

and by all means get on the Chuo-Line and come to Suginami.

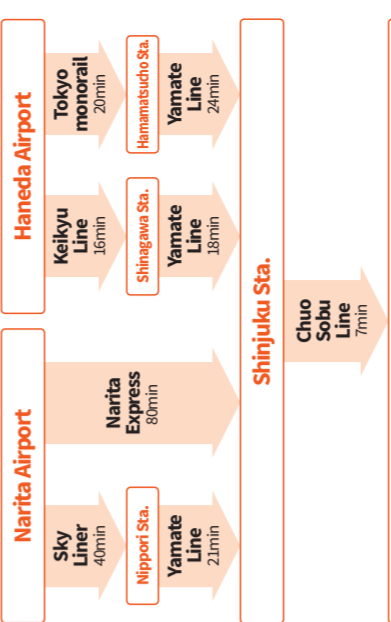
Japan who are living and/or working in Suginami. If you are headed out for some Tokyo sightseeing or wandering, please take a look at this page and Pearl Center shopping street, anime street, and a great deal of eating and drinking establishments provide plenty of options. Star Road on the station's north side also provides a vibrant nightlife scene with its many bars and restaurants.

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO

Chuo Line Suginami Station (the English website is EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO).

About Suginami

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ASAGAYA RESTAURANT & BAR MAP

Over 200 ENGLISH Menu Restaurants!!!

The town of Asagaya has lots of unique restaurants and bars that are loved by locals. Family-owned small bars, ethnic restaurants and izakaya (Japanese style bars) which you have probably not experienced elsewhere are waiting for you to enjoy and experience their culture!



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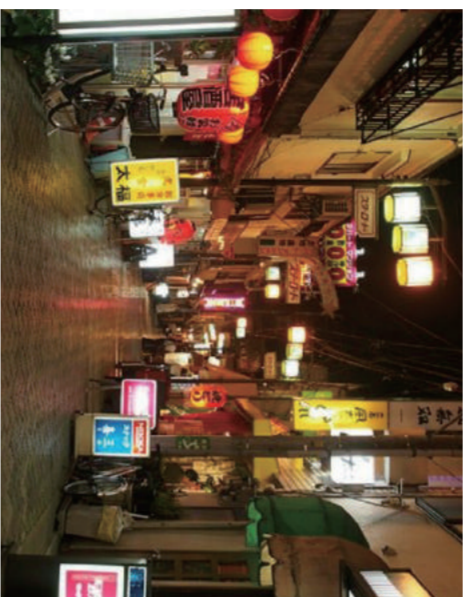
ASAGAYA



Pearl Center Shopping Street, Anime Street and Plaza

In a way, Asagaya is the center of Suginami, as this is where all the Suginami government buildings are, however, it doesn't mean that Asagaya is a business district. On the contrary, it is a lively town with its summer Tanabata Festival (started over 60 years ago) in the Pearl Center shopping arcade, or "shotengai", where during any season souvenir shops, Japanese sweets shops, and a great deal of eating and drinking establishments provide plenty of options. Star Road on the station's north side also provides a vibrant nightlife scene with its many bars and restaurants.

ASAGAYA NOMIYA FESTIVAL



Endorsing More Than 100 Drinking Spots

This is an exciting barhopping event. Like no other, held in Asagaya in May and November. You can visit 100 places and enjoy one free alcoholic drink (e.g. beer, sake, wine, cocktail, shochu, etc.) at each place, with the purchase of an event ticket. After buying a ticket (you can select one day, two days or three day tickets), enjoy more than 100 places in one night! You will find stylish wine bars, old Japanese houses, rock bars, etc. Please be aware that some places are quite narrow, so it may be difficult for large groups to enter, especially since the event is very popular. This event is held a few times a year.

ASAGAYA TANABATA FESTIVAL



The Face of Asagaya from Overseas

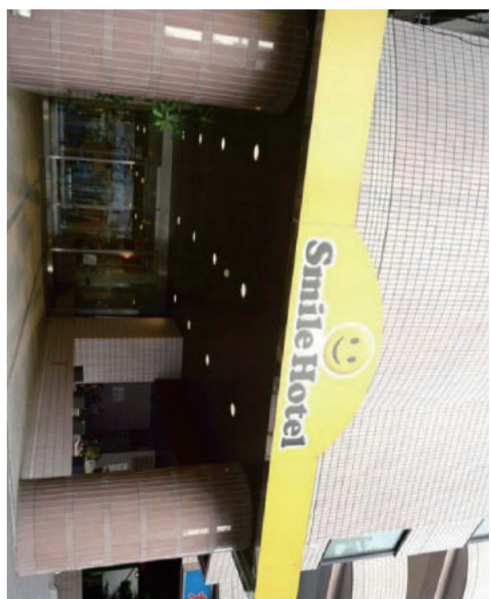
The Asagaya Tanabata Matsuri, or Star Festival, is one of the major Suginami summer features. It has been held in the Pearl Center Shopping Street near Asagaya station at the beginning of every August since 1934. About 1 kilometer long, the covered arcade shopping street is filled with lots of inventive hanging decorations, which are all handmade mainly using paper mâché. They are cute, funny, colorful and unique, and you could visit many times during the 5day period and still not get tired of looking at them. Animated characters are very popular and many people take photos to capture them, since every year has different decorations!

ASAGAYA JAZZ STREETS

The Sound of Jazz Echoes Around the Whole Town

During this fall weekend jazz event, you can enjoy jazz at many places in Asagaya such as at public places, variety halls, cafes, restaurants or live music venues. You need to pay for concerts held indoors at public places, but outdoor concerts and other live spaces are all admission free. Various levels of professional bands and international musicians from abroad usually perform. Held on a Friday and Saturday in late October.

SMILE HOTEL TOKYO ASAGAYA



Smile Hotel About The Comfort And Location

Situated right next to JR Asagaya Station with quick access to the Pearl Center shopping street, Star Road and anime street, the Asagaya Station Mall, Anime Street and a plethora of yakitori and other restaurants. It is no wonder Smile Hotel Asagaya is so popular among Japanese and foreign tourists alike. Comfortable rooms at reasonable rates, a café open for breakfast and even a karaoke place in the basement only add to the list. The lobby is an excellent relaxation space equipped with free multilingual city guides and a microwave should you be reach late night hunger—a 24 hour convenience store is only steps away. There are coin laundry machines, vending machines and also 2 bicycles available for free rental, and free wifi throughout.

Address 3-37-1, Asagaya Minami, Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Distance from Station 1 minute from JR Asagaya Station, 8 minutes from Tokyo Metro Minami-Asagaya

Phone 03-2220-8755 (English, OK)

SHIMMEIGU SHRINE



A Beautiful Historic Shrine Home Blessed with Cherry Blossoms

In only a twominute walk to the north from Asagaya Station, you can reach this historic shrine. The shrine is so serene and spacious that you may not believe you are right in the middle of a busy shopping area. This shrine has a long 1700 years of history, and is known for warding off evil.

In late March when the cherry blossoms are in full bloom, Kanokai, a special event to appreciate the blossoms of the shrine, is held. Dances and songs to the God are performed by the shrine maids and also a party is held under the cherry trees in the compound. This cherry blossom party is open to anybody and free sake and food is served. The date of the party is decided depending on when the cherry blossoms bloom, and may vary year to year. However, cherry blossom season in Tokyo area is typically late March – early April.

Izakaya

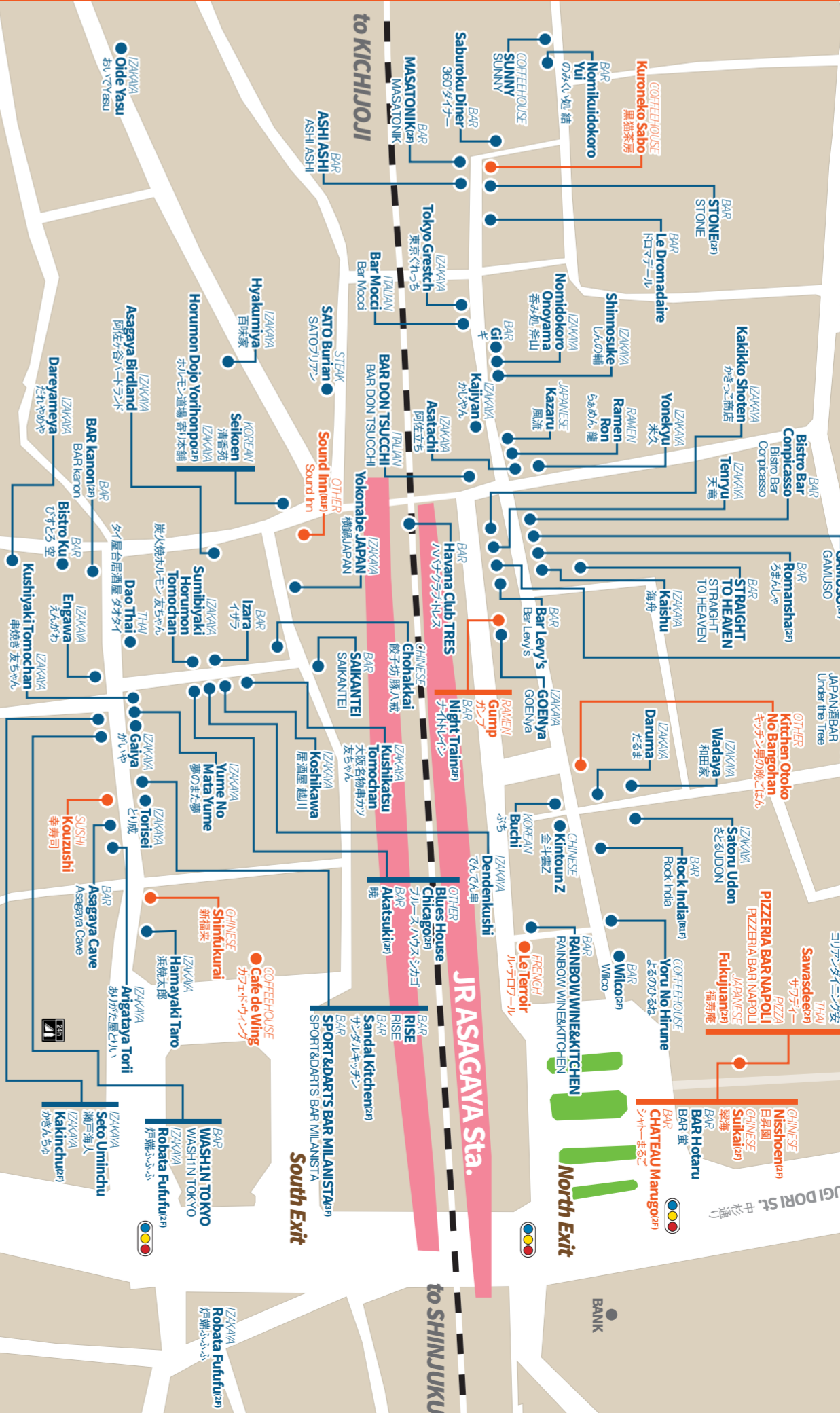


An izakaya is a Japanese style bar and grill which is becoming more popular for tourists from all over the world. The food menu provides lots of options that go well with different drinks such as beer, sake, and shochu. Japanese distilled daidai (made from barley or sweet potatoes, among others). Even if you don't drink alcohol, you will enjoy the variety of food that they have to offer.

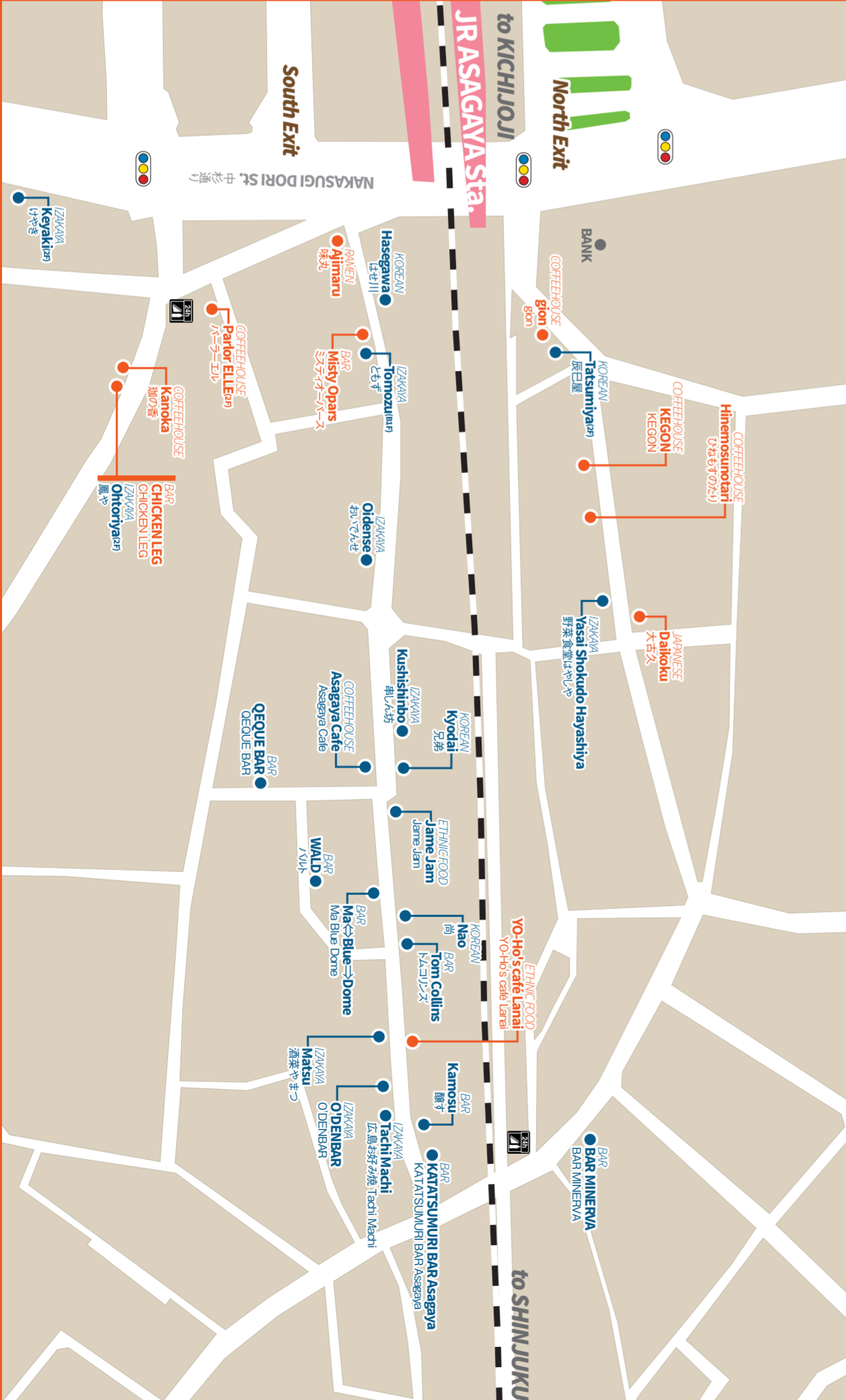
You will want to order your drink before choosing food at an izakaya. Many people order a smooth beer to toast (kanpai) and enjoy sake or shochu afterwards. Depending on how busy they are or if you order course meals, they will require time limit on the table (normally two hours). Most izakaya and bars charge and serve a side dish automatically called "otoshi" but YOU DO NOT NEED TO TIP! You will be able to enjoy other food on their menu if the otoshi is delicious.

If you order Shochu "4-go" (220ml) or sake "1-sho" (180ml) bottles and don't finish them, you may experience a "bottle-keep service" where they hold onto your bottle until your next visit as izakaya has a different hold period. Many people enjoy shochu with hot/cold water or odorigama tea. You can also mix with a variety of soda as well. Come to experience "Hashigo-zake" better known as a pub crawl. However, please enjoy "Izakaya" without drinking too much!

ASAGAYA WEST LUNCH & DINNER



ASAGAYA EAST LUNCH & DINNER





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C SMILE HOTEL TOKYO ASAGAYA スマイルホテル



A SHINMEIGU SHRINE 神明宮



D ASAGAYA Sta. 阿佐ヶ谷駅



E ASAGAYA ANIME STREET 阿佐ヶ谷アニメストリート



F PEARL CENTER パールセンター



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