



# Asakusa, where Edo and Tokyo Co-exists

Access: Ikebukuro station (JR Yamanote line) →Ueno (Tokyo metro Ginza line) →Asakusa < approx. 30min>

Asakusa, a place which recalls the scenery of Edo era. The Tokyo Sky Tree tower, which is a famous modern monument in Tokyo, has been built recently. You could enjoy the co-existence scenery of modern and the past at this city.



## ①Kaminarimon (Thunder Gate)

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The official name is “Fu-raijin mon” (The Gate of the god of wind and thunder). The god of wind is placed on the right side of the gate, and the god of thunder is placed on the left side. At the bottom of the lantern monument, there is a sculpture of a dragon, and a name of “Matsushita Electronics” (Panasonic electronics, in present) is carved, which is the company of who donated the lantern monument to the gate. It is also said that this gate is the origin of the famous souvenir “Kaminariokoshi” (meaning: awakening thunder). Please have a taste!

## ②Den-ho-in Street

It is a fancy shopping street which recalls the scenery from the edo era. You could find edo- taste wooden sign boards and Hinomi-yagura (fire watchtower) at the streets. Also, there are many peculiar shops such as kimono and kanzashi shops and famous tempura restaurants where people make a long line to have a taste of its delicious culinary. The “Asakusa Kokaidou” which is a famous for its “Asakusa spring Kabuki” is also in this street.



### ③ Senso-ji (Asakusa temple)

The most famous tour spot, Senso-ji. It is the oldest temple, which has a long history of 1400 years. You cannot miss to see the ancient painting of the Dragon and the celestial maiden which is drawn at the sealing of the temple. Also, there is an mythical saying the smoke of an incense burner, which is in front of the shrine, can cure and strengthen parts of peoples body. Tourists often shed the smoke to their body parts to pray for their health. In the night, the shrine lightens up with the five-storied pagoda, which creates an excellent view.

### ④ Nakamise Street

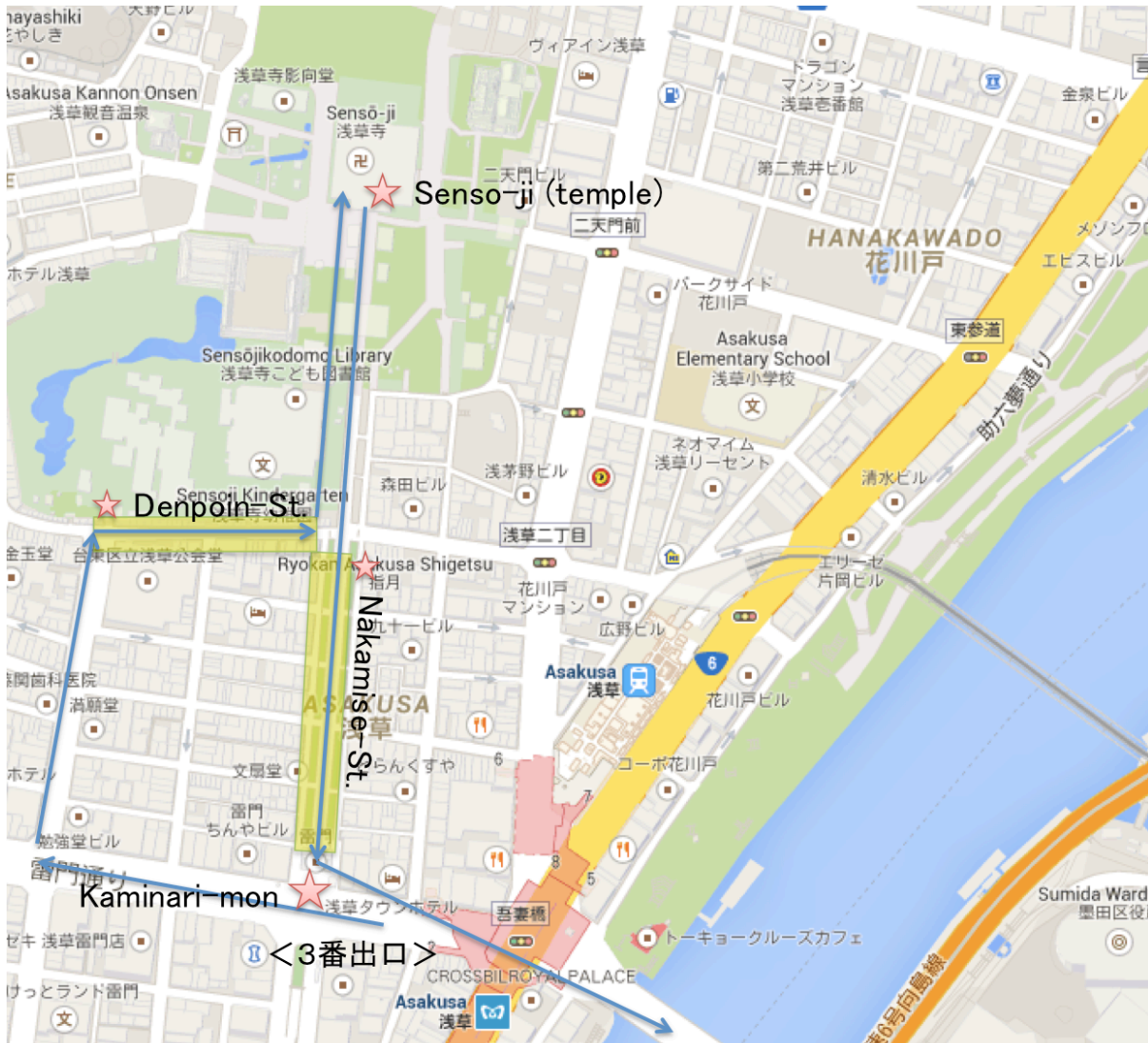
It is an entrance path which connects Raimon and Senso-ji. It is one of the oldest shopping streets from edo era. There are many typical Asakusa souvenirs you could buy, you could have a wonderful experience shopping while eating down town finger food. The visits in the night shows you another view of Asakusa. The Japanese paintings colored at the shutters of the shops are also worth seeing in the atmosphere of silence.



### ⑤ Tokyo Sky Tree / Soramachi (Sky city)

Open as a radio tower / Commercial facility in 2012 and it is proud of its height of 634 meters. This number 634 is a pun of the name of the country “Musashi” (mu=6 san=3 shi=4) which is the ancient name of Tokyo, Saitama, and Kanagawa area. The shopping mall at the foot is called “Soramachi” which contains Aquariums and Shopping malls.

# Tour route



Way back to the hotel : Oshiage station (Hanzomon line) → Otemachi station (Marunouchi line) → Ikebukuro