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10 Tokyo Museums to Explore

Ten museums spanning art, history, design, science and city culture.

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Mix major institutions with specialist collections, and group stops by neighbourhood. Always verify closure days, timed tickets, accessibility and temporary exhibitions.

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Tokyo National Museum / Ueno

A major collection that can anchor a half-day culture itinerary.

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Edo-Tokyo Museum / Ryogoku

Useful for pairing a focused museum visit with nearby landmarks.

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Nezu Museum / Aoyama

A strong choice for travellers who want a clear theme and substantial collection.

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National Museum of Nature and Science / Ueno

Plan enough time for the highlights and any current temporary exhibition.

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Miraikan / Odaiba

A distinctive museum stop that adds variety beyond the best-known institutions.

Continue your shortlist

Five more options, followed by practical planning notes.

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Mori Art Museum / Roppongi

Well suited to visitors balancing culture, architecture and neighbourhood exploring.

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Sumida Hokusai Museum / Ryogoku

Consider advance tickets and check whether popular galleries use timed entry.

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teamLab Borderless / Azabudai Hills

A practical addition for families or travellers with a specialist interest.

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Museum of Contemporary Art Tokyo / Kiyosumi-Shirakawa

Combine it with nearby stops to keep the day's transport simple.

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The National Art Center, Tokyo / Roppongi

A final option for broadening the plan beyond the city's headline museums.

SMART PLANNING

Many museums close one day each week and some use timed entry. Check official websites for free hours, luggage rules, accessibility and photography policies. Two substantial museums can already fill a day.

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<https://www.gotokyo.org/en/see-and-do/arts-and-design/index.html>