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Tokyo After 5

## Tour City

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## Tour Snapshot

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

### Highlights

- Make like a local and savour legendary, iconic Tokyo flavours and dishes
- 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

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

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 Central Gate, in front of Yoshinoya Restaurant/ticket machine. There is a Yoshinoya Restaurant nearby and you should be on the east side of the station in front of a large open piazza).
- Starting time: 5.00 PM
- Ending point:  
JR Yurakucho Station.

### **Full Itinerary**

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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.

We'll end our delicious Tokyo night tour by checking out a local pub for some more drinks, where you're welcome to stay longer or return to the start point with your guide. Your guide can also recommend other cool local bars in small alleys, or a karaoke place for more fun into the night.

**Tour photos by [Ben McNamara](#)**

### **Additional information**

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Your Trip: For your Urban Adventure you will be in a small group of a maximum of 12 people.

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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