



Tour Name

Lonely Planet Experiences Private Tokyo After 5 Tour

Tour City

Tokyo

Tour Snapshot

Forget wasting your precious time getting stuck in awkward 'Lost In Translation' moments. Join a local guide for your own private Tokyo tour to experience the capital's busy, but oh so friendly and compact charms by night.

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

Experience the best travel stories for yourself. Join a local expert and uncover hidden gems on this city adventure hand-picked by the world's leading travel publisher. Lonely Planet Experiences powered by Urban Adventures bring stories to life in the best-loved cities around the globe.

Highlights

- Make like a local and savour legendary, iconic Tokyo flavours and dishes on a private tour with your own personal guide
- Devour yakitori (skewered BBQ chicken) at a street yakitori bar

- Enjoy Monja-yaki in the neighbourhood where it originated -MonjaTown (Tsukishima)
- Visit a confectionery shop and learn about *wagashi*, a traditional Japanese sweet that changes with the season
- Experience the clash of decades in the nostalgic atmosphere of modern, downtown Tokyo
- Each Lonely Planet Experience comes with six-months free access to Lonely Planet's Guides App which includes over 8,000 destinations guides and unbeatable discounts to Lonely Planet Guidebooks

Inclusions: Local English speaking guide, public transportation, five assorted skewered yakitori, monja-yaki, one wagashi, two local drinks (sake, beer or soft drink).

Exclusions: All other drinks (more sake, beer, or soft drinks), tips / gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration:3 hours
- Meeting point:
JR Yurakucho station, Ginza exit, in front of JR Reservation Ticket office (entrance is on the street level)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///credited.staging.talker](https://www.what3words.com/credited.staging.talker)
- Starting time: 5.00 PM
- Ending point:
JR Yurakucho Station.

Full Itinerary

Tokyo's vibrant food culture is legendary, and is one of the many reasons why people flock to the Japanese capital. On this Tokyo tour enjoy the food culture of Tokyo from an ordinary businessman's perspective, as well as the tradition of foods in everyday life of Tokyo.

Throughout your Tokyo food tour, your local guide will explain the history of food and places you visit, sharing with you their own personal experiences and food-related family traditions and customs during the tour.

We'll begin our tour in Yakitori Alley, near Yurakucho, an area with many casual bar-style restaurants and the birthplace of yakitori, one of many Japanese people's favourite appetizers. As many businessmen and women do after 5pm, we'll enjoy a drink of sake or a local beer, then sample yakitori at one of the many local restaurants, each with their own "tare" (sauce) mixed with their secret ingredients.

After having a drink to go with the yakitori, we'll travel to Tsukishima to visit "Monja" Street, where "Monja-Yaki" is said to have originated. Often compared with Okonomi-yaki in Osaka, Monja-yaki is a type of Japanese pan-fried batter with various ingredients. The ingredients are finely chopped and mixed into the batter before grilling. You'll have the chance to watch your food being cooked, chat with the cook, and devour your Monja-yaki fresh from the hot plate. In true local style, you'll use a small metal spatula for cutting it to pieces then chopsticks to eat with right from the grill.

We'll take a quick stroll through Ginza, where you can find great confectionery shops and learn about the rich variety of traditional Japanese sweets — and, best of all, choose one to try! Usually made of rice and red beans, these sweets change based on the ingredients available at each time of year, and even their shapes are inspired by what you can find in nature during that season.

Your tour ends here but don't forget to ask for tips on what else to see do and eat during your stay. Fancy a cool local bar or a karaoke place? We'd be happy to recommend our favourites so that your night can continue. Equally, your guide can help with directions back to your accommodation or you can return to the start point with them.

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Tokyo After 5 group tour](#).)

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Tour photos by [Ben McNamara](#)

Additional information

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Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher then your tour is confirmed. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting point. If you need to contact us for any reason please use the number on the voucher during business hours.

Additional Information: Legal age for drinking alcohol in Japan is 20 years old. Customers under 20 will be served non-alcoholic drinks only.

Child Policy: Children under age 12 are not permitted to join this tour.

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