

TOKYO)' offers sightseeing information about Suginami, Tokyo. All year round in this area you can enjoy various events and there are a variety of unique spots scattered about including restaurants, ramen shops, izakaya and bars, second hand clothing and book stores, antique shops, music venues, and an anime district. These kinds of spots or even just the charm of these local areas will be introduced here by foreign residents in 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 by all means get on the Chuo-Line and come to Suginami. 'Chuosen Aruaru Project (the English website is EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI

## **EXPERIENCE SUGINAMI TOKYO**

Suginami is located west from Shinjuku (within 10 minutes by train), where there are unique areas: Koenji, Asagaya, Ogikubo, and Nishi-Ogikubo. We hope you enjoy these areas in Suginami which have different culture and hospitality from busy downtown areas such as Shibuya or Shinjuku. About Suginami

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## NISHI-OGIKUBO



and thus somewhat the road less traveled and off the beaten path, is Nishi-ogikubo. So if you're looking for a spot that doesn't have a touristy-feel, and that is simply cool and unique, Nishi-Ogikubo is the place. It has an "old town" vibe with its large amount of antique shops and other shops with antique decor. At night the town comes alive with its street bars and restaurants. It is surely a place to drink and be merry, should the mood strike you. -urther down the Chuo Line from Shinjuku and dov

### **HELLO NISHIOGI**



only the famous Mantou Mikoshi, a palanquin procession with lots of lanterns, and Umaoi, a driving-of-horses ritual, but also live concerts and other performances are held all around Nishiogikubo. If you participate in the Walking & Stamp Rally you can enter a lottery where you could win a fabulous prize Hello Nishiogi event takes place on a weekend of in late May. event in which you collect a series of stamps at designated spots,

## NISHIOGI OWARA KAZE NO MAI



Nishiogi Owara Kaze no Mai originated from Owara Kaze no Bon, a famous festival which has been held in Yatsuo-cho, Toyama City. Now the traditional festival can be seen here in

It has taken root as a new summer charm in Nishiogikubo featuring graceful dancing. At the end of the series of dancing, anyone can participate in the dance in a circle.

The event is held on a Sunday in late July.

### NISHIOGI LOVERS FES



workshops. gathered and also for everybody to enjoy live performances and 3rd of March 2016. It was an event whe re many stores in the ar

their city. Therefore a lot of the volunteers were from Nishi-ogikubo and they led other volunteers to spread the good vibe of the city and informations on Cafes, Vintage stores, People in Nishi-ogikubo are known for having strong love for The next event will be held in March 2017. Antique shops and tasty local food.

#### TASU TOCO



happens to run Tasu Café one floor below, this apartment hotel offers comfort, style, and convenience at the affordable price of 9,000 yen per night per person (3 people max). Unlike the stereotype of tiny accommodations Tokyo is known for, Tasu Toco has abundant space; a space decorated with trendy vintage items as well as handmade wooden furniture crafted by the host. You'll be able to relax on the raised tatami floor and in Tasu Toco is a minimalist accommodation option located just a one minute walk from JR Nishi-Ogikubo Station, on the west side of Tokyo. Created by an established local architect, who also the peacefulness and charm Nishiogi has to offer.

3 Chome-1-9 Nishiogikita, Suginami, Tokyo (4th Floor of Yamaya Building Apartment 402)

## SUGINAMI ANIMATION MUSEUM

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you the best of their production. The museum offers English There are over 130 anime studios are located in Suginami ward, and The Suginami Animation Museum was built to show audio guides, free wi-fi and free admission!

The Museum has three floors. Take the elevator to the third floor (the entry floor) and you will find a popular spot: a round wall-of-fame, Take your time to find your favorite artists.

The permanent exhibition shows the History of Anime.

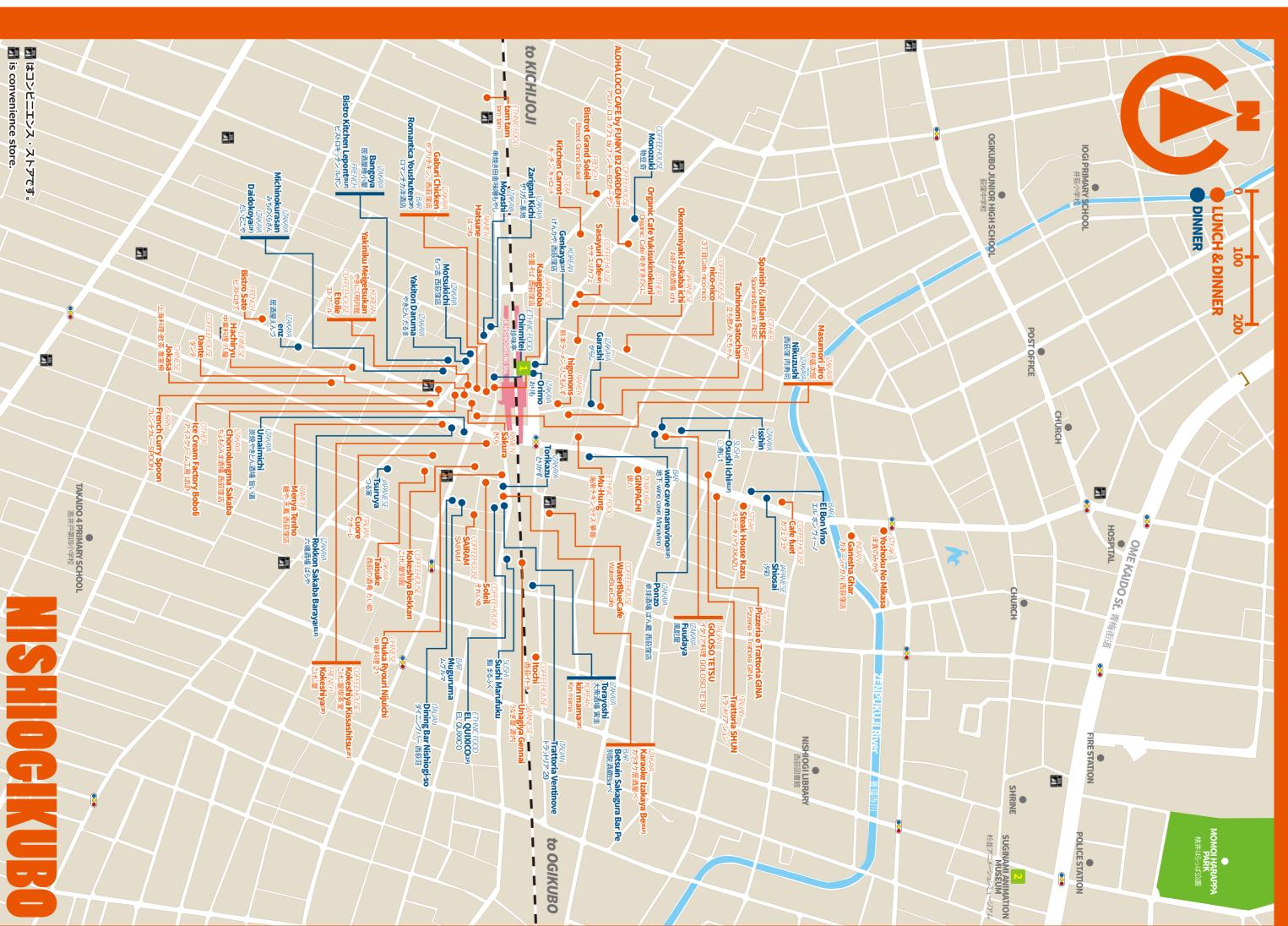
The third floor also shows how Anime is made, from old techniques to digital techniques. You can try your hand at digital workshops drawing or coloring anime. There's also a

booth of Afureko (short term for after-recording).

Special screenings are held at the museum's theater, featuring rare-to-find classical anime movies and talk events. If you are a fan of Japanese pop culture, or just curious to know more about what's so attractive in Anime, the Suginami Animation Museum is a goldmine for you.



just a 16 minute walk from Nishi-Ogikubo Station or you can take a bus.



#### **OGIKUBO**



the Japanese have made ramen their own, but on top of that Ogikubo has it's own unique soy sauce style ramen, as well as a variety of shops with their own individual ramen traits. If you are a fan of ramen, or are looking for a place to sample it, Ogikubo is a As far Tokyo goes, Chinese style noodle soup, better known as "ramen", is often associated with Ogikubo in Suginami. Of course,

In an interesting combination, Ogikubo's other claim to fame is classical music, mainly since the famous Japanese music critic and musician, Motoh Otaguro, had his home here. He is known for introducing various classical composers of the West to Japan. Now the beautiful Otaguro Park remains where his home once stood, with his favorite piano housed there on display. Ogikubo also has the classical music festival, Ongaku-sai, every fall, with classical concerts

### OGIKUBO MUSIC FESTIVAL



boasts of its superb sound and audio equipment. With Suginami Public Hall as the center of the "Ongaku-sai" music festival, music events are held and people can enjoy classical music in a comfortable atmosphere of around 30 different facilities such as The event is held on November. The Japan Philharmonic Orchestra makes its base in Suginami Public Hall, which is a five minute walk from Ogikubo station and coffee shops, galleries and churches

### OTAGURO PARK



his favorite piano remains housed in the commemorative building of Debussy and Stravinsky to Japan. He was a musician himself, and Moto Otaguro, the famous music critic who first introduced the likes rden. It was built on the site that was at one time the reside

park doesn't allow entry after 7:45pm on weekdays or 8:30pm on the light-up usually takes place for about a week and a half from the end of November to early December. Be careful not to go too late, as the The park is such a beautiful place it can compete with any garden in the center of Tokyo. Also, from late November to early December for spots to view the colored leaves west of the Yamanote Line. The about one week, the beautiful fall foliage is lit up! It is one of the best

If you aren't in town during the light-up, you'll still be able to witness the brilliant colors of the koi fish swimming in the pond anytime. are also some beautiful cherry blossoms in spring.

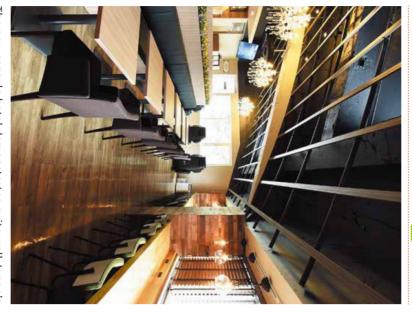
# KOMYOIN TEMPLE



Komyoin Temple is only about a 5 minute-walk from Ogikubo Station. At this temple, you can ring the temple's huge hanging bell on New Year's Eve! The temple accepts those who want to ring the bell from 10 o'clock on New Year's Eve night. For 1,000 yen, you can get a ticket for ringing the bell and a bag of souvenirs. However, there are only 108 tickets available, as the bell must be rung only 108 times. It is believed that the 108 tolls of the bell symbolize the casting away of 108 earthly desires. which are believed to cause human suffering

Komyoin Temple goes back to as early as the year 708, 1300 years ago. It has been told that a monk passed through this land carrying a wooden image of Buddha carved by the prominent monk Gyoki, who was also in charge of constructing the Great

## ANSHIN OYADO CAPSULE HOTEL



capsule will be state-of-the-art, complete with a mounted flat screen TV, wireless headphones, a tablet device with free wi-fi and free movie service (which can be hooked up to your TV) plus A/C. Everything is new and it looks like it—pristine and kept up diligently, you'll feel like you're staying in a high class hotel. You'll also experience Japanese hospitality from the friendly staff and services, including free tea and soft drinks, miso soup, The new capsule hotel demonstrates quite well Japan's standards of cleanliness, technology, and hospitality. Your washing machines and provided soap, laptop rental, and more,

Capsule Hotels in Japan are usually men-only, like this one, which includes a public bathing area. This is traditional Japanese style, and in the relaxing bath you will soon forget there are other people there. The bath can also be used by men who aren't staying at the hotel for a fee (1,080 yen).

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is 6pm-midnight. To further aid your relaxation and recreation, there are massage chairs and a library of Japanese manga, plus and restaurant for use by guests and other visitors. All-you-can-eat curry is popular at lunch time (11:30am – 2:00pm). Breakfast is available 6am-10am, and dinner/bartime Capsule rooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors, the 4th floor is a bar free darts and a virtual reality gaming device (600 yen/game).

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**LUNCH & DINNER** 

Since Club Inn is not a chain and only in Ogikubo, but it has a vibe and charm that is somehow different than other hotels. It has a very nice style with its all-wood flooring, and offers deluxe rooms that have a luxurious size compared to other Japanese hotels for the price. Room types include single, double, twin, and the spacious deluxe twin. Party rooms and Japanese-style from 11:30-4:00 on weekdays. karaoke rooms are available by reservation. Small weddings (with a max of 36 people) can also be held here. Wi-fi is available throughout and lunch is available (at additional cost) in the cafe

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### SEIKO RYOKAN

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Ogikubo. the cost? Look no further than the homely Seiko Ryokan in lively Craving that traditional Japanese Ryokan experience without

to ASAGAYA

RYOKAN SEIKO 旅館西郊

Greeted by the very hospitable and humble owners, you'll settle right in to your spacious room complete with tatami flooring, futons and vintage ornaments. Conveniences such as free wifi and air-conditioner offered. Breakfast is available

You may pay by credit card, but please note a 5% fee will be charged. You can also get a discount of 1% off per night (starting at 2 nights) up to 30%, so if you're looking for a place to stay for a month you can get 30% off.

Relax in the Japanese-style bath area before heading to the dining room for breakfast and views of the delightful courtyard



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 alcohol made from barley or sweet potatoes, among others). Even if you don't drink alcohol, you will enjoy the variety of An izakaya is a Japanese style bar and grill

afterwards. Depending on how busy they are or if you order course meals, they will require a time limit on the table (normally two hours). people order a smooth beer to toast ("kanpai!") and enjoy vant to order your drink before choosing food at an izakaya. Many

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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

Many people enjoy shochu with hot/cold water or oolong tea. You can also mix with a variety of soda as well. Come to experience "Hashigo-zake", better know as a pub crawl. However, finish them, you may experience a "Bottle-keep service" where they hold on to your bottle until your next visit (each izakaya has a different hold period). f you order Shochu "4-go" (720ml) or sake "1-sho" (1800ml) bottles and don't

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