

HARAJUKU

Dedicated to youthful trends and the belief that all consumers under 25 are created equal, **HARAJUKU** thrives as the youth capital of Tokyo—for kids, teens, young adults, and those young at heart. For fashion, the district beats any other part of Tokyo. Most of the big designers' shops are in nearby Aoyama and Shibuya, but cheap knock-offs and play clothes overflow from the hundreds of shops near the central crossing and lining the back streets. Be sure to check out **TAKESHITA-DORI** to find inexpensive, unique, and interesting goods. On Sundays, this alley is well-worth a visit from locals and tourists alike to experience the trendy, cutting-edge, sub-culture street fashion of Tokyoites. Many young Japanese participate in "cosplay" (costume play) dressed up in anime or rock musician costumes.

1. UKIYO-E OTA MEMORIAL MUSEUM OF ART

Telephone and Website: 03-3403-0880 <http://www.ukiyoe-ota-muse.jp/annai-E.html>

Hours: Open daily (except on Mondays and last day of each month) from 1000 to 1730. Tickets sold until 1700.

Closed during the last two weeks of December until January 2nd.

Admission Fees: Adult: ¥1000; College and high school students: ¥700; Jr.-high and elementary students: ¥300-¥500. Admission may vary for special exhibits.

Located behind La Foret, this museum houses a collection of over 12,000 pieces of Japanese traditional woodblock print artwork dating all the way back from Edo Period. The colors and materials have been perfectly preserved.

2. KIDDYLAND

Telephone and Website: 03-3409-3431 <http://www.kiddyland.co.jp/en/stores.html>

Hours: Open daily from 1100 to 2000.

Kiddyland is a five-story toy store which specializes in imported and local toys, dolls, games, books, records, remote-controlled cars, and just about anything you can mention in the area of creative, educational, and unusual toys. Many of the books and magazines are in English.

3. ORIENTAL BAZAAR

Telephone and Website: 03-3400-3933 <http://www.orientalbazaar.co.jp/en/index.html>

Hours: Open daily (except Thursdays). Weekdays: 1000 to 1800; Weekends and holidays: 1000 to 1900.

Just down the street from Kiddyland is the Oriental Bazaar. A great place to buy souvenirs and collectible items from reasonably priced Japanese Kimonos to high quality Japanese traditional furniture and antiques.

From YOKOSUKA:

1. At **YOKOSUKA CHUO (横須賀中央) Station**, buy a ¥780 transfer ticket to **HARAJUKU (原宿) Station** via the **JR YAMANOTE (J R 山手線) Line**.
****Note**** To buy a transfer ticket, touch the following buttons on the screen:
<<English → Ticket → Connecting Ticket tab → Change at Shinagawa JR Line → Ticket fare amount>>
2. Go to **Platform #2** and take a train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**.
****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 (品川) Station.
3. Get off at **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**. Take the stairs up and follow the elevated walkway near the end of the platform. Go through the wicket machines to enter the JR Line area. **Do not forget to retrieve your ticket.**
4. Go to **Platform #2** of the **JR YAMANOTE (J R 山手線) Line** bound for **SHIBUYA (渋谷) and SHINJUKU (新宿)**. **HARAJUKU Station** is the **6th stop** from Shinagawa Station.

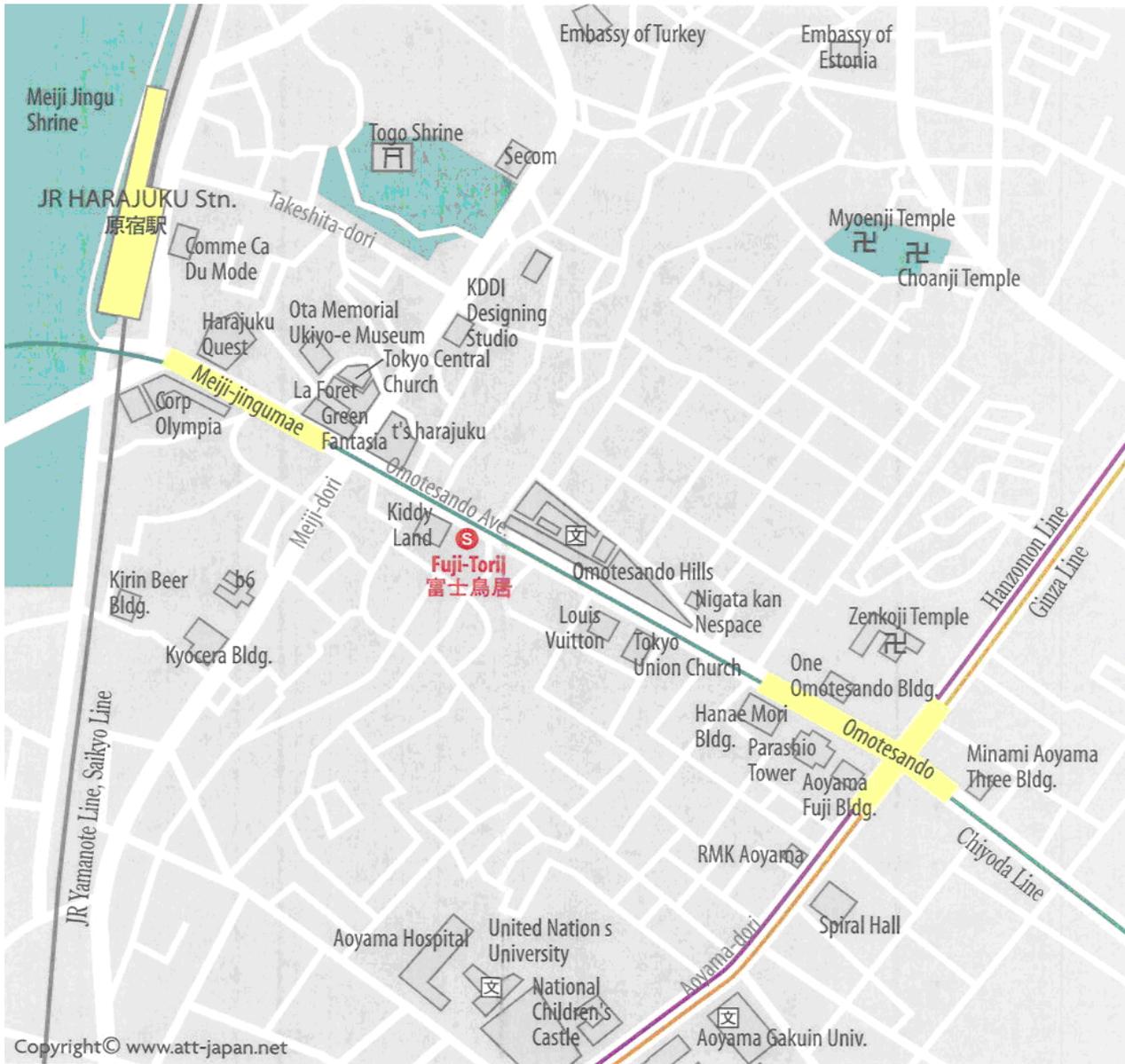


From IKEGO:

1. At **JIMMUJI (神武寺) Station**, buy a ¥710 transfer ticket to **HARAJUKU (原宿) Station** via the **JR YAMANOTE (J R 山手線) Line**. See note in Step #1 above.
2. Get off at **KANAZAWA HAKKEI (金沢八景) Station**, go to **Platform #3**, and transfer to a **KEIKYU MAIN LINE** train with either a GREEN or RED kanji sign bound for **SHINAGAWA (品川) Station**. See note in Step #2 above.
3. Continue with Step #3 above.

HARAJUKU Sunday Events:

After leaving the main station exit, look to the right for a large intersection. It is easy to recognize by the pedestrian overpass. Walk in the direction of the overpass and, when you get to the corner, turn right, and follow the road, right through the middle of the oddest outdoor concert(s) you have ever seen.



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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.