# Arigato Japan Food Tours - Kabukicho Izakaya Food Tour and Golden Gai Experience in Shinjuku

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| **Location:** Tokyo, Japan  **Category:** Tours & Sightseeing  **Currency:** JPY  **Language:** English  **TimeZone:** Asia/Tokyo  **Duration:** 3.0 hours  **Max Group Size:** 10 | **Magpie Product Code:** JCNMDK  **Company Website:** arigatojapan.co.jp  **Primary Contact:** Arigato Japan Food Tours  **Email:** https://arigatojapan.co.jp/contact-us/ |

**Highlights:**

- This tour has a wonderful “hidden gem” atmosphere.

- Try different local dishes at 4 food stops

- Enjoy Shinjuku’s Golden Gai neighborhood known for being Tokyo’s most popular spot for unique izakaya (local pubs), tiny bars and pub nightlife.

- Get a chance to enjoy many kinds of sushi and yakitori (skewers) as well as a classic bowl of delicious Ramen.

- Learn why this district is one of Japan’s most famous entertainment areas.

**Description:**

Experience Tokyo’s bustling culinary back streets and try several delicious Japanese foods: sushi, yakitori (skewers), as well as classic RAMEN! (on everyone’s MUST TRY LIST).

Start by walking through Omoide Yokocho. Filled with rustic food stalls and bars from the 1950s, you will feel as if you stepped back in time to the middle of the 20th century. We will have a drink together and some skewers in one of the most charming parts of Tokyo; giving you a very authentic feeling of Japan as you dine with locals.

Then we will make our way to Kabukicho, Asia’s largest yet safest, red-light district. Learn more about this famous area as your guide explains Japanese izakaya culture, the amazing world of karaoke bars and the famous Robot restaurant, as well as other hidden gems. You will enjoy Ramen before we head to a local sushi restaurant. We will end our tour with a ramble through the back drinking alleys at Golden Gai (Tokyo’s most popular spot for unique tiny bars, and pub-nightlife).

Start your tour by walking through the busy streets of Shinjuku heading straight for Omoide Yokocho (literally “Memory Lane”) as your first stop. Omoide Yokocho is rightfully named as it is littered with rustic bars from the 1950s. Anyone of the older generation will feel as if they stepped back in time to the middle of the 20th century.  Many of these bars still stay true to their roots, serving roasted giblets with beef and pork, which was a staple when food was scarce after World War II. You'll head to a place where you can experience grilling your own meat  and vegetables, it will give you a very authentic feeling of Japan as you dine mostly with locals.

From there you'll make your way to Kabukicho, Asia’s largest, yet safest, red light district. Here, you'll learn more about this very famous area as your guide explains to you japanese izakayas, the amazing world of karaokes and Robot restaurant as well as other hidden gems of Kabukicho. You will enjoy two delicious foods including Tonkotsu - a delicious pork simmered for hours and hours delivering a very creamy and savory taste. Your guide will also explain the history, manners to eat and different versions of ramen.

Before heading to Golden Gai, enjoy an amazing sushi experience, where you'll sample some very local sushi that you will surely enjoy. Afterwards, move into Shinjuku’s Golden Gai neighborhood known for being Tokyo’s most popular spot for unique izakaya - bar stall and pub nightlife. Get a glimpse which will take you back to what Tokyo was like during the early and middle of the 20th century. Golden Gai locations are so densely packed you can almost be in two places at once (one foot in each). Despite its run-down appearance, Golden Gai generally attracts well-off clientele and their prices match accordingly with it being one of the most expensive places to drink in the city.  Golden Gai is filled with over 200 small pubs, stalls, and karaoke bars where most are only big enough for five to seven people. Boasting the most densely packed nightlife area in the world, unique in every stall measured in inches rather than feet, Golden Gai will be a glimmer of Tokyo you will never forget, where you'll enjoy a cool drink in this historic place. This tour covers all food costs including 1 drink in Golden Gai.

**Inclusions:**

Local Guide

One drink included

4 Food Stops

**Exclusions:**

Gratuities

Hotel pickup and drop-off

Food and drink, unless specified

Transportation costs

**Health:**

Showing your voucher on your phone will be enough, and it is not necessary to print anything.

**Health items:**

Face masks required for travelers in public areas, Face masks required for guides in public areas, Face masks provided for travelers, Hand sanitizer available to travelers and staff, Social distancing enforced throughout experience, Regularly sanitized high-traffic areas, Gear/equipment sanitized between use, Transportation vehicles regularly sanitized, Guides required to regularly wash hands, Regular temperature checks for staff, Temperature checks for travelers upon arrival, Contactless payments for gratuities and add-ons

**Commentary:**

English - Audio

**Minimum:**
2 guests per booking

**Maximum:**
10 guests per booking

**Booking Cut-off:**
1
days
before start time

### Locations:

**Pickup:**
none

**Starts Notes:**
Meet up point:
Red post box outside of the police station (Koban) in Shinjuku East Exit

**Type:**
Ends location

**Lat & Long:**
35.6941118, 139.7047611

**Address:**
Shinjuku City, Tokyo, 160-0021

**Type:**
Starts location

**Lat & Long:**
35.6912132, 139.701106

**Address:**
3-38-1 Shinjuku, Shinjuku City, Tokyo, 160-0022, JP

**Directions:**
Videos to access meet up point
Golden Gai Video 1 Meet up (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOafdFoTQ-CtpQzuhPIeNtA) and Golden Gai Meet up Video 2 (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\_fE1yLMP6NI&feature=youtu.be)

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新宿警察署 新宿駅東口交番
Access: JR Yamanote, Saikyo Line, Shonan-Shinjuku Line Odakyu Line and Keio Line -
East Exit (not Central East Exit), then exit for Kabukicho

**Trip difficulty:**
Moderate

### Cancellation

**Cancellation Policy:**
standard

**Cancellation Cut-off:**
7
days

**Cancellation Notes:**
7+ days before tour’s date: full refund of tour fees minus any processing fees.
4 to 6 days before the original tour date: 50% refund of tour fees minus any processing fees.
72 hours or less prior to tour: no refund
Arigato Japan is not responsible for cancellation conditions or fees imposed by a third-party tour agency or any other company through which service was booked.

**Options:**

Time/Days offered: 7 Days a Week, Starting at 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday to Sunday

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### Pricing

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| **Group Tour** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 20-80 years | ¥18,800 | 18800.00 | 0.0% |  |
| **Spanish Group Tour** |  | **Retail** | **NET** | **%** | **Min Rate** |
| Adult | 20-80 years | ¥21,800 | 21800.00 | 0.0% |  |

### Other Information

**Voucher Info**

• Minimum drinking age is 20 years of age
  
• Please be there 10-15 minutes before the scheduled departure time. There is a strict policy about starting tours at the scheduled time. If you are not able to arrive at the meeting point by the departure time, the tour will start regardless and no refund will be provided. No accommodations will be made for meeting up in any of the food stops once you've missed the start of the tour.