

Inspirational tour for presentation and attention to detail

10 Feb, Friday Omotesando

*Kaiseki & Tea Ceremony experience ends at 15:00

15:00-15:15 Taxi (15 mins)

15:15-16:15 Nezu Museum (60 mins) *1

Exhibition "[Sometsuke: Celebrating Four Centuries of Japanese Porcelain](#)"

16:15-16:25 Walk (10 mins)

16:25-16:55 Interior boutique store: spiral market (30 mins) *2

16:55-17:25 Gallery: spiral garden (30 mins) *3 Exhibition "The graduation works of students from Japan's first school specializing in jewelry"

17:25-18:05 Cafe: Sakurai Japanese Tea Experience (30 mins tea time) *4 Tea tim

18:05-18:15 Walk (10 mins)

18:15-18:35 Socks specialty store: Tabio (20 mins) *5

18:35-18:40 Walk (5 mins)

18:40-19:00 Antique kimono store (20 mins) *6

19:00-19:15 Taxi (15 mins)

*1: This is the exhibition I explained to you the other day. The curator in charge of this exhibition is on a business trip during February, so I will meet her this month and ask her some questions related to your objective.

*2: One of the most popular interior boutique stores. It's here where you can really see the attention to detail and aesthetic in all of the displays.

*3: There are also shoes, bags, watches, and even bicycles - over 100 crafts displayed. It is an unique opportunity to witness how young artists produce hand-made crafts through exquisitely delicate and detail-oriented processes; these hidden nuances are something that Japanese artisans and craftsmen are known for.

*4: The cafe run by a tea barista who has a passion for Japanese green tea and understands tea down to the finest details; they are especially known for roasted and specially blended tea.

*5: There are none others who like socks more than the Japanese! Even for a store as simple as socks, you can sense the aesthetics that surround each of the displays.

*6: A kimono consists of various layers of cloth, strings, and belts; following a particular set of rules and tips, one will be able to properly wear a kimono. However, simply putting it on is not everything. The Japanese have developed certain ways of moving and certain ways of doing things while wearing a kimono, all so that actions and movements are smoother and visually appealing, this further exemplifies the Japanese people's attention to detail.

13 Feb. Monday Nihombashi & Ginza

*Wagashi (Japanese sweets) experience ends at 15:00

15:30-16:30 Tokyo Metropolitan Teien Art Museum (45 mins) *1

Exhibition ["The Allure of Japanese Cloisonné: The Aesthetic of Translucent Black"](#)

16:30-16:45 Taxi (15 mins)

16:45-17:15 Japanese paper store: Haibara *2 (30 mins)

17:15-17:25 Walk (10 mins)

17:25-17:45 LIXIL Gallery (20 mins) *3

Exhibition ["The Wondrous Beauty and Utility of Japanese Handmade Paper"](#)

17:45-17:50 Walk (5 mins)

17:50-18:10 Itoya Ginza (30 mins) *4

18:10-18:20 Walk (10 mins)

18:20-19:15 (55 mins) *5

Dover Street Market

Senbiki-Ya

Ginza Masion Hermes Forum - there is a gallery at the top floor

Sony Building - the building, with a history of 50 years, will be dismantled this April.

Exhibition ["It's a Sony"](#)

19:15-19:30 Taxi (15 mins)

*1: The curator will give us the brief explanation. I went to the exhibition a few weeks back and it was stunning to witness the passion for details to procedure. It is the first ever exhibition held to showcase the exquisitely delicate cloisonné works created by Namikawa Yasuyuki (1845-1927). It really is a must see.

*2: Washi specialized store with the history of 200 years. I remember that you were looking for some washi paper; let's see if they have something which you are looking for.

*3: Washi has always enriched the way Japanese people live their lives, and the various ways of using washi provide inspiration for being creative and practical. From umbrellas and paper garments to boxes and lanterns, learn about the creative ways the Japanese have utilized this special paper.

*4: Japan's most popular stationary store, there is a concierge specializing in wrapping as well as paper - great ways of learning about presentation.

*5: Browse around the boutique store with the selection of various brands, a specialty fruit parlor, and exhibition. For the exhibition "It's Sony", they showcase all the past products from Sony and they share their business philosophy, which can help in understanding the Japanese mentality.

17 Feb. Friday Roppongi & Shinagawa

*Shodo (Calligraphy) experience ends at 12:00

13:00-13:10 Walk (10 mins)

13:10-14:55 Tokyo Midtown (105 mins) *1

Japanese crafts and kitchen interior store: wise tools

Chopsticks store: Hashicho

Japanese craft store: THE COVER NIPPON

Boutique store: Issey Miyake

Boutique store: Isetan

Japanese sweets: Toraya

14:55-15:25 Cafe: Toraya (30 mins tea time)

15:25-15:30 Walk (5 mins)

15:30-16:00 Museum store: The National Art Center Tokyo (30 mins)

16:00-16:15 Taxi (15 mins) *1

16:15-16:45 Art supply store: PIGMENT (30 mins) *3

16:45-17:00 Taxi (15 mins)

*1: Tokyo Midtown is comprised of a variety of stores, with each maintaining a unique presentation and design of their products.

*2: One of the most popular museum store with many presentation inspirations.

*3: Amazing display of over beautiful colors of pigments; more than 200 antique ink sticks and 50 kinds of animal glues are displayed. <http://www.haconiwa-mag.com/magazine/2015/07/pigment-tokyo/>

20 Feb, Monday Shibuya, Daikanyama, Shinjuku

13:00-13:15 Meet Romy at the Grand Hyatt lobby concierge, Taxi (15 mins)

13:15-14:15 Chattel Hatou (60 mins tea time) *1

14:30-14:45 Taxi (15 mins)

14:45-15:45 (60 mins) *2

Interior boutique store: Tenoha

Japanese "tenugui" hand cloth store: Kamawanu

Books and stationery store: TSUTAYA

15:45-16:00 Taxi (15 mins)

16:00-16:45 Department store: Isetan (35 mins)

16:45-17:00 Taxi (15 mins)

*1: The cafe which inspired the owner of Blue Bottle Coffee (the one I explained to you the other day).

*2: TSUTAYA is a must see! It is not a typical bookstore, but more of an art gallery.

*3: Foodie paradise. Depachika (literally "department store basement") feature dazzling displays of Japanese and international foods, ranging from sushi to dumplings, takoyaki to tempura, and sweets and patisseries galore.

23 Feb, Thursday Azabu-Jyuban & Golden Gai

19:30-19:45 Meet Romy at the Grand Hyatt lobby concierge, walk (15 mins)

19:45-20:00 Pea snacks store: Mamegen (14 mins), walk (1min) *1

20:00-21:30 Bar: Gen Yamamoto (90 mins) *2

21:30-21:55 Taxi (25 mins)

21:55-23:05 Bar hopping: Golden Gai (70 mins) *3

23:05-23:30 Taxi (25 mins)

*1: The pea specialized store with 130 years of history. Many kinds of flavor with special coating, the way they package the peas is a little masterpiece of art.

*2: This bar offers a cocktail tasting menu (along with non-alcoholic beverages), which is created from carefully selected and seasonal local fresh produce and fine liquors. You will learn during the wagashi (Japanese sweets) experience that Japanese people find a way to appreciate every aspect of the four seasons, even at this bar you can enjoy the seasonal changes through the tasting menu, which is customized for the guests.

*3: This unique area is attractive to people from an architectural standpoint as much as it is a fun place to enjoy Tokyo nightlife. With over 200 small bars crammed side by side, stepping foot here is like stepping into another world altogether; there's nowhere else like it. Despite the chaos, it wouldn't be Japanese without some order and discipline: <http://goldengai.jp/userdata/201509.PDF>