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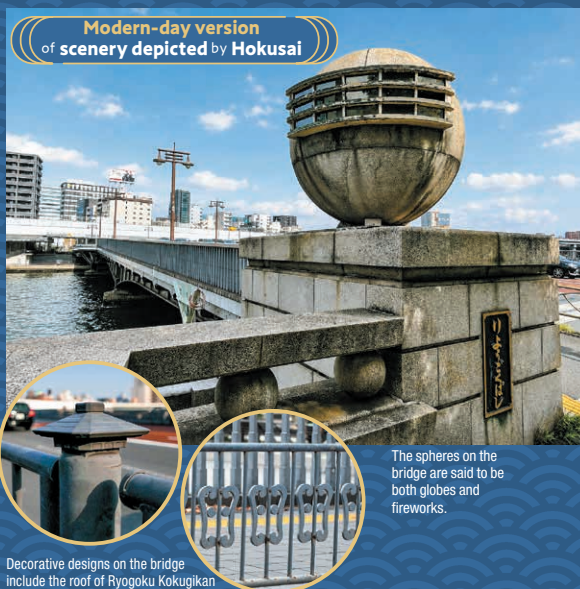
A glimpse into the hustle and bustle of Ryogoku Bridge and Edo as seen in ukiyo-e



This three-volume picture book depicting both shores of the Sumida River includes comic tanka poetry. It is thought to have been created in the late Edo period, and shows the seasonal scenery and lives of everyday people along the Sumida River. The composition encompasses the area from Ryogoku Hirokoji on the western shore (current-day Higashi-nihombashi in Chuo) to Honjo and Ekoin Temple on the eastern shore. You can feel the energy of the area along the Sumida River, which was one of Edo's leading entertainment quarters, in the people enjoying the cool evening breezes on Ryogoku Bridge and the houseboats coming and going on the river. (The cover is the second picture from the right.)

Katsushika Hokusai, The Cool of the Ryōgoku Evening, from Picture Book of the Sumida River-Both Banks at a Glance, Vol.2
From the collection of the Sumida Hokusai Museum

Modern-day version
of scenery depicted by Hokusai



The spheres on the bridge are said to be both globes and fireworks.

Decorative designs on the bridge include the roof of Ryogoku Kokugikan sumo hall and sumo referee fans.

Sumida's deep connections with Edo culture

Some of the most well known elements of Edo culture developed here, such as cherry blossom viewing on the banks of the Sumida River, the Sumida River fireworks festival, and sumo in Ryogoku. It was also famous for kabuki and rakugo, it was where Katsushika Hokusai and Kobayashi Issa lived, and it attracted many literati. The vestiges of those times can still be seen in famous areas around town.

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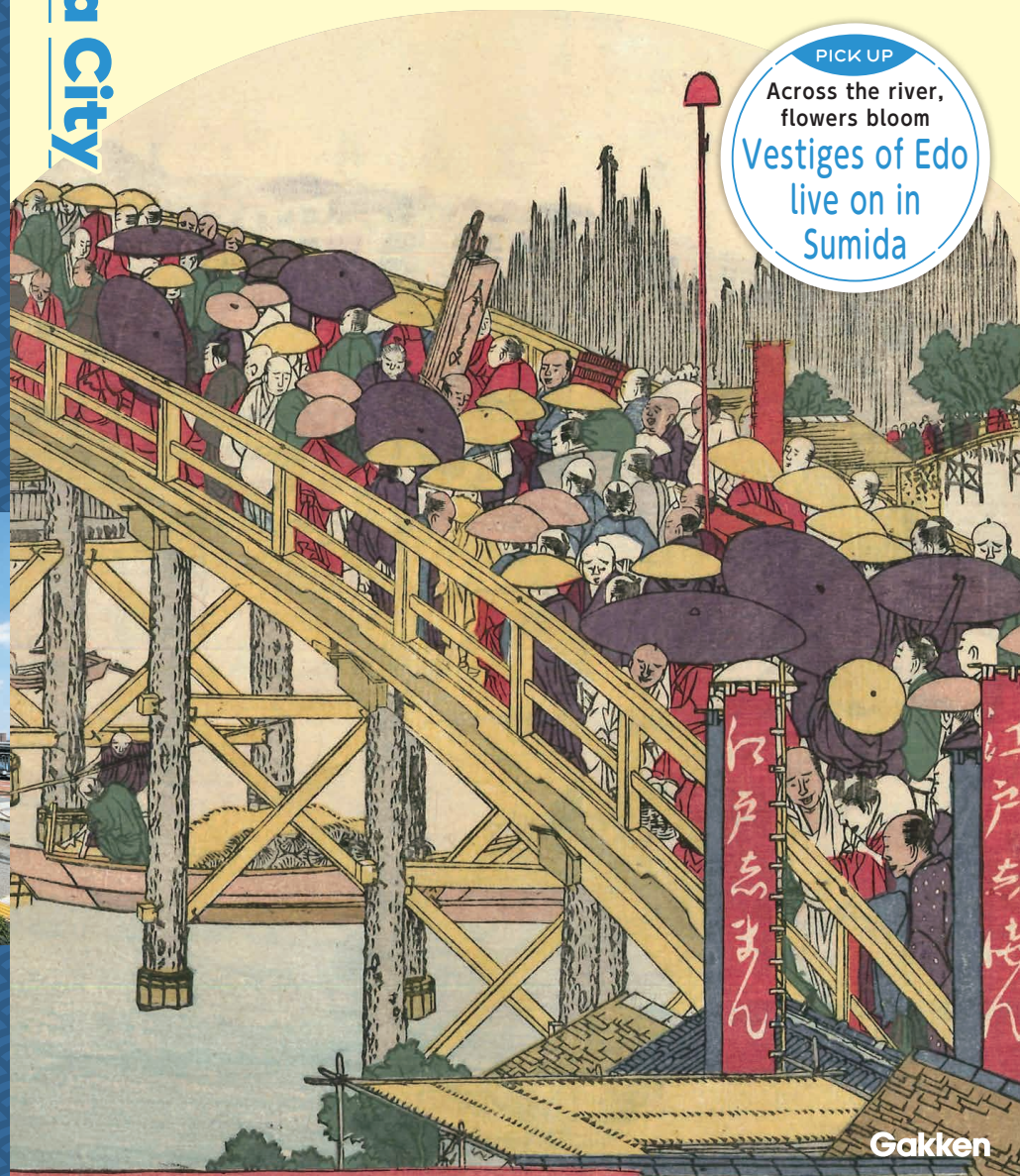
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Sumida Walking Guide Immerse Yourself in Edo

PICK UP

Across the river,
flowers bloom
Vestiges of Edo
live on in
Sumida



Gakken

Over Sumida River to Ryogoku

Sumida Edo Culture Walk

Start

JR Asakusabashi Sta. East Exit or Asakusabashi Sta. A1 Exit on the Tokyo Subway Toei Line

↓ 10-min walk

The great bridge and river seen in ukiyo-e

Ryogoku Bridge & Sumida River

This section of the Sumida River once separated the Musashi and Shimo-usa provinces, which eventually led to the bridge connecting to the two areas being called Ryogoku Bridge, meaning "both provinces."

↓ 7-min walk

A famous temple and everyday sight for Edo period commoners

Ekoin Temple

This temple was built to honor those who lost their lives in the Great Fire of Meireki. It is also known for the Chikarazuka Mound, connected to the area's sumo culture, and the grave of Nezumi Kozo.

2-8-10 Ryogoku, Sumida ☎ 03-3634-7776 ☎ Free (Main Hall: 9:00 - 16:30)

↓ 2-min walk

Secret sumo hot pot stew

Sumo wrestling restaurant TERA0

This shop was built by the three Izutsu brothers. Lunchtime sumo hot pot stew is available in soy sauce, salt, miso, or curry flavors, and comes with noodles or rice and vegetable porridge to finish off the meal.

2-16-5 Ryogoku, Sumida ☎ 03-5600-1466 ☎ 11:30 - 14:00 (last admission at 13:30), 17:00 - 22:00 (last admission at 21:15) ☎ Mondays (open every day during January, May, and September sumo tournaments)

↓ 2-min walk

Learn about the history of Ryogoku fireworks

Ryogoku Fireworks Museum

This museum tells the history of fireworks, which have been a part of the area since the opening of the Ryogoku River. Come experience the skills and culture of fireworks through life-sized models and ukiyo-e.

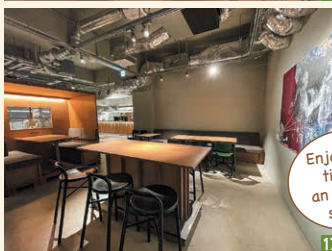
2-10-8 Ryogoku, Sumida ☎ 03-5637-7551 (Ryogoku Tourist Information Center) ☎ 12:00 - 16:00 ☎ Mondays to Wednesdays (open every day during July and August) ☎ Free

↓ 10-min walk

Cross Ryogoku Bridge and tour the historic, cultural, and culinary highlights of this area, which was one of the leading amusement quarters of Edo. Step into the world of ukiyo-e on a trip to Ryogoku.



1 164.5 meter-long Ryogoku Bridge. 2 Long ago, teahouses and show tents lined the foot of the bridge. 3 Ryogoku Bridge and the Great Riverbank, Utagawa Hiroshige, National Diet Library Digital Collection. 4 Monument to the Dead in the Great Fire of Meireki, a Tokyo Metropolitan Cultural Property. 5 A Ring Entering Ceremony at a Charity Sumo Tournament, Utagawa Kuniyoshi, Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library, depicting fundraising sumo tournaments. 6 Nio statues on the sides of the sanmon gate. 7 The tomb of Nezumi Kozo, said to bring luck with money.



8 Ceremonial sumo belt displayed in the shop. 9 Call to check lunch hours on weekends and holidays. 10 Learn about expert firework crafting skills here. 11 Enjoy greenery in the spring and colorful foliage in autumn. 12 Each piece is hand crafted by a single artisan. 13 Faces are hand drawn and Nishijin brocade and Yuzen are used on the kimonos. 14 A historic building with shrine-style architecture. 15 Enjoy medicinal baths, whirlpool tubs and more here. The mural is occasionally repainted. 16 The Akashi Bathhouse, Utagawa Toyokuni III, Tokyo Metropolitan Central Library. 17 Located in the hotel and available to non-guests as well. 18 Matcha shirataki muffin: ¥600, matcha latte: ¥700

A feudal lord's garden overflowing with the charm of Edo

Kyu-Yasuda Gardens

This strolling garden with a tide inlet pond was built for a feudal lord during the Edo period. The tidal inlet area has been recreated artificially.

1-12-1 Yokoami, Sumida ☎ 03-5608-6291 Sumida City Parks Division ☎ 9:00 - 19:30 (October to March: 9:00 - 18:00) ☎ No holidays ☎ Free

↓ 10-min walk

A traditional, decorative hagoita racket workshop

Musashiya Hozan

The proprietor, a Sumida Meister, crafts hagoita rackets by hand, decorating them with kabuki actors and traditional portraits of beautiful ladies.

1-28-3 Ishiwa, Sumida ☎ 03-3622-0262 ☎ 10:00 - 18:00 ☎ Sundays / Irregular holidays

↓ 10-min walk

A public bath with an amazing mural of Mt. Fuji

Arai-yu

This building made in a shrine style is home to many different baths. The mural of Mt. Fuji which covers the wall is not to be missed.

2-8-7 Honjo, Sumida ☎ 03-3622-0740 ☎ 15:10 - 23:30 ☎ Wednesdays ☎ ¥600

↓ 4-min walk

A cafe in an art storehouse

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Visit this comfy cafe where you can enjoy Japanese-style sweets such shiratama rice dumpling muffins, matcha lattes, and more.

2-16-5 Honjo, Sumida ☎ 03-5637-7170 ☎ 7:00 - 19:00 (Weekends and national holidays: 10:00 - 19:00) ☎ No holidays ☎ Cash not accepted

↓ 15-min walk

Honjo-azumabashi Sta. A0 Exit on the Tokyo Subway Toei Line