

IMPERIAL PALACE (EAST) GARDEN

OPERATING HOURS: 0900 - 1600 (no entry after 1500)

**Closed on Mondays & Fridays (unless Monday or Friday is a holiday),
December 25th ~ January 3rd, and on any day during an Imperial function.**

IMPERIAL PALACE - Located in the heart of Tokyo, the Imperial Palace stands on the former site of Edo Castle. Being the largest castle in the area, it served as the administrative center of the Tokugawa era. The original city of Edo was planned specifically to serve the needs of the castle. The land property of the Edo Castle was taken over by the Imperial family after the Meiji restoration (c. 1868), and has been the site of the Emperor's residence since then. Most of the original buildings were destroyed during the 1945 air raids. However, the traditional Japanese architecture design was restored using modern building materials and was completed in 1968. Surrounding the palace are the remains of the Edo Castle moats and three gardens, Higashi Gyoen (East Garden), Kitanomaru Koen (North Citadel Park) and the outer garden.

The general public is allowed to enter the inner palace grounds and see the palace building (usually) twice a year—at the beginning of each year (January 2nd) and on the Emperor's Birthday (December 23rd). These days are subject to change, based on the Emperor's schedule.

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station**, buy a ¥780 transfer ticket to **TOKYO (東京) Station** via the **JR YAMANOTE (JR山手線) Line**.
****Note**** To buy a transfer ticket, touch on the screen the following buttons:
<<<English → Ticket → Connecting Ticket tab → Change at Shinagawa JR Line → Ticket fare amount>>>
2. Go to **Track #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED Kanji sign bound for Yokohama/Shinagawa direction.
****Note**** **If possible, get on one of the last two cars of the train. This will make it easier and faster to find the entrance to the JR Lines at Shinagawa Station.**
3. Get off at **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**. Take the stairs up and follow the elevated walkway near the end of the track. Go through the wicket machines to enter the JR Line area. **Do not forget to retrieve your ticket.** Go to **Track #1** of the **JR YAMANOTE Line** bound for Tokyo and Ueno. **TOKYO Station** is the **5th stop** from Shinagawa Station.
4. Leave the train track via the **CENTRAL EXIT (中央口) stairs**. Follow the signs to **MARUNOUCHI CENTRAL EXIT (丸の内中央口)**, which is to the right at the bottom of the stairs.
5. Cross the street in front of the MARUNOUCHI CENTRAL EXIT using the crosswalk a few meters to your right. Continue walking away from TOKYO Station until you come to a wide street where the Imperial Palace Plaza (tour bus parking) and one of the Palace moats on the opposite side are located.

If you would like to see **Niju Bashi Bridge (二重橋)**, walk straight in through the Imperial Palace Plaza and follow the moat around to the left.

To enter **Higashi Gyoen (East Garden)**, follow the sidewalk and moat to the right instead of entering the Plaza. The closest gate to the gardens is about 100 meters from the Plaza. This gate is called OTE-MON (mon = gate), and it was the main gateway into the old Edo Castle. There are two other entry/exit gates for Higashi Gyoen — Hirakawa-mon and Kitahanebashi-mon. Visitors may use any of these gates.

Admission to Higashi Gyoen is **free** but visitors must stop by the information desk just inside the entrance and get a plastic ticket which is to be returned at any exit.

From IKEGO:

1. At **JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station**, buy a ¥710 transfer ticket via **TOKYO (東京) Station** via the **JR YAMANOTE Line**.
See note in Step #1 above.
2. Go to **Track #2** and take a train to **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**.
3. Get off at **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**, go to **Track #3**, and transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for Yokohama/Shinagawa direction. **See note in Step#2 above.**
4. **Continue with Step #3 above.**



1. Fujimi-yagura Keep
2. Hasuikebori
3. Edo Castle Donjon Plan
4. Site of Matsuno-o-roka Corridor
5. Fujimitamon Defence-house
6. Ishimuro (Stone cellar)
7. Honmaru
8. Honmaru resting place
9. Lookout
10. Midori-no-Izumi
11. O-bansho Guardhouse
12. Hakuchobori
13. Doshin-bansho Guardhouse
14. Hyakuninbansho (Old Guards House)
15. Shiomi-zaka Slope
16. Tenshudai (Remains of the main tower)
17. Gakubu (Music Department)
18. Toukagakudo
19. Shoryobu(Archives and Mausolea Department Bldg.)
20. Bairin-zaka Slope
21. Tenjinbori
22. Suwano-chaya Tea House
23. Prefectural Tree Emblems
24. Ninomaru Grove
25. Iris-field at Ninomaru Garden
26. Hanashobu
27. Ninomaru resting place
28. Ohote resting place
29. Sannomaru Shozokan
30. East Imperial Palace Garden administrative office
31. Imperial guard headquarters



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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.