

ASAKUSA BASHI

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ASAKUSABASHI is an area in Tokyo well known for its doll stores. A number of wholesale and retail doll shops line a street called EDO DORI(street).

The most common type of dolls is the HINA-NINGYO, representing imperial court figures, which are displayed during the Girl's Festival in March. GOGATSU-NINGYO are dolls dressed in samurai costumes, for the Boy's Festival in May. Other dolls representing figures from various periods of Japanese history are also very popular. Another popular type is called Kokeshi, which is a painted wooden spindle-like doll that comes in various sizes. There are many other shops in this area that also sells toys, Japanese paper (washi), wrapping paper, gift bags, ribbon, stickers, paper decorations and other things that could be used in handcrafts. This area is located on the opposite side of the Sumo tournaments hall (Ryogoku Kokugikan) next to the Sumida River. You may be able to see Sumo wrestlers, as there are several Sumo stables in this area. Most of the shops are closed on Sunday and Japanese holidays.

☞ HOW TO GET THERE:

From YOKOSUKA

- 1 Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO ? ? ? ? ? and buy a ? 900 transfer ticket for ASAKUSABASHI ? ? ? Station on TOEI ASAKUSA ? ? ? ? ? Line.
- 2 Take a GREEN or a RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA ? ? from track #2.

****NOTE** If you are taking the...**

GREEN KANJI TRAIN → Get off at the SHINAGAWA station but stay on that same platform. Take any of the next trains to ASAKUSA BASHI ? ? ? Station

RED KANJI TRAIN → Keep riding on the RED TRAIN until you reach ASAKUSA BASHI ? ? ? Station.

* Keikyu Line joins a part of SUBWAY TOEI ASAKUSA ? ? ? ? ? Line after Shinagawa.

3. Follow the sign for Exit A4, A5 & A6 to get to EDO- Dori Avenue after coming through the wicket. KYUGETSU ? ? Doll shop is located between Exit A6 and the overhead train line. If you go to Exit A2, you will find YOSHITOKU ? ? Doll shop at the top of the stairs.

From IKEGO

- 1 Go to JIMMUJI ? ? ? Station and buy a ? 830 transfer ticket for ASAKUSABASHI ? ? ? Station on the TOEI ASAKUSA ? ? ? ? ? Line.
- 2 Take a train from track #2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO ? ? ? ? and change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA.
- 3 **Continue after above #3.**

? Note: During certain time of the day it may be necessary to switch trains at KANAZAWA-HEKKEI ? ? ? ? ?

RETURN:

To YOKOSUKA-CHUO

- 1 Buy a ¥900 transfer ticket for YOKOSUKA-CHUO Station, which is on the KEIKYU Line. This is a single ticket for the entire trip.
- 2 Follow the sign for TOEI ASAKUSA/KEIKYU Line when you get to the station.
- 3 Go to the platform for the train bound for SHINAGAWA. **Wait for a RED KANJI train.** The destination for this train would be **MISAKIGUCHI ? ? ?**.

To IKEGO

- 1 Buy a ? 830 transfer ticket for JIMMUJI Station, which is on KEIKYU Line.
- 2 **Continue as above #2 and 3.**
- 3 Get off at KANAZAWA BUNKO ? ? ? ? (or Kanazawa Hakkei) Station and change train bound for SHIN-ZUSHI ? ? ?.

