

Same-day tickets will be on sale at the venues, ensuring that all can freely participate!

Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2024 Event Information

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum (Oct. 19 & 20), Hama-rikyu Gardens (Oct. 26 & 27)

Reservations for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) can be made online from Friday, August 9th to Monday, September 9th. Programs are also available with English commentary, which are popular among overseas visitors, along with programs for parents and children!

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government and Arts Council Tokyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture) are proud to present the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2024. Held at two venues within the city, this large-scale tea ceremony is open to all, and aims to promote traditional Japanese culture and arts domestically and abroad, passing them down to younger generations.



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



Promotional Image of Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2024



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

Now in its 15th time, this year's event will be held for a total of four days, first on Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th at the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum in Koganei-shi that exhibits historic structures that once stood in Tokyo. Then, on Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th, the event will be held in Chuo-ku at Hama-rikyu Gardens, known for its exemplary Japanese garden from the Edo period.

Tea Ceremony Program, Participation Fee and Information

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony brings different tea ceremony schools together, allowing visitors the chance to enjoy various types of tea ceremonies in an atmospheric venue. The event is known as an autumn tradition in Tokyo.

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



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



Outdoor Tea Ceremony by High School Students
(Hama-rikyu Gardens)

*Photos from Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2023

In addition to Tea Ceremony (Indoor) and Outdoor Tea Ceremony- “Nodate”, the event 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 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 in 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.

This year, initiatives are underway to improve accessibility, creating an environment where all can enjoy the tea ceremony. As part of these initiatives, Japanese sign language interpreters will be providing interpretation twice daily (in the morning and afternoon) for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor), and for a portion of the Outdoor Tea Ceremony- “Nodate” sessions. (Please note that reservation is required for the Tea Ceremony (Indoor) Japanese sign language sessions.)

Participation in all tea ceremony programs is 800 yen per person (including tax; hereinafter the same). 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-size pieces. Even first-timers will easily be able to enjoy the tea ceremony ritual.

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

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 on-sale 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. A lottery will be held following the reservation period in the event that the number of reservations exceeds capacity. Reservations are limited to one session at one venue per person.

■ How to Reserve

Via the Official Website

Fill in the Reservation Form via the official website (<https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony.jp/2024/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. (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 (including tax, comes with tea, sweets, *kaishi* paper and *kuromoji* utensil).

■ Reservation Period

The reservation period is from Friday, August 9th to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, September 9th via the official website.

■ Reservation Terms

- A lottery will be held in the event that the number of reservations exceeds 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 will be 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.

■ Participation Terms

- Please do not attend if you have a fever or are feeling unwell.
- Indoor venues will be periodically ventilated.

■ General Inquiries

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Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony 2024 Overview

1. Event Overview

Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum

Date	Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 20th 2024
Hours	10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. (Tea Ceremony Program Registration Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 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 2024 (October 19 and 20)
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
		Kawano Shoten			
		Mantoku Inn			
	Second House of the Nishikawa Family	Japanese sign language provided twice a day (in the morning and afternoon). 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" *3	Gate of Date Family Residence		Japanese sign language interpretation available at a portion of sessions. Same-day tickets available.		
Traditional Cultural Performances	October 19 Sublimit (Japanese circus)	East Square	30 min.	Free	Twice per day
	October 20 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 19 A. Woodwind Trio B. Violin Trio	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 20 A. Bassoon Quartet B. Trombone Trio				

*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).

*3 Only a portion of sessions will be held with Japanese sign language interpretation. (Check the official website for program time and details.)

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 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 (2023)



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(House of Korekiyo Takahashi)



Tea Ceremony for Children
(Farmhouse of
the Tenmyo Family)



Indoor Tea Ceremony
in English
(Farmhouse of the
Tsunashima Family)



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

Hama-rikyu Gardens

Date	Saturday, October 26th and Sunday, October 27th 2024
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 Hamarikyu-teien, 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.
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 Lines
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 twice a day (in the morning and afternoon). Reservation required (date and time specified). Lottery held if reservation capacity is exceeded.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate" (1 program) *3	Uchibori Open Space			Japanese sign language provided for a portion of sessions. Same-day tickets available.
	Outdoor Tea Ceremony – "Nodate" (3 programs)				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	By the Naka-no-gomon Gate	60 min.	Free	English language instruction provided (three sessions per day). Same day reservation.
Traditional Cultural Performances	October 26 Sharari (Violin and Tsugaru-shamisen) Kotaro (Daikagura)	Across from Hobai-tei	30 min.	Free	Twice per day
	October 27 Ito Yusuke (Kendama) Edo Daikagura (Daikagura)				
Tokyo Metropolitan Park Association Program	October 26 Kamijo Mitsuru (Edo-Marionette)	Across from Hobai-tei	30 min.	Free	Once per day
	October 27 Ishimorishachu (Satokagura)				

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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 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 (2023)



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



Tea Ceremony (Indoor)
(Nakajima-no-ochaya)



Outdoor Tea Ceremony
in English (Kaboku-en
Gazebo)



Traditional Cultural
Experience Programs
(Flower Arrangement)

2. About the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony

The Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony launched in 2008, holding a variety of tea ceremony programs to provide an opportunity for everyone to casually enjoy the culture of tea. The inspiration for the event is derived from the legend of the Kitano Grand Tea Ceremony, which is said to have been held by Hideyoshi Toyotomi at Kitano Tenmangu Shrine in Kyoto in October 1587.

The event was canceled to prevent spread of COVID-19 in 2020 and 2021. However, videos about the tea ceremony were instead posted online in 2021. For the first time in three years, the event resumed in 2022 at two different venues. A total of 260,000 people have attended the event to date.

Those attending the Tokyo Grand Tea Ceremony are able to 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 2024

Official Website <https://tokyo-grand-tea-ceremony2024.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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