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From Editor!

Welcome to the Tokyo Now Newsletter.

Our goal is to help you enjoy the high-tech urban atmosphere of Tokyo combined with ancient shrines, festivals and old-fashioned manners.

Prepare to discover Tokyo you have never seen before!

It's the beginning of summer and pretty warm. Even though it might rain from time to time, as the rainy season sets in, June is one of the most colorful, and beautiful times to visit Tokyo.

I'm excited to show you what June has in store for us. Find the best places to see this month and explore Tokyo like a pro!

PEOPLE



Stasia Matsumoto is a certified kimono stylist that runs INKIMONO - a kimono business in the Asakusa district, Tokyo.

Retro vibes photo shoot, bold colors kimono or rainy photoshoot with elegant Hydrangea? Professional licensed kimono stylist & photographer Stasia Matsumoto will help you to choose the outfit based on your clothing preferences and capture your happy moment of being in Tokyo while teaching you the basics of the art of kimono. She is also very environmentally conscious as Stasia uses only authentic vintage items for your look.

► <https://bit.ly/39JjCpS>

► <https://www.inkimono.com>

EXPERIENCE



Did you know that Akiruno and Hachioji areas in Tokyo were the territory of the powerful Hojo samurai clan? This clan was one of the most powerful warrior clans during the Sengoku period (1467 – 1590) in the Kanto region. History says that outdoors ninjas or so called "yajin" were also active in these forests.

Yajin style of ninjutsu was conducted outdoors in the lush forests. To experience this training program and to enhance the skills of yajin ninja you can join the group of professionals in Akiruno City. In the beautiful mountain area of Tokyo you will experience different ninja tools such as fukiya bamboo blowgun, self-defense techniques, breathing control and even ninja's etiquette.

► <https://bit.ly/3ww54CM>



NEWS & TOPICS



A library hotel that connects people, towns, and history.

Shiba Park Hotel have renovated the guest floors! We have rebranded the hotel as a library hotel that has 1,500 volumes of books.【PR】

► <https://www.shibaparkhotel.com/en/booklibraryhotel/>



Art Hotel in the Sky Where an Extraordinary Time Awaits.

Guest Rooms with Paintings Drawn Directly on the Wall! The 33rd Room "Artist Room Flowers & Grasses" is on Sale.【PR】

► <https://parkhoteltokyo.com/art-at-park-hotel-tokyo/artist-in-hotel/>

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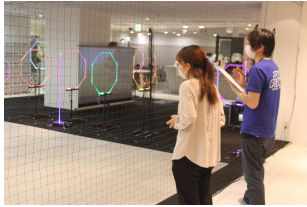


Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum was opened in 1993 to preserve a range of Tokyo's historic buildings dating back to the Edo and mid Showa periods (1650s-1950s).

You will be charmed by the retro atmosphere of the place visiting merchant houses, public baths and other historical buildings that were so carefully relocated or reconstructed here in order to preserve a chapter of Tokyo's life. It is also said that Miyazaki Hayao - the creator of Ghibli movies, used to come here and even used some of these buildings for inspiration for the movie "Spirited Away".

Not only houses, but also old-fashioned trains and buses are exhibited outside, so you can truly feel like you've traveled back in time.

► <https://www.tatemonoen.jp/english/>



Drones have totally changed the way to have fun nowadays, many people are not interested in bikes or racing cars anymore. Unfortunately it is forbidden to use drones in many areas of Tokyo, but we prepared an interesting variant on how you can enjoy this high-tech toy. SKY FIGHT CAFE Ginza is a unique cafe in the center of Tokyo that has a drone school where friendly staff will show you how to operate different drones.

The cafe offers different alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages and food to enjoy operating drones with your friends or other customers.

By the way, buying a drink or food gives you an opportunity to join a racing drone! Ain't it fun? There is also a small store where you can get your hands on new drones or purchase some merchandise for the ones you own.

► <https://bit.ly/3G6XFwP>

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Even though the rainy season is slowly starting in Tokyo it's not the reason to be upset as this season is perfect for hydrangea hunting. Lots of different events across Tokyo are held to celebrate the beauty of Japan and one of the best ones is the ajisai (hydrangea) festival at a small shrine hidden near Hakusan Park. Located in Tokyo's Bunkyo Ward, just 3 minutes away from Hakusan Station (Toei Subway's Mita Line), Hakusan Shrine is home for more than 3000 hydrangea bushes that are blooming beautifully throughout June.

This traditional event that has been held annually for over 30 years is also famous for special events and vendors selling food, drinks and local products.

► <https://b-kanko.jp/event/419>

EXPERIENCE TOKYO FROM THE DISTANCE

Of course video and other special contents will appear too!
So if you've had to postpone your next trip to Tokyo due to the coronavirus pandemic, feel free to enjoy Tokyo from a distance by watching the videos we have selected specially for you!

Sending Tokyo "sound" to the world (ASMR video)
Video of cooking monjayaki



June sound: Sound of Sumidagawa fireworks



Information (update: 2022 May 25)

In order to offer travelers a safe and fun experience in Tokyo, do not forget to check the information on COVID-19 provided by the Japanese government and the Tokyo Metropolitan Government here.

► <https://www.gotokyo.org/en/plan/coronavirus-information/index.html>

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Coming up on "TOKYO NOW" newsletter next month: looking for places to escape the rainy season in Tokyo we have prepared so many interesting things for you. Stay tuned! If you missed last month's letter, catch up here. If you have not subscribed to the newsletter yet, you can do so here. Good bye for now and see you in July!

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