

SHINAGAWA

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Tokaido Shinagawa-shuku Course

During the Edo Period (1603-1868), Shinagawa-shuku prospered as a station town on the Tokaido, the ancient highway between Kyoto and Edo. The Tokaido Shinagawa-shuku course introduced in this issue will help you explore the area while getting a sense of its history and culture.

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MAP

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Kagata-jinja Shrine

Kagata-jinja Shrine, also known as Susaki Benten and is considered the god of intelligence and art, was depicted in an ukiyo-e painting by Utagawa Hiroshige. The stone monument on the shrine's grounds labeled "Kujirazuka" marks the spot where the bones of a whale that strayed into the waters off Shinagawa in 1798 were buried.

Location

1-7-17 Higashi-Shinagawa

Kujirazuka ("Whale Mound")



MAP

2

Gotenyama-shita Battery Site

This is the site of one of the Shinagawa batteries built to defend Edo. A number of five-sided battery islands were built along the shores of Shinagawa. Today, an elementary school stands on part of the site of the Gotenyama-shita battery.

Location

1-8-30 Higashi-Shinagawa (in front of Daiba Elementary School)



Model of the Shinagawa Lighthouse

MAP

3



Seiseki Park

[Shinagawa-shuku honjin site]

Seiseki Park was built on the site of Shinagawa-shuku's honjin—the place where feudal lords and their retainers would stay during their journeys along the Tokaido. Emperor Meiji stopped there in 1868, making it a seiseki, or sacred site, which gave the park its name. Today, Seiseki Park is a popular place for recreation and relaxation.

Location 2-7 Kita-Shinagawa



Seiseki monument



Stone lantern

MAP

4

Former Shinagawa Police Station Shinagawabashi Traffic Waiting Area [Minami-Shinagawa Sakuragashi Machinaka Tourist Information Center]

This information center was once a police box built around 1929. The area was apparently a major thoroughfare on the former Tokaido. As a tourist information center, it provides information on the history, culture and sightseeing spots in the Shinagawa-shuku area.

Location

1-3-4 Minami-Shinagawa

Hours

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays



Reference: Shinagawa History Tours (in Japanese only)

Let's check out some of Shinagawa Historical Museum's cultural properties!

Shinagawa-shuku's Stone Wall

This portion of the coastal levee constructed along the Tokaido was removed in November 2015 and donated to the Shinagawa Historical Museum.



It is believed to have been built in around the late 1800s using tuff (hardened volcanic ash) from Mount Nokogiri in Chiba Prefecture.

■ **Hours:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (the entrance closes at 4:30 p.m.).
■ **Closed:** Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a national holiday) and during the yearend/New Year's holidays.

■ **Note:** The museum may be closed on days other than those listed above.

■ **Admission:** ¥100 (¥50 for elementary and junior high school students)
■ **Note:** Admission is free for elementary and junior high school students residing in or enrolled in a school in Shinagawa, people over the age of seventy, and people with disabilities.

■ **Inquiries:** Shinagawa Historical Museum (Tel: 03-3777-4060, Fax: 03-3778-2615)

Please scan here for the museum's website.



Start Kita-Shinagawa Station

About 7 minutes ↓ 0.5km

1 Kagata-jinja Shrine

About 1 minute ↓ 0.1km

2 Gotenyama-shita Battery Site

About 6 minutes ↓ 0.4km

3 Seiseki Park

About 4 minutes ↓ 0.2km

4 Former Shinagawa Police Station
Shinagawabashi Traffic Waiting Area

About 7 minutes ↓ 0.5km

Goal Shinbamba Station

Shinagawa Uchimizu Project 2024: Let's Lower the City's Midsummer Temperature by 2°C

● **Uchimizu** (sprinkling water on the ground) in midsummer brings a cool breeze to our city.

Dates: July 22 (Mon.) to Aug. 22 (Thu.)

Uchimizu procedures:

1. Have water ready.

It is a good idea to use recycled water such as water left over after a bath.

2. Sprinkle the water on the ground.

Sprinkle the water together with your family and neighbors.

3. Enjoy the coolness.

The water sprinkled on the ground will cool the surroundings. If you do

this in the morning and evening, the cooling effect lasts longer.

Note: Shinagawa City is offering rental goods for *uchimizu* (ladles, pails, buckets and flags). For details, please visit the Shinagawa City website.



Shinagawa City website

Inquiries: Environmental Project Promotion Subsection, Environmental Affairs Section (Tel: 03-5742-6755, Fax: 03-5742-6853)

Shinagawa-ku International Friendship Association Japanese-Language Classes

Levels and Time Slots:

- ① Part 1: For people who have never studied Japanese (morning, afternoon, evening)
- ② Part 2: For people who have learned the content of Part 1 (*te*-form of verbs, dictionary form, *imasu/arimasu*, etc.) (afternoon, evening)
- ③ Part 3: For people who have completed Parts 1/2 or *Minna no Nihongo Shokyu 1/2* (afternoon, evening)

Schedule: ①② Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9/24-11/28 (twenty lessons)

③ Mondays and Wednesdays, 9/25-12/9 (twenty lessons), excluding 10/14 and 11/4

Class Hours: Morning—10:00 a.m. to noon

Afternoon—1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Evening—6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Eligibility/Capacity: Sixteen foreign residents per class (on a first-come, first-served basis)

Babysitting: Two preschool children (from around two years old) per time slot

Note: ¥5,000 per child (will be accepted according to the order the payments are made)

Tuition: ¥7,000 per course (textbook fee included)

Location/application/inquiries: Application deadline is August 21 (Wed.; must be received by this date). Please fill out the application form on SIFA's website, or send a postcard (per person). Please include the name of the class you wish to join (the course and time), your address, name with *furigana*, age, gender, daytime phone no. and nationality. If you are a student in Shinagawa City, please include the name of the school. If you work in Shinagawa City, please include the name of your place of employment.

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“Guidebook on Everyday Living in Shinagawa City in foreign languages”

It includes information such as how to complete designated procedures at the Shinagawa City Office, how to prepare for earthquakes, and a list of open evacuation areas. There is also a map annotated in English and Japanese that includes a list of public facilities and places in four languages (see below). Please make use of them.

Presented in four languages: English, Chinese, Korean and Japanese

Available location: Strategy Public Relations Section (Hon Chosha 5F), Family Registry and Residents Section (Hon Chosha 3F), City Administration Data Corner (Dai-san Chosha 3F) and community centers

Inquiries: Strategy Public Relations Section

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You can access the guidebook via the Shinagawa City website as well.



City News SHINAGAWA Distributed on the free app, Catalog Pocket

Please use this QR code to install the app. *Koho Shinagawa* (Japanese-language edition) is also available in nine languages—English, Chinese (simplified characters and traditional characters), Korean, Vietnamese, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish and Indonesian—via automatic translation.



Shinagawa City Website

You can view the Shinagawa City website in 131 languages—including English, Chinese (simplified characters and traditional characters) and Korean—using an automatic translation service.



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Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese

Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese

Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese

Thursdays: English and Japanese

Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency. You can also check the broadcast content via the website.

Website: <https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/>