

JAPAN ANIME MAP



Japanese manga, anime, and games have evolved in many different ways and become a proud part of Japanese culture. The word "otaku" is now a global phenomenon, and is commonly understood by people around the world.

OTAKU CULTURE

When people think of otaku culture, they instantly think of watching anime and playing video games. But that's just the tip of the surface. True otaku enjoy "cosplay" (costume play), collect figures, and have an uncompromising affection for the characters and anime they seek to identify with.

Cosplay

Cosplay is about "becoming" one of the characters in your favorite anime or video game. People get all the right clothes and accessories and literally bring that character to life!



Enjoy Cosplay Purikura!

Purikura booths can be found at game centers all across Japan, and is something that all young Japanese people love. When taking pictures, you can choose from a variety of backgrounds and then print the developed pictures on stickers. Lots of otaku enjoy taking purikura in full cosplay. Some game centers even have outfits you can rent!



Figure

Figures are models of characters that are painstakingly reproduced with an incredible level of detail. Many snacks and candy come with figures, so you'll have a collection going before you know it. From giant models to the smaller *kawaii* types, the range of figures is practically endless!



Game

Games form a part of Japanese culture that it proudly exports worldwide. Japan is particularly known for the stunning graphics and storylines of its RPGs (role-playing games). Along with RPGs, there are many large game centers in business districts throughout Japan where you can find old video games, such as action games and shooters, as well as UFO catcher machines, *purikura* and more. Recently growing in popularity are *oto-ge* (sound games), in which players dance in time with the music and earn points for each move they nail. This added competition factor has made these games a huge hit!



Hatsune Miku - Project DIVA Arcade

This *oto-ge* spun off from *Hatsune Miku*, which is one of the many "Vocaloid" games that allows players to enter lyrics and melodies as they sing their hearts out. This game lets players go head to head online!

[URL] <http://mku.sega.jp/arcade/>

EVENT

Tons of events in the international spotlight!! Colorful cosplayers transform the atmosphere of any venue with their fresh and original creations!!

Comic Market [URL] <http://www.comiket.co.jp/>



Traditionally held in August and December, this is Japan's biggest event for manga and anime fans. While mainly set up for people selling their own published works, there is still plenty to see and do. Today there are more than 30,000 exhibition groups and over 500,000 people that come to Comic Market. Take a walk around and you're sure to find lots of cosplayers.

Date: August and December
Place: Tokyo International Exhibition Center (TOKYO BIG SIGHT)
Admission: Free Note: Cosplayers can only be photographed in special areas

Ita-G Festa [URL] <http://www.geibunsha.co.jp/mook/ita/>

Event where people draw their favorite anime or video character on their cars, transforming them into *itasha*. Some people even show up driving a decorated Ferrari or limousine!



Date: Unspecified Place: Unspecified
Admission: Charged
Note: Separate charge for cosplayers

Animelo Summer Live [URL] <http://pc.animelo.jp/> (Animelo mix HP)

Japan's biggest anime music event, where established and up-and-coming anime voice actors and vocalists all take the stage together!



Date: August Place: Arena in the Kanto region Admission: Charged

Wonder Festival [URL] <http://wf.kaiyodo.net>



At Wonder Festival you'll find people selling their "garage kits", which are original models. Many "maniac character" products unavailable on the market can be found here. People from all over the country flock to this event to snatch up these one-of-kind items!

Date: Summer and Winter Place: Unspecified
Admission: Charged

WORLD COSPLAY SUMMIT [URL] <http://www.tv-aichi.co.jp/wcs/>

Cosplayers from all over the world get together to see who's the greatest of them all. The preliminary competitions held in participating countries prove that this event means business.



Date: July or August
Place: Nagoya (venue changes by year)
Admission: Charged
Note: Preliminary competitions held in participating countries

M3 [URL] <http://www.m3net.jp/>

The event for music lovers. Here you can find exhibitions of anime works, booths selling anime goods, stands where you can listen to CDs, and people shooting PR videos of Vocaloid groups and individuals performing covers of anime songs.



Date: Spring (April or May) and Fall (September or October)
Place: Venue in Tokyo Admission: Charged

AREA

Beginning with the world famous Akihabara, there are other areas where otaku shops are concentrated. Here we highlight the main otaku district across Japan. Anime tourism is all about uncovering shops related to anime. This section introduces selected areas in major cities where you can find a number of well-known shops.

*Note that JNTO does not particularly recommend any of these shops and ultimately provides this information for reference only. JNTO does not take responsibility for any of the services or merchandise offered by the shops introduced here. In addition, information regarding these stores is constantly changing. We recommend that you check beforehand when planning to visit any of these shops.

1 TOKYO Akihabara

Besides being known as the "sacred land" of the otaku legions, Akihabara itself is a world famous tourist spot. In addition to the otaku shops for anime, cosplay, computers, and video games, there are also a number of original restaurants and shops offering unique goods.



Cosplay Karaoke

Japan not only gave the world anime, but also karaoke. This place offers lots of special services for anime fans and cosplayers.

Pasela Akihabara [URL] <http://www.pasela.co.jp/main.html>

Concept rooms based on various anime and menu replete with colorful anime motifs. Also a popular cosplayer hangout.



Concept Café

Immensely popular café featuring staff in maid outfits and anime-themed interiors.



Mai Dreamin
(Akihabara Main Shop)
[URL] <http://maidreamin.com/en>
Based on the concept of *Yume no Kuni* (Dream Land), this maid café & bar delivers an experience that's out of this world.



GUNDAM Café
[URL] <http://g-cafe.jp/english/>
The official café for all things Gundam, complete with staff dressed in Gundam uniforms.



cure maid café
[URL] <http://www.curemaid.jp/>
This is one of the longest running maid cafés in Akihabara. A place with a soothing atmosphere founded on the concept of "healing".

Don Quijote, Akihabara

4-3-3 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
[TEL] 03-5298-5411
[URL] http://www.donki.com/index_en.php

A store that has everything, from everyday wares to brand goods. The Akihabara shop is known for its great selection of cosplay goods.



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The Tourist Information Center (TIC) of Japan National Tourism Organization is your helping hand while in Japan. Its services range from providing travel information and free literature on Japan to offering suggestions on tour itineraries. Its address, telephone number and office hours are as follows, Shin Tokyo Building 1F, 3-3-1 Marunouchi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 100-0005
Tel. 03-3201-3331
Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Closed : Jan. 1)

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Arrival Fl., Passenger Terminal 2 Bldg.,
Narita International Airport, Chiba 282-0004
Tel. 0476-34-5877
Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. every day year-round

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Singapore:	16 Raffles Quay, #15-09, Hong Leong Bldg., 048581, Singapore	Tel: 6223-8205
Jakarta:	Summimas L 2F, Jalan Jenderal Sudirman, Kaveling 61-62 Jakarta Selatan 12190, Indonesia	Tel: 21-252-0742
Sydney:	Suite 1, Level 4, 56 Clarence Street, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia	Tel: 02-9279-2177
London:	11th FL, 121/13 Nicholas Lane, London EC4N 7BN, UK	Tel: 020-7398-5670
Frankfurt:	Kaiserstrasse 11, 60311 Frankfurt/M, Germany	Tel: 069-20353
Paris:	4, rue de Ventadour, 75001 Paris, France	Tel: 01-42-96-20-29
New York:	11 West 42nd Street, 19th FL, New York, NY 10036, USA	Tel: 212-757-5640
Los Angeles:	Little Tokyo Plaza #302, 340 E. 2nd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, USA	Tel: 213-623-1952
Toronto:	481 University Ave., Suite 306, Toronto, Ont., M5G 2E9, Canada	Tel: 416-366-7140

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2 TOKYO Nakano Broadway

Following the opening of the large manga store "Mandarake", a number of otaku shops sprung up along "Nakano Broadway". This eclectic otaku spot has stores selling anime, video games, movies, and music, as well as a number of other shops devoted to specific "subcultures".



[URL] http://nbw.jp/index_e.html



Mandarake
Specialized shop that buys and sells second-hand Japanese manga and anime goods. There are more than 10 shops offering goods for anime fans and second-hand games. Some of the shop clerks even cosplay on the job!

3 TOKYO Ikebukuro Otome Road

While Akihabara is known for having a lot of shops that cater to the male otaku, Ikebukuro has a number of shops that offer products aimed at women, such as *fujoshi*, *yaoi*, and BL items. Shops selling these items can be found in crowded areas such as "Otome Road" (Maiden Road).



Animate - Ikebukuro Main Store

[URL] <http://www.animate.co.jp/>
Large chain of anime shops that has spread across the country. Building located in the heart of the Otome Road district and offering an incredible range of anime related goods, through 1st to 8th floor (while 9th floor is reserved for events).

4 AICHI Nagoya Osudenki-gai

Large electric town located in the Chubu area. Known as the birthplace of otaku cafés, Nagoya's Osudenki-gai ranks up there with Nipponbashi in Osaka and Akihabara as one of the Japan's three largest otaku districts.



GAMERS Nagoya Shop
[URL] <http://www.anibro.jp/>
The name says it all. A shop that sells anything and everything related to games.

Nagoya Omotenashi Busho-Tai

Group inspired by the generals of the *Sengoku* (Warring States) period that were closely connected to Nagoya. They keep the samurai spirit alive by conducting a number of special events at Nagoya Castle.



5 OSAKA Nipponbashi Otaku Road

"Akiba" in the east, "Ponbashi" in the west: Japan's two largest otaku districts.



Neon
This iconic character was created to help revitalize the Nipponbashi area. The design was created by Ito-Noizi, who is well known as the illustrator of the *Haruhi Suzumiya* series.
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GEE!STORE Osaka

[URL] <http://www.geestore.com/>
Offers a range of goods and costumes.

GOODS

Recommended goods to treat yourself or give to friends.



Ganpura
This realistically painted Gundam saves you all the hard work! Easy to assemble plastic model.



Sofubi
Figures made from soft vinyl. With a number of popular figures, such as the classic Ultraman and Kamen Rider, this series has a lineup that transcends generations.



Food
Sake and moe foods with labels sporting cute moe characters. More and more popular products in regions across Japan are going moe.



Character straps
Standard accessory straps for mobile phones. Practically every major character is available. Great souvenir for friends back home.



Nendoroid
Word coined from "nendo" (Japanese word for clay) and "droid". This series of figures features slightly deformed anime characters. The hand-made feel and wide range of options make these little figures incredibly popular.



Dakimakura
(hugging pillows)
Pillows with a massive printed image. Make that dream of being united with your favorite character come true!

6 KANAGAWA Yokohama Landmark Plaza

On the 4th floor you can find Donguri Kyowakoku (Acom Republic), a store that offers a selection of Studio Ghibli character goods, as well as SHUEISHA's official shop.

Donguri Kyowakoku (Acom Republic)

[URL] <http://www.benelic.com/service/donguri.php>
This shop sells a variety of merchandise featuring characters from movies such as "My Neighbor Totoro", "Spirted Away", and many more.



7 HOKKAIDO Tanuki-Koji Shopping Arcade in Sapporo

There are many anime and otaku shops along the Tanuki-Koji Shopping Arcade that extends from Sapporo Station.

LASHINBANG Sapporo Shop

[URL] <http://www.lashinbang.com/>
In addition to this shop, there are also two other shops located on the same floor, "Game Kan" (Game shop) and "Isho Kan" (Costume shop). Together these three shops form the center of otaku culture in Hokkaido.



8 HIROSHIMA Hiroshima Otemachi

The area around Otemachi, Hiroshima offers a number of anime shops. This area has also hosted an international anime fair.

Yellow Submarine - Hiroshima Shop

[URL] <http://www.yellowsubmarine.co.jp/>
Hobby shop that specializes in trading cards. There is even a corner where visitors can enjoy some intense card game action.



9 FUKUOKA Tenjin AREA

A typical commercial area of urban Japan, Tenjin has a lot of large anime and manga shops. This is the number one otaku district in Kyushu.

Animate Fukuoka-Tenjin

[URL] <http://www.animate.co.jp/>
This shop boasts the largest floor space in Western Japan and proudly offers a large selection of comics, music, videos and more.



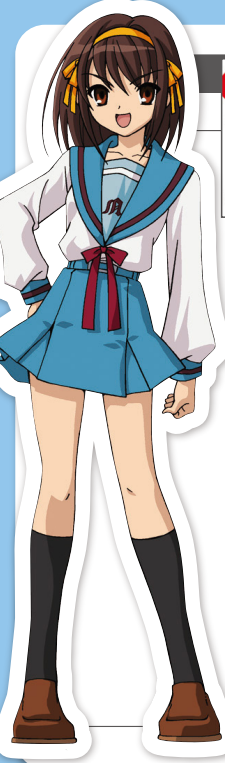
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SACRED PLACES PILGRIMAGE

The settings for many anime are often modeled after real locations. These "sacred sites" have become incredibly popular among fans and the object of "pilgrimages" by many eager to visit them. There are number of locations across Japan where fans can enjoy anime character attractions in theme parks or visit museums with exhibits related to anime and otaku culture.

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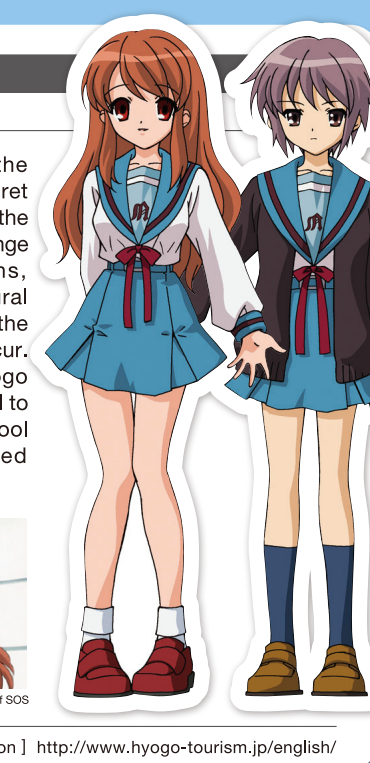
- ⚠ Things to observe when visiting sacred sites
- Do not disturb the environment and landscape by leaving garbage, drawing graffiti, or performing other acts of vandalism.
- Do not enter off-limit areas and take things from the places you are visiting.
- Do not violate the privacy of local citizens and other individuals by taking pictures of their homes and neighborhood.
- Avoid excessively extreme cosplay that might be distracting or offensive to those around you.
- Avoid changing in shops or public bathrooms when getting ready to cosplay.
- Always remember to carefully confirm your route to ensure you safely reach your destination.



The Melancholy of Haruhi Suzumiya
Nishinomiya City, Hyogo Prefecture

Haruhi Suzumiya is a beautiful young girl but definitely the oddball of her class. Together with Kyon, she founds a secret circle at school called the SOS Brigade. Unknown to Haruhi, the members she attracts to the SOS Brigade represent a wide range of unique characters in their own right, such as aliens, time-travelers from the future, and people with supernatural powers. The story centers on the brigade's efforts to solve the paranormal phenomena Haruhi unconsciously causes to occur. The series is said to take place in Nishinomiya City in Hyogo Prefecture. There are many spots throughout the city identical to places seen in the anime and manga, such as the high school that Haruhi's is modeled after, the prominently featured Shukugawa Park, and the path along the river bank.

涼宮ハルヒの憂鬱



Sightseeing in Hyogo ▶ [Hyogo Tourism Association] <http://www.hyogo-tourism.jp/english/>

Spirited Away **EDO-TOKYO OPEN AIR ARCHITECTURAL MUSEUM**
(Koganei City, Tokyo)

千と千尋の神隠し

In the middle of her family's move, Chihiro gets lost in a mysterious town where 8 million gods come to bath at a magical "bathhouse". Given the name "Sen", she is put to work in the bathhouse. Here she experiences a number of encounters that help her realize the strength to live that lies within herself. The Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architectural Museum, which features a collection of restored historical buildings open to the public, serves as one of the model locations for the story. It is said director Hayao Miyazaki referred to the museum's bathhouse and merchant houses when creating the magical town that appears in the movie.

<http://www.tatemonoen.jp/english/index.html>



true tears **Nanto City, Toyama Prefecture**

The main character in *true tears* is Shinichiro Nakagami, a boy who longs to become a picture book illustrator. The story follows the changes in the relationships between Shinichiro and three other characters: Noe Isurugi, Hiromi Yuasa, and Aiko Ando. Noe is a girl who is troubled by the past and has lost the ability to cry. Hiromi is a girl that has been taken in by the Nakagami family, and has known Shinichiro since they were little. Like Hiromi, Aiko has also been close to Shinichiro from the time they were kids. The story unfolds in Mugha town, which is modeled after Johana, Nanto City, the town where the anime's production studio is located. Many of the scenes in the anime feature beautiful shots of the scenery in Toyama.

Sightseeing in Toyama ▶ [Toyama Prefectural Tourism Association] <http://www.info-toyama.com/foreign/english/index.html>



SUMMER WARS **Ueda City, Nagano Prefecture**

Kenji Koiso is an introverted math genius that heads to the countryside to visit Natsuki, an older girl he really looks up to who has asked for his help with a little project. However, a global crisis suddenly breaks out in the virtual space of the Internet. Needing all the help he can get to save the world, Kenji teams up with Natsuki's big country family. This is the first original animated movie directed by Mamoru Hosoda, who won acclaim for his work on *"The Girl Who Leapt Through Time"*. The Jinnouchi family in the story is modeled after the Sanada family, the clan that originally ruled the area around Ueda City in Nagano Prefecture. The entrance to the Jinnouchi family's residence is actually the Higashi-Koguchi Yagura gate of Ueda Castle.

Sightseeing in Nagano ▶ [Nagano Prefecture Tourism Association] <http://www.go-nagano.net/>



Lucky Star **Kasukabe City, Saitte City, Washimiya Town - Saitama Prefecture**

The story is about the laid-back everyday lives of 4 young girls with incredibly different personalities. Konata Izumi is an easy going otaku who loves anime and games. Tsukasa Hiragi is a good-natured girl that has an older fraternal twin named Kagami, who is a firm character. Miyuki Takara rounds out the troupe, a beautiful girl that gets good grades in school. This series features many spots in Washimiya Town (now part of Kuki City) and other places in Saitama Prefecture: The school Konata and the others go to is modeled after Kasukabe Kyohei High School; Takanomiya Shrine where the Hiragi sisters' father works as a Shinto priest is based on Washinomiya Shrine, and the station nearest to the Izumi Family is made to look like the real Saitte Station.

Sightseeing in Saitama ▶ [Saitama prefecture] <http://www.sainokuni-kanko.jp/eng/>



OTHER PLACES

- A Saikano** [Otaru City, Hokkaido]
Saikano is an innocent love story about Chise, a normal high school student whose body is transformed into a weapon of war, and her boyfriend Shuji who tries to save her.
- B Kannagi: Crazy Shrine Maidens** [Sendai City, Miyagi Prefecture]
This playful school comedy depicts the humorous encounters between human beings and gods. The story begins when Jin Mikuriya, a boy in the school art club who can talk to spirits, builds a wooden statue that is possessed by the goddess "Nagi".
- C Crayon Shinchan** [Kasukabe City, Saitama Prefecture]
Shinosuke Nohara (Shinchan) is an incredibly outrageous kindergarten teacher that's always getting in trouble. This hilarious series depicts all the crazy antics of little Shinchan and his daily encounters with family, friends, and teachers at school.
- D Sailor Moon** [Azabujuban, Minato-ku, Tokyo]
Usagi Tsukino is a normal girl who's a bit of a klutz and wimp that transforms into a warrior in sailor outfit that vanquishes ghosts terrorizing the city. Her famous words before pulverizing her enemies are "In the name of the moon, I shall punish you!"
- E Digimon Adventure** [Daiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo]
Digimon is an adventure story about seven children who one summer are transported by a mysterious power to an imaginary digital world inhabited by creatures called Digimon.
- F Toaru Kagaku no Railgun** [Area around Tachikawa Station / Tama Center Station, Tokyo]
Set in a university town of Tokyo where supernatural powers are at work, this story focuses on Mikoto Misaka, a girl with incredible special powers that can wield bolts of electricity, as she solves cases throughout the city.

MUSEUM & THEME PARK

- A Bandai Museum**
Bandai Collection Center 3-6-20 Omocha no machi, Mibumachi, Shimotsuga-gun, Tochigi Prefecture
0282-86-2310 <http://www.bandai-museum.jp/>
10:00 am to 4:30 pm (Doors close at 4:00 pm)
Open year round except for scheduled days
1,000 yen (adult), 600 yen (child)
- B Toei Animation Gallery**
2-10-5 Higashi-Oizumi, Nerima-ku, Tokyo
03-3978-3111 <http://www.toei-anim.co.jp/tag/>
9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Doors close at 4:30 pm)
Monday (or Tuesday if Monday falls on a national holiday, New Year's holiday, and on days for changing exhibitions)
Free
- C Chibi Maruko-chan Land**
S-Pulse Dream Plaza 3F, 13-15 Infuno-cho, Shimizu-ku, Shizuoka City, Shizuoka Prefecture
054-354-3360
<http://www.dream-plaza.co.jp/chibimaruko/>
10:00 am to 8:00 pm (Doors close at 7:30 pm)
Open year round except for scheduled days
500 yen (adult), 300 yen (child)
- D Kyoto International Manga Museum**
Karasuma-Oike, Nakagyo-ku, Kyoto (former Tatsueki Elementary School)
075-254-7414 <http://www.kyotommm.jp/>
10:00 am to 6:00 pm (Doors close at 5:30 pm)
Wednesday (or Thursday if Wednesday falls on a national holiday, New Year's holiday, and maintenance periods)
800 yen (adult), 300 yen (junior-high and high school), 100 yen (elementary)
- E The Osamu Tezuka Manga Museum**
7-65 Mukogawa-cho, Takarazuka City, Hyogo Prefecture
0797-81-2970
<http://tezukaosamu.net/en/museum/index.html>
9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Doors close at 4:30 pm)
Wednesday (Wednesday in August will be open) New Year's holiday and other unscheduled days
700 yen (adult), 300 yen (junior-high and high school), 100 yen (elementary)
- F Defective Conan no Sato - Goshō Aoyama Manga Factory**
1414 Yurashuku, Hokuei-cho, Tohoku-gun, Tottori Prefecture
0858-37-5389 <http://www.gamf.jp/>
9:30 am to 5:30 pm (April to October) and 9:30 am to 5:00 pm (November to March)
Open year round except for scheduled days
700 yen (adult), 500 yen (junior-high and high school), 300 yen (elementary)
- G Mizuki Shigeru Museum**
5 Honmachi, Sakaiminato City, Tottori Prefecture (Honmachi arcade street)
0859-42-2171
<http://mizuki.sakaiminato.net/>
9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Doors close at 4:30 pm)
Open year round
700 yen (adult), 500 yen (junior-high and high school), 300 yen (elementary)
- H Yanase Takashi Memorial Museum (Anpanman Museum)**
1224-2 Birafu, Kahoku-cho, Kami City, Kochi Prefecture
0887-59-2300 <http://www.anpanman-museum.net/>
9:30 am to 5:00 pm (Doors close at 4:30 pm) Tuesday (or Wednesday if Tuesday fall on a national holiday)
700 yen (adults), 500 yen (junior-high and high school), 300 yen (children 3 years or older)
- I Kawasaki City Fujiko-Fujio Museum**
2-chome 8-1 Nagao, Tama-ku, Kawasaki-city, Kanagawa Prefecture
0570-055-245 <http://fujiko-museum.com/english/>
10:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesdays and from December 30th through January 3rd
1,000 yen (adults and university students), 700 yen (junior-high and high school), 500 yen (children 4 years or older)
Advance reservation is required. Check the official website.
- J GUNDAM FRONT TOKYO**
1-1-10 Aomi, Koto-ku, Tokyo
03-5579-6283 <http://gundamfront-tokyo.com/en/>
10:00 am to 9:00 pm (Doors close at 8:00 pm)
Open year round
1,200 yen (adult and college and high school), 1,000 yen (junior-high and elementary school),

EvangeliON **Hakone, Kanagawa Prefecture**

エヴァンゲリオン 新劇場版

14-year-old Shinji learns that it is his fate to pilot the humanoid mecha Evangelion and confront a series of mysterious enemies called "Angels". Shinji is joined by fellow 14-year-old pilots Rei and Asuka and a group of adults from the special service agency NERV. Together they work to defeat the "Angels" in a battle that will decide the fate of the Earth. This series depicts the spiritual bonds and discord among the main characters as the struggle to defeat a common foe. Tokyo-3 is set near Hakone, a place in Kanagawa Prefecture known for its hot springs and majestic mountain surroundings. There are scenes in the anime that would depict impressive shots of locations such as Owakudani, Kintokiyama, and Ashinoko.

Sightseeing in Kanagawa ▶ [Kanagawa Prefectural Tourist Association] <http://www.kanagawa-kankou.or.jp/index-e.html>



Fujiyoku Highland
[Fujiyoshida City, Yamanashi Prefecture]
<http://www.fujiq.jp/en/>

This amusement park is guaranteed to leave you breathless. There are a number of attractions related to the Evangelion series, such as a recreation of Cage 7, where Shinji first encounters his Eva unit. Here you can see a full scale model of Evangelion Unit 01 and its entry plug. You can also take pictures in front of large panels depicting scenes from the series and seemingly put yourself right into the story. There are also many other exhibits that help to bring the Evangelion world to life!



Sanrio Puroland **Tama City, Tokyo**

Sanrio Puroland

Famous Sanrio characters Hello Kitty, Kiki Lala, and My Melody all together in one theme park!

1-31 Ochiai, Tama-shi, Tokyo
042-339-1111
<http://www.puroland.jp/>
Remember to check the website to confirm the business hours and days closed
Weekday: 3,300 yen (18 and up), 2,500 yen (3 to 17) Sat., Sun. & national holiday: 3,800 yen (18 and up), 2,700 yen (3 to 17)

RIO KEI's kittyler
One of the "super kittylers", or girls that love Hello Kitty characters, from the series "with Hello Kitty". Drawn by the illustrator KEI, who also designed Hatsune Miku.



Ghibli Museum **Mitaka City, Tokyo**

三鷹の森ジブリ美術館
GHIBLI MUSEUM, MITAKA

This museum is dedicated to Hayao Miyazaki and the works produced by Studio Ghibli, such as *My Neighbor Totoro* and *Princess Mononoke*. The museum leads you through maze-like exhibits that show how an animated movie is made. In addition to the exhibits, there is also the famous "Cat Bus" that children can play in and a "Robot Soldier" from *Castle in the Sky*. This place is a definite must for any Ghibli fan!

1-1-83 Shimorenjaku, Mitaka-shi, Tokyo
0570-055-777
<http://www.ghibli-museum.jp/en/>
10:00-18:00
Tuesday, New Year's holiday and periodic maintenance
Admission:
1,000 yen (adult), 700 yen (junior-high and high school), 400 yen (elementary) and 100 yen (children 4 years or older)

*You must make a reservation for the day and time you plan to visit. Check the official website for details.



