

# SUMO

**SUMO**, a traditional form of wrestling, is the national sport of Japan. The only professional Sumo organization in the country, the Nippon Sumo Kyokai, has about 500 members. Each member in turn belongs to a Sumo house, often called a "stable". Professional wrestlers are called RIKISHI. At each tournament (BASHO), the wrestlers are divided into two teams: East (HIGASHI) and West (NISHI) and are ranked by two grades: Senior (MAKUNO-UCHI) and Junior (Makushita). The highest position in the senior division is Grand Champion (YOKOZUNA) followed by Ozeki, Sekiwake, Komusubi, and Maegashira.

The Sumo Association holds Grand Sumo Tournaments six times a year in Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Fukuoka. Tournaments are held in Tokyo in January, May and September and each one lasts for 15 days.

**KOKUGIKAN ARENA**, where the Tokyo sumo tournaments are held, is located next to Ryogoku Station on the Sobu Line. The matches begin in the morning usually with the lowest-ranked junior wrestlers completing. The major events start after 3:00 pm, when the higher-ranked senior players begin their matches. Feel free to take pictures. During the tournaments, spectators with tickets to the arena may enter the Sumo Museum, located on the first floor, free of charge.

## Information for Tickets and Tours:

Sumo Association: <http://www.sumo.or.jp/eng/index> Phone: 03-3623-5111  
For Tickets: <http://sumo.pia.jp/en/>  
For Tours: <http://www.jtb-sunrisetours.jp/>

## Direction to KOKUGIKAN (Sumo Arena)

### From YOKOSUKA:

- At YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station, buy a ¥950 transfer ticket to **RYOGOKU (両国) Station** via the **TOEI-OEDO Line (都営大江戸線)**. This ticket is good for the entire trip to RYOGOKU Station.  
**\*\*Note\*\*** To buy a transfer ticket, touch the following buttons on the screen:  
**<<<English →Ticket →Connecting Ticket tab →Change at Toei Line →Ticket fare amount>>>**
- Go to **Track #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED Kanji sign bound for Yokohama/Shinagawa.  
**\*\*NOTE\*\***
  - ~ Trains with a RED Kanji sign run **from 5am to 8:30am and from 4:30pm to 6:30pm only**.
  - ~ If you take a train with a RED Kanji sign, stay on it until you reach **DAIMON(大門) Station (A09)**. After SHINAGAWA Station, Keikyu Line merges with the TOEI ASAKUSA SUBWAY Line.
  - ~ If you take a train with a GREEN Kanji sign, exit at SHINAGAWA Station, but stay on the same platform. Take any of the next trains to **DAIMON Station (A09; pink circle; 3rd stop from Shinagawa Station)**.
- Get off at **DAIMON Station (A09)** and follow the signs for transfer to the **TOEI-OEDO Subway Line (purple circle)**.
- At **Track #3**, take a TOEI-OEDO Subway Line train (E20; purple circle) bound for SHIODOME/ MONZEN-NAKACHO.
- Get off at **RYOGOKU (E12; purple circle; 8th stop from Daimon Station)** and take **Exit A-3**. The large green and cream-colored building is the **KOKUGIKAN 国技館** (behind the EDO TOKYO MUSEUM).

### From IKEGO:

- At JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station, buy an ¥880 transfer ticket to **RYOGOKU (両国) Station** on the **TOEI-OEDO Subway Line (都営大江戸線)**. This ticket is good for the entire trip to RYOGOKU Station. **See note in Step #1 above.**
- Go to **Track #2** and take a train to **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**.
- Get off at **KANAZAWA HAKKEI Station**, go to **Track #3**, and transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a RED or GREEN Kanji sign bound for Yokohama/ Shinagawa. **See notes in Step #2 above.**
- Continue with Step #3 above.**

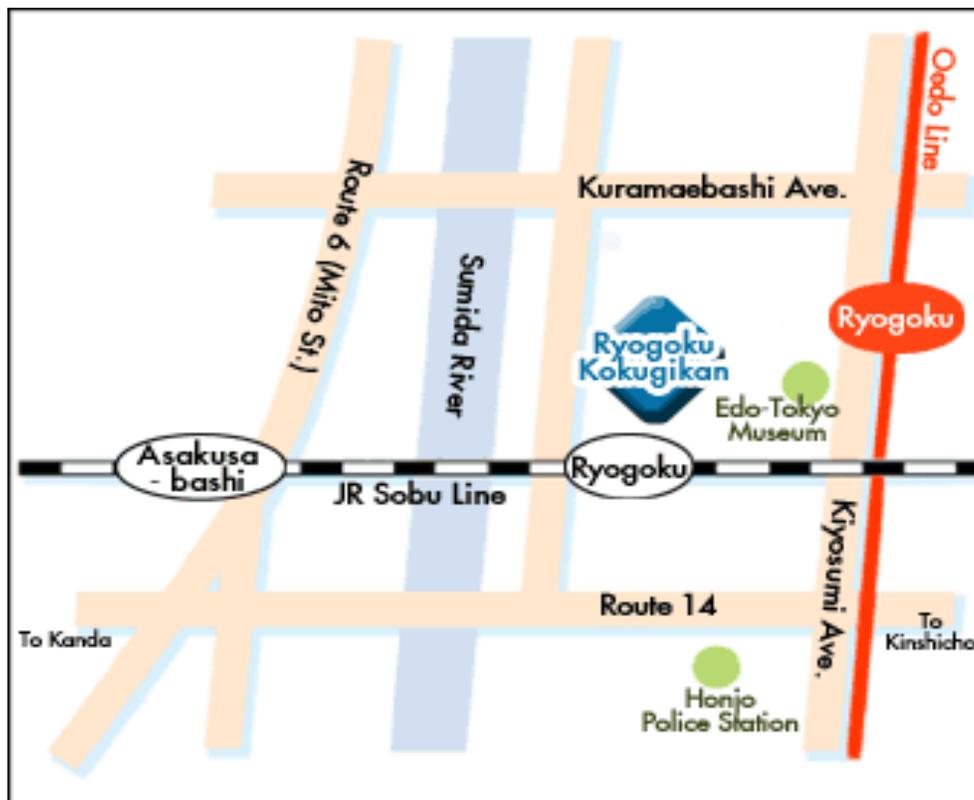
## RETURN TRIP

### To YOKOSUKA:

1. At **RYOGOKU (两国) Station** (E12; purple circle) on the TOEI OEDO Line, buy a ¥950 transfer ticket to YOKOSUKA CHUO Station via the KEIKYU Line. This ticket is good for your entire trip.
2. Go to **Track #2** and take the TOEI OEDO Line train bound for ROPPONGI & SHINJUKU to DAIMON Station (E20).
3. Get off at DAIMON Station and transfer to a TOEI ASAKUSA/KEIKYU Line train (A09; pink circle). Wait for a train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **MISAKIGUCHI (三崎口)** or **KEIKYU KURIHAMA (京急久里浜) Station**.
4. Get off at YOKOSUKA CHUO Station.

### To IKEGO:

1. **Follow Steps #1 to #3 above, except buy an ¥880 transfer ticket to JIMMUJI Station on the KEIKYU Line.**
2. Get off at KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station, then transfer to a local train bound for SHIN-ZUSHI (新逗子).
3. Get off at JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station.



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*Map is not to scale. All information is subject to change without notice. If you observe any information which needs updating, please call the Information and Referral Desk of the Fleet and Family Support Center, Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan at 243-6716 or 243-3372. Thank you.*