

TOKYO TOWER

Completed in December 1958, TOKYO TOWER is a multi-purpose transmission and reception center for various TV, radio and communication broadcasts. At a height of 333 meters, it is the one of the tallest structure in Tokyo and has become one of the city's great tourist attractions. The observation deck offers a complete panorama, from the great harbor to the misty borders of the city on the Kanto Plain. On a clear day you can see Yokosuka. The first four decks of the Tower are a shopping and entertainment center.

Tokyo Tower is built to withstand high winds to speeds of 90 meters per second and would be undisturbed by an earthquake, even one of the same magnitude as the Great Kanto Earthquake of 1923. The secret of Tokyo Tower's strength lies in its foundation. Beneath each of the Tower's weight, are sunk into the ground to a depth of twenty meters. Also, the rope that hoists the elevators to and from the observation platforms is specially constructed to bear 15 times the weight of the normal passenger load in an elevator car.

On the way to or from the Tower you may want to stop at the large Zojoji Temple nearby. This historic temple was strongly supported by the Tokugawa Shoguns, and their famous "Three Hollyhock leaves" crest is displayed on the gates and many of the buildings.

HOW TO GET THERE

From YOKOSUKA

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO Station and purchase a ¥860 transfer ticket for the DAIMON Station on the TOEI ASAKUSA Line.
2. Take a GREEN or RED Kanji train from track #2 to DAIMON Station (the third stop after Shinagawa). The ride takes about one hour from Yokosuka Chuo.

****NOTE** If you are taking the...**

GREEN KANJI TRAIN → Exit at the SHINAGAWA station but stay on that same platform. Take any of the next trains to DAIMON Station

RED KANJI TRAIN → Keep riding on the RED TRAIN until you reach DAIMON Station.

3. Take exit A-3, to the left just past the wickets (yellow exit sign points the way in English). Turn left at the street level and walk to the intersection.
4. Turn left and you will see Tokyo Tower ahead. Follow the map below.

