Asakusa (浅草) is a downtown area located in Tokyo’s Taito Ward and centered on the 浅草寺 (Senso-ji Temple) and 仲見世通り (Nakamise-dori shopping street). The Sumidagawa River flows alongside Asakusa, a charming area in which the streets retain the flavor of ancient times. The great red paper lantern at the Kaminarimon gate of Senso-ji Temple is a landmark of the town. There are many venerable businesses on the shopping street, which is always bustling with people. Large numbers of tourists visit here during Golden Week and in the New Year in particular. Asakusa is also famous for two events. In May, the Sanja Matsuri festival is held at Asakusa Shrine, and at about the end of July the Sumida River Fireworks Festival is held. The fireworks festival has a history of approximately 260 years and is one of the largest fireworks display in Japan. Currently, the Tokyo Sky Tree tower, which will be a new place of interest in Japan, is being built right next to Asakusa. The tower will be 634 meters high, and when it is completed it will be the tallest free-standing tower in the world. It is going to be opened in spring 2012.

Location
Located about 1km east of Asakusa - a town filled with the atmosphere of a shitamachi (the traditional name for the area of Tokyo that extends from Taito, Chiyoda and Chuo Wards east of the Sumida River where many merchants, craftsmen, etc. reside) - and about 2km northeast of Ryogoku - a town famous for sumo wrestling. The new tower stands in a major traditional international tourism zone of Japan.
*Address: part of Oshiage 1-chome and part of Mukoujima 1-chome of Sumida Ward in Tokyo
The Edo-Tokyo Museum was built to enable people to envision the future of Tokyo while reflecting on its past history and culture. It is also a place where the ever-disappearing historical heritage of Edo Tokyo can be preserved. The museum's permanent exhibitions are divided into the Edo Zone, the Tokyo Zone and the Second Special Exhibitions Gallery, and the collection features about 2,500 small items (including ukiyoe prints, picture scrolls, kimono, and old maps) in addition to 50 larger exhibits. Visitors can also view image and book archives and interact with other learning facilities to gain a further education about Edo Tokyo. The Edo Tokyo Museum was rated the No.1 Historical Archive Recommended by Women in the Nikkei Newspaper's "Everything Charts", and was also awarded two stars in France's Michelin Tourism Guide.

Basic information
Hours
9:30am - 5:30pm / Saturdays only 9:30am - 7:30pm
*Last admission: 30 min before the closing time
Closed
Mondays
*Open if Monday is a national holiday, closed on the following day.
*Open during the Grand Sumo Tournament held in Tokyo December 28 to January 1
Admission Fee
Adults 600 yen
College & University students 480 yen
Junior high & High school students 300 yen
65 years or over 300 yen
*Admission free for Junior highschool students live in Tokyo or the school is in Tokyo / Elementary school students or younger.
Address
1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida-ku, Tokyo 130-0015
TEL: 03-3626-9974
Access
3 min walk from West Exit of Ryogoku Sta. on JR Sobu Line.
1 min walk from Exit A4 of Ryogoku Sta. on Toei Subway Oedo Line.
Website
http://www.edo-tokyo-museum.or.jp/english/
Ginza, located in Chuo Ward, Tokyo, is one of a downtown represents Japan. The area is famous as a high-class shopping street in Tokyo, not only in Japan but also in overseas. The name "Ginza" has become one of a brand name, and it is often used for a name of busy place and street in Japan. Since early time, Ginza has taken in state-of-the-art things in commerce, food, fashion and culture from overseas. Various shops in Ginza area such as brand shops, department stores, cafes, antenna shops and high-class nightclubs etc. are crowded with people all the times.

SONY Building

In the premises, there are Sony show room where visitors can experience Sony's products freely and see a pre-release product, PLAZA GINZA of imported products, shops like Italian restaurant and event space transmitting information on Sony.

Access
By Train

Tokyo 東京

Tokyo Station has been the central station in Japan for a long time, and this station is defined as point of departure in a train timetable such as up-train (bound for Tokyo) and down-train (bound for local station). Tokyo Station where approx. 3000 trains arrive and depart a day is number one station in Japan, and there is the largest Japan's underground shopping center where many shops representing Tokyo stand side by side. Redbrick Marunouchi-guchi station house was completed in 1914 and is important cultural properties having about 100-year history and is certified as one of "100 selected stations in Kantoh Area" and is under major renovation work. Marunouchi-guchi entrance, centering around Tokyo Station where high-rise buildings of major newspaper company, oil company, head office of banking corporation and foreign company stand side by side, faces in front of Imperial Palace, and is recently famous for illumination decoration conducted in December. As internationally renowned branch restaurants moved in Marunouchi-building and Shin-Marunouchi-building, number of complex building consisting of restaurant mall and office increased and night restaurants pick up stream internationally. Yaesu-guchi entrance connects to Kyobashi, where there are many historically old restaurants, known as amusement center since Edo-era, which is adjacent to Ginza, Nihonbashi and Kanda.

Imperial Palace

The Palace is located at the place where old Edo Castle existed during Edo Period and is now used as the residence of Emperor. The premises surrounded by a moat expands to the area of 115 ha and important historical buildings are located therein. The surrounding area of the Palace is popular for runners and walkers and cherry blossoms at Chidoriga-fuchi pond are very beautiful in spring time.

Access
By Train
Tokyo Sta. JR Line, Shinkansen
Tokyo Metro Marunouchi Line
Roppongi

Located in Tokyo's Minato Ward, Roppongi is a major center for dining out, shopping, and business. It features large commercial complexes such as Roppongi Hills, Tokyo Midtown, etc. and is an area which is increasing in vitality all the time. There are many foreign diplomatic missions and foreign companies located here and an extremely large number of restaurants aimed at foreigners.

On weekdays, many office workers can be seen in this area both during the day and at night, and it has a strong image as an office district. It is also known as a shopping and entertainment district packed with bars and clubs, and has become a favorite area for going out to have fun at night.

Access
By Train
Roppongi Sta. Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line, Toei Subway Oedo Line
Roppongi-itchome Sta. Tokyo Metro Namboku Line

Akihabara

Akihabara, commonly called "Akiba" is the area around Akihabara Station, belongs to Chiyoda Ward, Tokyo. A lot of shops dealing with various electronic devices and parts are gathered, and the area is known as the world's electronics quarter which is a popular among the tourists from overseas. The electronics quarter has started with shops of junk parts and electronics store at first, then specialized shops such as game shops, hobby shops and anime shops are added, it became to be called "Mecca for Otaku". Akihabara also attracted attention as a trendsetting city of subculture such as maid cafe' where service staffs dress as elegant maids, and so on. Development around Akihabara area has been proceeding rapidly, by opening of Tsukuba express in 2005 and construction of complex buildings etc.

Access
By Train
Akihabara Sta. JR Sobu Line, Yamanote Line, Keihin-Tohoku Line, Tsukuba Express, Tokyo Metro Hibiya Line
Odaiba is reclaimed land in Tokyo's Minato Ward which became known as Daiba because there was a gun battery (hodai) located at this place (ba) in the Edo period, and the honorific "o" was added out of respect for the shogunate, resulting in the name "Odaiba." It is also known as the Tokyo Waterfront Secondary City Center and called Rainbow Town. It has so many tourist spots that it is not possible to see them all in one day, and can be enjoyed by men and women of all ages. There is the Odaiba Kaihin Park which features a manmade sandy beach, the Daikanransha Ferris Wheel and a shopping mall. At the Oedo hot spring, guests can bathe in natural hot spring water pumped up from 1,400 meters below the ground. At night the view of the area around the Rainbow Bridge is beautiful, and so Odaiba is also famous as a date spot. On weekends, many families and couples also go there.

Access
By Train

Web Site
http://www.visitjapan.jp/eng/index.html
http://www.tokyoessentials.com/
http://www.hellotokyo.jp/
http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2164.html