

Each station area is a different world.

Welcome to Suginami City, an area on the Chuo Line with an expanding culture full of individuality!

Art Event [Trolls in the Park]
An annual outdoor art event held from early to mid-November. The venues are centered in Zenpukuji Park and extend to stores and other locations around JR Nishi-Ogikubo Station. During the period, in addition to the Machikado Art, a variety of programs such as physical and musical performances are held on holidays to entertain visitors.

There are six child statues by Satoshi Yabuchi in front of the station and in parks in Nishi-Ogikubo. Try taking photos in front of the child statues while looking for antique souvenirs!

This is the third elephant in Nishi-Ogikubo's history. It is the mascot of Nishi-Ogikubo and is loved by the locals.

There are anime flags with various anime characters on the Ome-Kaido connecting Ogikubo Station to the Suginami Animation Museum. If you have time, enjoy walking to the museum while searching for your favorite characters!

Just outside the south exit of Ogikubo Station, the Ogikubo Suzuran-dori Commercial Association is adorned with anime flags of the Gundam Series. In front of Kamiyuga Station on the Seibu Shinjuku Line, about 10 minutes by bus from Ogikubo, there is also a Gundam Monument, a must-see for fans!

Former residence of Fumimaro Konoé, who served three times as Prime Minister in the prewar Showa period. It is designated as a national historic site where important political meetings were held. The city is planning to restore the site and open it to the public as a park in December 2024.

The Asagaya Pearl Center Shopping Street, a symbol of Asagaya, stretches from JR Asagaya Station to Ome-Kaido! It is covered with a roof, so you can enjoy carefree shopping even on rainy days.

The Koenji Pal Shopping Street is an arcade about 250 meters long with about 100 stores. It is also the birthplace of the Koenji Awa Odori dance. It is fun just to walk through the many vintage clothing stores, restaurants, and select stores.

The Momozonogawa Green Way used to be a stream that connected to the Kanda River. Now it is a culvert, and the greenway above it connects Koenji and Nakano. It is fun to walk along the path while searching for mysterious objects.

Kichijoji Station, served by the JR Chuo and Sobu Lines as well as the Keio Inokashira Line, is a hub of Chuo Line culture. With excellent access to Shibuya and Shinjuku, Kichijoji ranks high on the list of Tokyo's most desirable places to live. Toward the north exit of the station is Harmonica Yokocho, a shopping street that breathes the atmosphere of a market immediately after the end of WWII. It is also fun to enjoy a nostalgic meal at an izakaya. In the direction of the south exit, we recommend Inokashira Park. In the spring, the park is crowded with people enjoying the cherry blossoms in full bloom.

Zenpukuji Park is located between Nishi-Ogikubo and Kichijoji Stations on the JR Chuo Line. It is beloved by local residents as a park with abundant greenery. Families and couples enjoy boating on the Zenpukuji Pond in the park. Zenpukuji Pond is known as a famous spring-fed pond. A short walk from Zenpukuji Park is Inokashira Pond in Inokashira Park. Inokashira Pond is also one of Tokyo's most popular spring-fed ponds. Take a stroll around Zenpukuji Pond, Inokashira Pond, and other scenic water spots for some fun.

Nishi-Ogikubo, known as a town of antiques, has more than 50 antique stores where you can find not only Japanese folk crafts but also antiques from all over the world. There are also kimono stores that deal in secondhand kimonos, where you can purchase these kimonos at reasonable prices that only secondhand kimonos can offer. The shopping district has a large collection of cafes, restaurants, and even izakayas that serve yakitori, a popular Japanese dish among the Japanese people! Come and enjoy the culinary culture of Japan.

Many of Japan's animation production companies are concentrated in Suginami City, which has the largest number of animation production companies in Japan. In Ogikubo, you can find many places where you can experience "Suginami, City of Animation" throughout the city, including the Tokyo Polytechnic University's Suginami Animation Museum, where you can learn about all aspects of animation. Have a great time visiting Ogikubo and touring anime-related places.

Ogikubo used to be a famous area for second home on the same level as Kamakura, and the prime ministers of the time as well as other prominent cultural figures had their residences. The remains of these residences have been developed into a Japanese garden and other facilities that provide a relaxing environment for visitors. Ogikubo Station is served by the JR Chuo and Sobu Lines as well as the Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, and is home to a large shopping center and a bustling shopping district. Ogikubo is also a competitive battleground for ramen stores. There are many famous Ogikubo Ramen restaurants, which use chicken bones as the base and a soy sauce soup made with kelp and dried bonito flakes.

The Asagaya Pearl Center Shopping Street, which stretches about 700 meters, is the face of Asagaya. It is lined with more than 200 stores, ranging from historic Japanese confectionery stores to popular stores. Asagaya was once home to a literary village where Yasunari Kawabata and Osamu Dazawa, two of Japan's greatest writers, lived. As a vestige of this village, most of the theaters and movie theaters in Suginami City are concentrated in this area. In summer, the Asagaya Tanabata Festival is held, and in autumn, the Asagaya JAZZ Street music event is held, providing jazz music throughout the city to enjoy.

In the 1970s, Koenji became a mecca for music when Japanese folk song singers sang about it. A music culture has taken root in the area, including live music clubs, secondhand record stores, and secondhand clothing stores. It is also famous: the Koenji Junjo Shopping Street, located toward the north exit of the station, is a great place to walk around finding places to eat and drink. The south exit of the station features many secondhand clothing stores and cafes. The Tokyo Koenji Awa Odori dance festival, held every summer, is a popular event that attracts approximately 1 million visitors.

Nakano Station is the first stop from Shinjuku Station on the JR Chuo Line rapid train. Immediately outside the north exit is the Nakano Sun Mall Shopping Street, where daily necessities are available, and its alleysways are filled with yakimiku restaurants, ramen shops, and other dining establishments. Further in is Nakano Broadway, a mecca of otaku culture. If you get tired of strolling, you can take a rest in the park in front of the station. The Nakano Station area is undergoing a transformation through redevelopment. Come experience an area that continues to evolve.

KICHIJOJI Sta. area

ZENPUKUJI park area

NISHI-OGIKUBO Sta. area

ANIMATION town

OGIKUBO Sta. area

ASAGAYA Sta. area

KOENJI Sta. area

NAKANO Sta. area

Tokyo SUGINAMI City

JR Chuo Line

- Culture town
- Book Store
 - Shopping Complex
 - Restaurant
 - Antique Store
 - Public Restroom
 - Hotel
 - Historic site/cultural asset
 - Clothes Store
 - Movie Theater
 - Cafe
 - Library
 - Hospital
 - School
 - Museum
 - Public Bath
 - Shrine
 - Temple
 - University



EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO

So many cultural places!

Enjoy the culture of Suginami's Chuo Line!

Suginami City's name originates from the Edo period when sugi (cedar trees) were planted to create a boundary.

First, the JR Chuo Line comes into the spotlight in Suginami City. The line connects Tokyo Station to the east and Takao Station to the west, and has four stations in between: Koenji, Asagaya, Ogikubo, and Nishi-Ogikubo.

However, each station has its own different world. Each town entertains visitors with its rich characters.

Koenji is filled with young musicians and artists.

A century ago, Asagaya was known as Asagaya Bunshi Mura, where some of Japan's greatest writers lived.

With the Chuo Line as well as the Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line, Ogikubo has both modern station buildings and lush Japanese-style gardens.

Adjacent to Kichijoji, Nishi-Ogikubo is lined with antique stores and unique izakaya.

Refresh your spirit with a tour of the nearby shrines, temples, and gardens. Enjoy the colorful Suginami City.

Learn, Experience, Play / Learn more about Suginami City

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO is an English-language website introducing the area around the four stations, Koenji, Asagaya, Ogikubo, and Nishi-Ogikubo, on the JR Chuo Line located in Suginami City. It is full of useful information, so please check it out!

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO



JC 11 KICHIJOJI Sta. area
 吉祥寺 きちじょうじ
 A place where three train lines intersect, Kichijoji is a lively place with department stores and museums. Enjoy nature in the spacious park.

Inokashira Park
 井の頭恩賜公園
 Relax in the lush nature
 A 5 minute walk from the south exit of Kichijoji Station. Once you get away from the hustle and bustle of a city, you will find yourself in a quiet and peaceful neighborhood. Wild birds are chirping, people are walking their dogs or jogging. Many people enjoy the greenery on the benches surrounding the large pond. Eating at a lakeside restaurant is also a pleasant experience. There are many places to visit, such as a boat pier, the Inokashira Nature Park where you can visit animals and Inokashira Benzaizen.

Ghibli Museum, Mitaka
 三鷹の森ジブリ美術館
 Experience the world of Ghibli
 A museum that is filled with the vision of Hayao Miyazaki, the director of the internationally popular Studio Ghibli. Visitors can experience the world of Ghibli in the permanent exhibition room that introduces the mechanism and production process of animation, the video exhibition room that shows original works, and the library reading room. There is also a museum store and a cafe. Admission to the Studio is an advance reservation system for specified dates and times, and tickets are available on the website.

EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO
 Many visitors to Japan from the West are cautious of Japanese sweets with the idea that beans shouldn't be sweet (like the red azuki bean, used in most Japanese sweets), but you shouldn't know before you try it! Even still, there are matcha and mochi varieties of sweets as well, so surely something for everyone! In Suginami, Tokyo, Asagaya's Pearl Center is well-known for Japanese sweets and a good place to start.

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JC 10 NISHI-OGIKUBO Sta. area
 西荻窪 にしおぎくぼ
 Antiques, cafes, and bars coexist with a park rich in nature in Nishi-Ogikubo. The antique street is lined with unique stores.

Monozuki
 物苺奇
 A special drink to enjoy in the warmth
 Each cup of delicious coffee is carefully brewed with beans purchased from a long-established coffee shop in Koenji. In addition, you can also enjoy light meals and chiffon cakes. The interior of the store is created with an abundance of wood in a blend of Japanese and Western styles, and was inherited from the previous owner's décor. The sound of the pendulum clock ticking away the time is a pleasant accompaniment to the jazz background music.

Kidoairaku
 木土藍染
 Located at the entrance of the antique street, Kidoairaku mainly deals in Japanese folk art and antiques. Many of the items in the store are from Yamagata Prefecture, where the owner is from, but there are also ceramics and ukyo-e prints on display. It is an interesting place to stop by to look for unique Japanese souvenirs.

Handsome Shokudo
 ハンサム食堂
 Enjoy the taste of Thai cuisine in Tokyo
 Handsome Shokudo is a diner that stands out on the drinking alley in the Nishi-Ogikubo South Exit area. Open from lunch time, it is crowded with regular customers. The restaurant's owners regularly travel to Thailand to purchase spices and other ingredients, making it a pleasure to enjoy authentic Thai cuisine. The restaurant is divided into the first and second floors, and can be enjoyed by one person or in a group. Every third Sunday of the month, the Hiruichi (Lunch Market) is held at Yanagi Koji.

JC 09 OGIKUBO Sta. area
 荻窪 おぎくぼ
 Famous ramen shops and many eating places line the streets of Ogikubo. With its anime-related facilities and lush green gardens, you can enjoy history and culture to your heart's content.

Tokyo Polytechnic University Suginami Animation Museum
 東京工芸大学 杉並アニメーションミュージアム
 Learn about the history of anime
 The museum introduces Japanese animation and its history. The fascinating entrance wall features signatures of famous animators. Visitors can also learn about the principles of animation by experiencing the creation of stop-motion animation. Don't miss the special exhibits introducing popular anime!

Otaguro Park
 杉並区立大田黒公園
 Japanese gardens filled with nature
 The site of the former residence of the music critic pioneer Motoo Otaguro is now open to the public as a park. In the Japanese-style with circulating walking paths, visitors can enjoy the rich natural surroundings, including a stream flowing from a well curb in the garden and a pond where koi carp play. In a corner of the garden, the Western-style house where he worked is open to the public as a memorial museum.

INAZUMA CAFÉ
 イナズマカフェ
 Enjoy the wall murals
 What catches the eye in the brightly lit store are the many autographed illustrations by manga artists and animators on the walls. The manga artist Shinji Hiramatsu drew a signed illustration that became a topic of conversation, and many creators still gather here to sign their works. The menu offers a wide variety of Western-style dishes such as omelet rice, hamburger steaks, and pasta, as well as cafe drinks and cakes. In the evening, alcoholic beverages are served.

JC 08 ASAGAYA Sta. area
 阿佐ヶ谷 あさぎや
 Asagaya is a place where you can enjoy unique drinking establishments. Don't forget to visit the only shrine in Japan that offers prayers for protection from the eight calamities.

Asagaya Shinmeigu Shrine
 阿佐ヶ谷神明宮
 A shrine that wards off calamities
 A shrine where prayers are offered for "hachinan-yoke" (protection against the eight calamities). The shrine was built to honor the feats of Yamato-takeru, a hero of Japanese mythology. After passing through the Otorii gate, the entrance to the shrine, visitors will find themselves in a sanctuary overflowing with greenery. Located in the center of the shrine, the main hall is decorated with ornaments symbolizing the gods of the sun, the moon, and the sea. Charms and omikuji fortunes drawn from these deities are also popular.

Laputa ASAGAYA
 ラピュタ阿佐ヶ谷
 Enjoy historical masterpieces
 Laputa Asagaya is recognizable by its warm and welcoming architecture made of old timber. The theater in the basement, "Zamazu Asagaya," offers a wide range of performances including theater, music, and rakugo. The movie theater on the second floor features famous Japanese and foreign films. The wall at the entrance of the first floor welcomes movie fans with autographs of famous directors. The restaurant on the third floor, "Yamanecken," serves French cuisine using organic vegetables to delight visitors.

Gion
 喫茶Gion
 A café where you can enjoy retro-cuteness
 This popular restaurant is crowded with local regulars. Enjoy their hearty signature dishes, Neapolitan spaghetti and sandwiches. The walls with topings such as jam and red bean paste are also recommended items. The store's dimly lit interior has a nostalgic atmosphere with the light of the stained-glass windows placed in every inch. Enjoy the retro space surrounded by antique furniture.

JC 07 KOENJI Sta. area
 高円寺 こうえんじ
 Koenji is a bustling center for young people. The lively secondhand clothing stores and variety shops line the streets, making it hard to keep your eyes from wandering.

OTORA
 古着商大虎
 The closest vintage clothing store from Koenji station
 This vintage clothing store for both women and men offers a wide variety of fashionable items such as T-shirts, blouses, dresses, knit bags, leather jackets, military items, and more. The store offers everything from casual to vintage clothing, and visitors can enjoy shopping as if they are making a treasure hunting.

Koenji Hikawa Shrine
 高円寺氷川神社 / 気象神社
 The only shrine in Japan that prays for the weather
 The shrine originated as a place of prayer for weather forecasting by the former Japanese Army Meteorological Department. It is dedicated to the god of weather. The shrine has now been relocated to the Koenji Hikawa Shrine, a place that has been watched over by the local community for many years. Many people pray for passing the weather forecast exam or for clear skies at the shrine. In recent years, many people from abroad have visited the shrine as it was the setting for the animated film "Weathering with You".

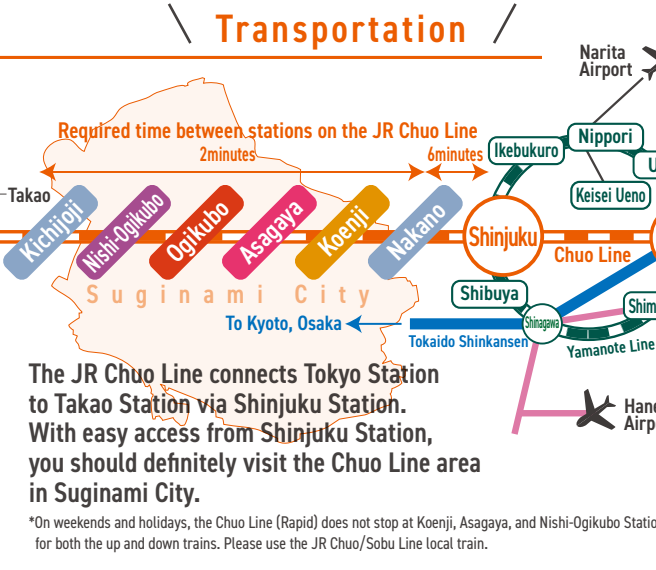
Poem MANO A MANO COFFEE
 ほえむ マノアマンコーヒー
 Enjoy Japan's unique coffee culture
 A coffee store that has been in business for nearly half a century has been inherited and renovated. The brick exterior utilizes the building from that time and customers can feel at ease in the interior. As soon as the store opens, it is often packed with regular customers and visitors from faraway places who are looking for its famous coffee and sweets. Each cup of coffee is carefully brewed by hand drip, giving it a unique flavor. The popular homemade pudding is always an item that is sure to sell out.

JC 06 NAKANO Sta. area
 中野 なかの
 Located only 5 minutes from Shinjuku Station on the JR Chuo Line. A large collection of unique stores specializing in manga, anime, and toys.

Nakano Broadway
 中野ブロードウェイ
 Collective building complex with a variety of stores
 Nakano Broadway was built around 60 years ago. As an epoch-making building that housed both a fashion-forward apartment complex and stores, it became a cultural hub with some of Japan's leading writers and actors moving in. The commercial space from the first basement to the fourth floor currently houses approximately 200 stores, and is attracting attention from around the world as a subculture district, with stores selling secondhand books and retro character goods expanding into the area.

Mandarake
 まんだらけ本店
 A gathering of pop culture
 In 1980, "MANDARAKE" began as a used manga bookstore. Today, there are 33 stores on the first through fourth floors of Nakano Broadway, where manga, anime, figures, plastic models, games, and other Japanese pop culture are gathered. On the 3rd floor, the "Mandarake Main Store" is a used bookstore specializing in manga, with shelves lined with a variety of manga, from manga for juveniles to the latest releases. On the 4th floor, you will find retro goods and cute toys. "Mandarake Henny" offers nostalgic toys, and "Plastic" has a collection of figures and dolls.

RECORD STORES
 Can't find what you're looking for at Tower Records? Well, Japan is lucky to still have Tower Records, but Suginami is luckier to have many one-of-a-kind record stores - this gives you the chance to find exclusive Japanese vinyl or Japanese CD releases, and rare collectibles. Japan is a nation of collectors, and that is why it will not succumb to the bland MP3. Check out what Japanese record stores have to offer during your visit.



Let's try!
 Shrines are dedicated to Shinto deities that have existed in Japan since ancient times. Temples are facilities for Buddhists, where they worship Buddhist statues and practice asceticism. Please note that each has its own method of worship.



How to worship at the temple
 You can find comedy stages in your regular spots and surprising locations.

Experience it!
SUGINAMI city Event Schedule
 Suginami City is full of events of all sizes throughout the year. Experience Suginami City in each season!
Spring
 Late April
 Koenji Bikkuri Street Performance
 Surprising performances here and there throughout the city!
Summer
 Early August
 Asagaya Tanabata Festival
 Have fun strolling around this festival that has been passed down for more than 60 years.
 Late August
 Tokyo Koenji Awa Odori
 Hear the powerful sound of Japanese drums and cheers of the crowd! A summer tradition in Tokyo.
Autumn
 Late October
 Asagaya Jazz Street
 Two days of intoxicating jazz rhythms everywhere in the city under the autumn sky.
 Late October
 Koenji Fes
 Feel more familiar with the chaotic town of Koenji at the "Autumn Grand Cultural Festival!"
 Early November
 Ogikubo Music Festival
 Enjoy classical music in the autumn of art.
 Early to Mid-November
 Trolls in the Park
 A collaboration of deep autumn and art.
 Early November
 Suginami Festa
 The largest event in the area that brings smiles to everyone who attends.

Winter
 Mid-February
 Koenji Engei Festival
 You can find comedy stages in your regular spots and surprising locations.

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