

ASAKUSABASHI

ASAKUSABASHI is a district in Tokyo well-known for its large stores selling traditional Japanese dolls. Most of these stores are lined up along EDO DORI. The most common type of dolls on sale are the HINA-NINGYO which are displayed during the Girl's Festival in March; GOGATSU-NINGYO which are used for the Boy's Festival in May; NIHON-NINGYO which reflect many periods of Japanese history; and KOKESHI dolls which are painted wooden spindle-like dolls that come in various sizes. The most famous dolls are from Kyoto (KYO-NINGYO) and Fukuoka (HAKATA-NINGYO). Many shops here also sell toys, Japanese paper (washi), wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon, stickers, paper decorations, and other handicraft materials.

Two of the largest doll shops in Asakusabashi are **KYUGETSU (久月) Doll Shop**, open daily from 0915 to 1715, and **YOSHITOKU (吉徳) Doll Shop**, open daily from 1000 to 1500, except on Sundays and Japanese holidays.

An extra treat when visiting this area is the possibility of seeing sumo wrestlers. Though Sumo tournaments (Ryogoku Kokugikan) are held across the Sumida River, sumo stables are common in Asakusabashi district.

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station**, buy a ¥900 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSABASHI (浅草橋) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line (都営浅草線)**.
****Note**** To buy a transfer ticket, touch the following buttons on the screen:
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2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**.
****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 ASAKUSABASHI Station (A16). 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 ASAKUSABASHI Station (A16; **10th stop** from Shinagawa).
3. Get off at **ASAKUSABASHI** Station.
4. Follow the signs for **Exits A4, A5 or A6** to go to **EDO-Dori**. Use **Exit A5** to go to **KYUGETSU (久月) Doll Shop** or **Exit A2** to go to **YOSHITOKU (吉徳) Doll Shop**.

From IKEGO:

1. At **JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station**, buy an ¥830 transfer ticket to **ASAKUSABASHI (浅草橋) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway Line (都営浅草線)**. **See note in Step #1 above.**
2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train to **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**. From there, transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**.
See notes in Step #2 above.
3. Get off at **ASAKUSABASHI** Station.
4. Follow the signs for **Exits A4, A5 or A6** to go to **EDO-Dori**. Use **Exit A6** to go to **KYUGETSU (久月) Doll Shop** or **Exit A2** to go to **YOSHITOKU (吉徳) Doll Shop**.

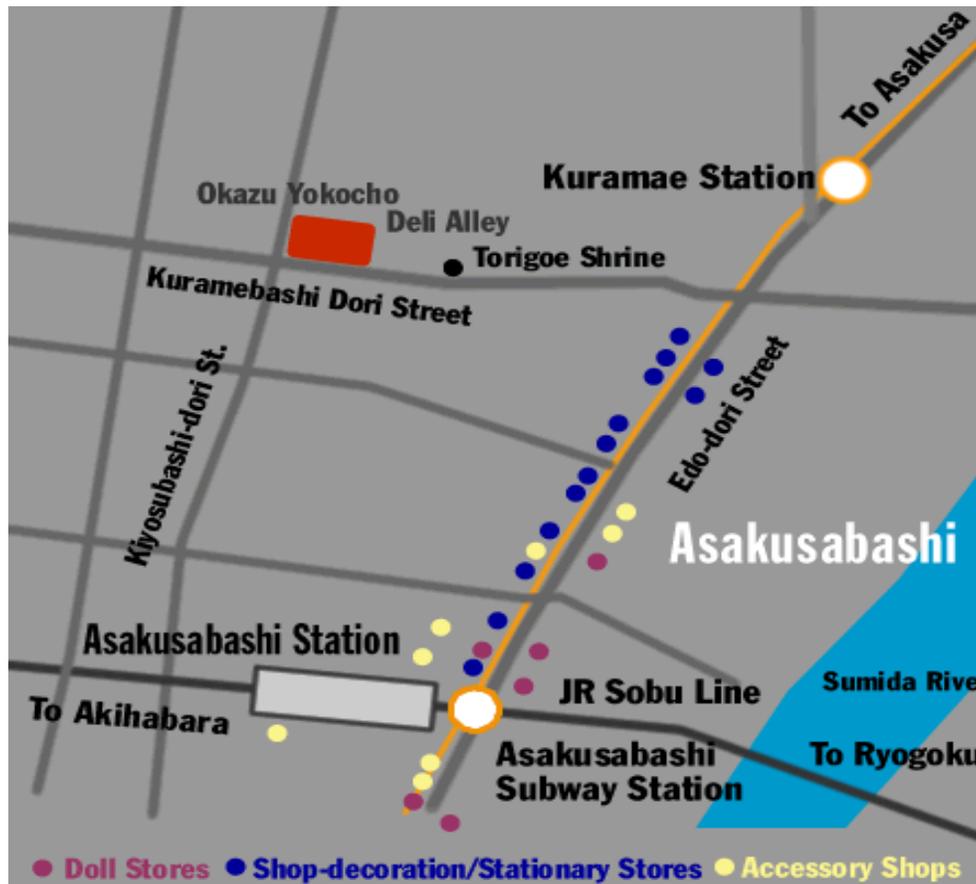
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To YOKOSUKA-CHUO:

1. At **ASAKUSA (浅草) Station (A18)**, buy a ¥900 transfer ticket to YOKOSUKA-CHUO Station via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway/KEIKYU Line (京急線)**.
2. Go to **Platform #1** and wait for a train with a either GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for either **MISAKIGUCHI (三崎口)** or **KEIKYU KURIHAMA (京急久里浜)**.
3. Get off at YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station.

To IKEGO:

1. At **ASAKUSABASHI (浅草橋) Station (A16)**, buy an ¥830 transfer ticket to **JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station** via the **TOEI ASAKUSA Subway/KEIKYU Line (京急線)**.
2. Go to **Platform #1** and wait for a train with a either RED or GREEN kanji sign bound for either **MISAKIGUCHI (三崎口)** or **KEIKYU KURIHAMA (京急久里浜)**.
3. Get off at **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station** and transfer to a local train bound for **SHIN-ZUSHI (新逗子)**.
4. Get off at JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station.



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