 4 days on October 14 (Sat.) and 15 (Sun.) at Hama-rikyu Gardens (Chuo-ku, Tokyo), a well-known example of a feudal lord’s garden from the Edo Period, and on October 21 (Sat.) and 22 (Sun.) at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, an open-air museum that exhibits historical buildings in Tokyo (Koganei-shi, Tokyo).

<Main Tea Ceremony Programs, Entrance Fee, and How to Participate>

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony has been a well-known fall tradition in Tokyo. It is held at tasteful venues where several different schools of the Japanese tea ceremony are presented, and people can enjoy a variety of tea styles across the schools. This year also, we will be hosting tea ceremony programs where anyone can enjoy the Japanese tea ceremony culture.



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 TEA CEREMONY 2022

At both venues, in the spirit of Japanese hospitality, there will be an indoor tea ceremony in a Japanese-style room with a traditional alcove (tokonoma), as well as a “Nodate,” a refreshing outdoor-style tea ceremony where the guests sit on chairs.

In addition to the indoor and outdoor tea ceremonies, at Hama-rikyu Gardens, the Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English will be held to enjoy the tea ceremony culture and manners with English explanations through consecutive interpretation. Students from high school tea ceremony clubs in Tokyo will also offer an Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students.

At the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, we will host the Indoor Tea Ceremony in English to convey the history and manners of the tea ceremony with English explanations through consecutive interpretation. For children below junior high school age, the Indoor Tea Ceremony for Children will be held to provide a fun opportunity to experience the indoor tea ceremony together with their guardians and learn about the spirit of hospitality and manners behind the tea ceremony.

Every tea ceremony program includes tea and sweets. The price for an indoor and outdoor tea ceremony is 800 yen per person (tax inc.). The Indoor Tea Ceremony for Children program at Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is 500 yen per person (tax inc.).

Note that there is a separate entrance fee for Hama-rikyu Gardens (children aged 12 or under and junior high school students who live in Tokyo are free of charge). There is no entrance fee for the Edo Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum during the event.

To attend the Tea Ceremony (Indoor), please reserve your seat(s) online via our official website. For details on how to reserve the Tea Ceremony (Indoor), please see page 2 of this brochure. Although the tea ceremony programs (both indoor and outdoor) in our previous event last year could only be attended through reservations, same-day tickets will be sold at the venues for programs other than the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) in this year's event for the first time in four years.

<Advance Tickets for Tea Ceremony (Indoor)>

To attend the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) at the event, please reserve your seat(s) in advance online through our official website. If there are more applications than available tickets at the time of the deadline, participants will be selected by lottery. Each applicant can only apply once for each venue.



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)

■ How to Reserve

Via Our Official Website

Please visit our official website at (<https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony2023.jp/eng>) and apply using the application form. On the form, you can select the venue you would like to attend, the teahouse where the tea ceremony will take place, your desired date and time, and the number of participants (up to 2 people). Please state your first and second desired date and time (either before 13:00 or later) for both of your choices for a tea ceremony.

■ Participation Fee

The price for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) is 800 yen (tax inc.) - Tea and sweets included.

■ Reservation Date and Deadline

Reservations for the tea ceremony will be accepted from August 10 (Thu.) to September 10 (Sun.). The reservations through our website will be open until 11:59 pm on September 10 (Sun.).

■ Notes on Reservation

- If there is a large number of applications, participants will be chosen by a lottery.
- In case the application is below capacity, or there is cancellation on the day of the event, same-day tickets will be sold at the venues.
- Personal information obtained via the application process will be used only for the purpose of contacting and event operation.
- The used ingredients, allergic substances, and nutrition facts of the sweets served at the event will be disclosed on our website. Please check it before you make a reservation.

■ Lottery Result

After the deadline, a lottery will be held to determine the winning reservations. The lottery results will be sent in late September via email.

■ Payment Methods for Participation Fee

On the day of the event, please bring your lottery winning notice in an email to the venue and show it at the tea ceremony ticket counter prior to payment. Payment can be made by cash or a cashless method (transportation IC cards, nanaco, Rakuten Edy, WAON, QUICPay, iD). Credit cards will not be accepted.

■ Notes on Attending

- Please check the relevant notes and information on our official website before participating.
- Please refrain from participating if you are experiencing symptoms such as a fever or any other signs of ill health on the day of the event.
- Indoor venues will be ventilated regularly.

■ Contact Information for General Inquiries

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TOKYO GRAND TEA CEREMONY 2023 Overview

1. Overview of the Event

Hama-rikyu Gardens

Date	: October 14 (Sat.) – 15 (Sun.) 2023
Time	: 10:00 am– 4:20 pm (tea ceremony reception opens at 9:00 am)
Venue	: Hamarikyuteien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo (Open 9:00 am to 5:00 pm / Entry until 4:30 pm)
Entrance Fee	: General - 300 yen, Age 65 and above – 150 yen; Children aged 12 or under and junior high school students who reside or attend a school in Tokyo are free of charge
Access	: · 7-minute walk from Tsukijishijo station or Shiodome station on Toei Subway Oedo Line, or Shiodome station on Yurikamome Monorail · By JR, Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Toei Subway Asakusa Line: 12-minute walk from Shimbashi station
Organized by	: Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
Co-organized by	: Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association
Supported by	: Chuo City
Cooperated by	: Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony / Flower Arrangement Federation Tokyo Metropolitan High School Cultural Federation; Tea Ceremony Department
Note	: In case of bad weather or unexpected events, there may be changes or cancellations.

Scheduled Events

Name	Content	Place	Length (1 ceremony)	Fee (1 participation per person)	Other Information
Tea Ceremony Program *	Tea Ceremony (Indoor)	Nakajima- no-ochaya	25 mins	800 yen paid at venue	Reservation required for time and day (selected by lottery in case of a large number of applicants)
		Hobai-tei			Same-day tickets available
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony - “Nodate“ (4 locations)	Uchibori Open Space			Same-day tickets available (with English explanations)
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony in English	Kaboku-en gazebo			Same-day tickets available
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students	Kaboku-en	20 mins		Same-day tickets available
Traditional Culture Experience Program	Flower Arrangement	Near Naka-no- gomon Gate	60 mins	Free	3 times a day Same-day reservation (with English explanations)
Traditional Cultural Performance	October 14 · Kotaro (Kirigami art, umbrella spinning) · Senmaru & Yuki (Daikagura)	Opposite of Hobai-tei	30 mins	Free	2 times per day (Schedule may be canceled in case of rain)
	October 15 · KIRIGAMIST Chiaki (Kirigami art) · Edo- Daikagura (Daikagura)		30 mins		
Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association Program	Gagaku performance	Opposite of Hobai-tei	30 mins	Free	1 time per day (Event may be canceled in case of rain)

* Tea ceremony program participation fees include tea and sweets.

<About Hama-rikyu Gardens>

Hama-rikyu Gardens is a well-known daimyo (feudal lord)'s garden dating back to the Edo period. It has two duck hunting grounds and Shioiri-no-ike (a tidal pond) that flows in from Tokyo Bay.

Until the 1640s, the site was covered with reeds and used as a falconry ground by the Tokugawa clan. The garden was completed during the reign of Tokugawa Ienari, the 11th Shogun, and retains



its form today. In the Edo Period, the garden was known as Hama-goten (Hama palace); however, it became a detached palace of the imperial family during the Meiji Restoration and was renamed Hama-rikyu.

In November 1952, it was designated as a Special Place of Scenic Beauty and Historic Site by the national Law for the Protection of Cultural Properties, making it one of the few cultural gardens with two historical designations.

<Scenes From the 2022 Event>



Outdoor Tea Ceremony -
"Nodate"
(Uchibori Open Space)



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



Traditional Cultural Experience
Program / Flower Arrangement

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

- Date : October 21 (Sat.) - 22 (Sun.) 2023
- Time : 10:00 am - 4:15 pm (tea ceremony reception opens at 9:30 am)
- Venue : 3-7-1 Sakuracho, Koganei-shi, Tokyo (inside Koganei Park)
(Open from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm / Entry until 4:00 pm)
- Entrance Fee : No entrance fee during Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2023 (Oct.21-22)
- Access : · 5 minutes by bus from Musashi-Koganei station on JR Chuo Line (north exit). Take a bus (Seibu bus) from bus stop 2 or 3 and get off at Koganei-Koen Nishiguchi station. The museum is a 5-minute walk away.
· From Hana-Koganei station on Seibu Shinjuku Line, walk for 5 minutes from the south exit, take a bus (Seibu bus) from the bus stop Minami Hana-Koganei, and get off at Koganei-Koen Nishiguchi. The museum is a 5-minute walk away.
- Organized by : Tokyo Metropolitan Government, Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture)
- Supported by : Koganei City, Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry
- Cooperated by : Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture), Tokyo Metropolitan Tea Ceremony Association
- Note : In case of bad weather or unexpected events, there may be changes or cancellations.

Scheduled Events

Program	Content	Place	Length (1 ceremony)	Fee (1 participation per person)	Other Information
Tea Ceremony Program *	Tea Ceremony (Indoor)	House of Korekiyo Takahashi	25 mins	800 yen paid at venue	Reservation required for time and day (selected by lottery in case of a large number of applicants)
		Second House of the Nishikawa Family			
		Kawano Shoten			
		Mantoku Inn			
	Tea Ceremony for children	Farmhouse of the Tenmyo Family		500 yen paid at venue	Same-day tickets available (1 or 2 children up to junior high school age with 1 guardian) * Ticket required for each participant
Indoor Tea Ceremony in English	Farmhouse of the Tsunashima Family	800 yen paid at venue	Same-day tickets available (with English explanations)		
Outdoor Tea Ceremony - "Nodate"	Gate of Date Family Residence			Same-day tickets available	
Traditional Cultural Performance	Oct. 21 Ishiguro Sanpei Yonpei (Daikagura)	East Square	30 mins	Free	2 times per day (Schedule may be changed or canceled in case of rain)
	Oct. 22 Ito Yusuke (Kendama)		30 mins		
Light meals will be sold by Koganei City Society of Commerce and Industry		East Square			10:00 am - 4:00 pm
<Other Events on the Same day > Music Program TOKYO Machinaka Concert	October 21 (1)String quartet (2)Brass ensemble (Tuba & horn)	Kodakara-yu	20 mins	Free	Both days (1)10:40 am to 11:00 am & 11:50 am to 12:10 pm (2)1:40 pm to 2:00 & 2:50 pm to 3:10 pm
	October 22 (1)Trumpet quartet (2)Flute and guitar				

* Tea ceremony program participation fees include tea and sweets.

<About Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum>

The Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum is an open-air metropolitan museum that opened its door in March 1993 as an annex of the Edo-Tokyo Museum (Sumida City, Tokyo—currently closed for renovation) in Koganei Park of Koganei City in Tokyo.

The museum aims to pass on the great historical value and cultural heritage embodied in these buildings, which existed in Tokyo from the Edo period to the mid-Showa period. The museum has 30 buildings that were relocated from their original locations where they could not be preserved. The buildings have been restored both externally and internally, and maintained for exhibiting. Inside the buildings, you can see the materials such as tools used in daily life, presenting the various aspects of the ethnic life of people and commerce of the time.



<Scenes from the 2022 Event>



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(House of Korekiyo Takahashi)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Kawano Shoten)



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

2. Reference: About the TOKYO GRAND TEA CEREMONY

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony was started in 2008, inspired by the historical event known as the Kitano Grand Tea Ceremony held by Toyotomi Hideyoshi at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine in Kyoto in October 1587. We offer programs where anyone can experience the spirit of hospitality and enjoy the culture of Japanese tea ceremony in a casual way.

In order to prevent the spread of Covid 19, we suspended hosting the event in 2020, followed by the next year. Instead, we started to offer our online content, such as a video about the tea ceremony. Last year, we finally hosted the event for the first time in 3 years at Hamarikyu Gardens and the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum. 230,000 people have attended the event so far.

Not only the tea-ceremony participants at the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony but also all the visitors at the event can watch the open-air tea ceremony “Nodate” and see its happy participants up close, enjoying the unique atmosphere and scenery of this expansive tea ceremony event.

■ **TOKYO GRAND TEA CEREMONY 2023**

Official Website <https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony2023.jp/eng>

X (Twitter) <https://twitter.com/tgtc3>

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/%E6%9D%B1%E4%BA%AC%E5%A4%A7%E8%8C%B6%E4%20%BC%9A-1070712666325449/?fref=ts>

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