ASAKUSA KANNON

浅草観音

HOURS: 0630 - 1700 for the Main Hall

ASAKUSA is a major entertainment and tourist area in the eastern part of downtown Tokyo, centered on the Sensoji Temple, one of the oldest and most famous in Tokyo. The Sensoji Temple, or known as Asakusa Kannon Temple, is named after the Kannon, goddess of Mercy, that the tall main hall is dedicated to. This temple was established by three fishermen in the 17th century who found a tiny image of the Kannon (only 5cm. in height) in their nets one day. The promenade leading up to the temple is a busy pedestrian street lined with small shops on both sides. There are a variety of snacks, souvenirs and even some nice antiques and art works. To the right of the Kannondo stands the Nitemmon Gate, an entrance to the Asakusa Shrine, or more popularly Sanja-sama (lit. three shrines), built by the order of the third Tokugawa Shogun in memory of the three fishermen.

The Kannon Temple is one of the most popular in the country and draws huge crowds on New Year's Day. The Sanja Matuuri is a major festival held annually at the Asakusa Shrine, near the Kannon Temple. Highlighted at this festival, along with processional floats, are dengaku court dances. It can be observed the third Saturday and Sunday of May.

The area to the west of the temple is one of Tokyo's most popular entertainment areas, with hundreds of bars and restaurants where middle-class Tokyoites go to have fun at night. You'll have no trouble finding a good spot for lunch, finding noodles, tempura, yakitori, and sushi shops.

➸HOW TO GET THERE

From YOKOSUKA

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO横須賀中央 station and buy a ¥950 transfer ticket for ASAKUSA 浅草 Station on the TOEI ASAKUSA 都営浅草線 Line.
2. Take a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA品川 from track #2.

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

GREEN KANJI TRAIN ➔ Exit at the SHINAGAWA station but stay on that same platform. Take any of the next trains to ASAKUSA 浅草 Station

RED KANJI TRAIN ➔ Keep riding on the RED TRAIN until you reach ASAKUSA 浅草 Station.

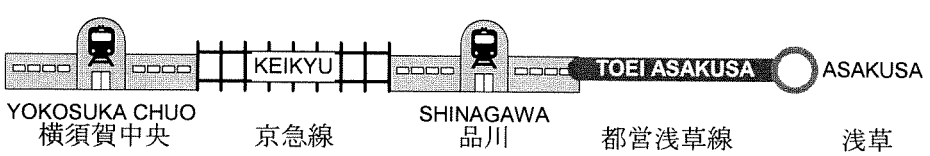
* Keikyu Line joins a part of SUBWAY TOEI ASAKUSA 都営浅草線 Line after SHINAGAWA 品川.

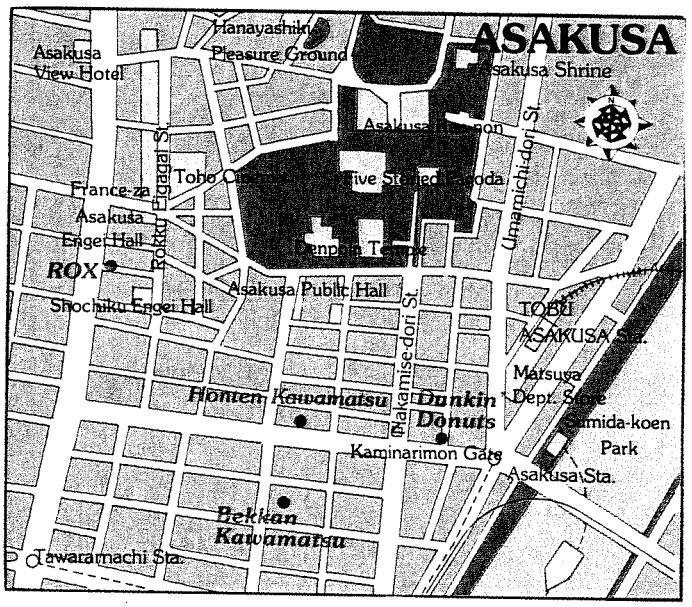
3. Go toward the front of the train and leave the station, using exit A4 (for KAMINARIMON 雷門). When you reach the top of the stairs turn right, going towards the main street. Go to the main street and turn left. About 50 yards down the street you will see the KAMINARIMON Gate across the street.

From IKEGO

1. Go to JIMMUJI 神武寺 Station and buy a ¥880 transfer ticket for ASAKUSA Station on the TOEI ASAKUSA Line.
2. Take a train from Track#2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO 金沢文庫 Station and change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train to SHINAGAWA.
3. **Continue as above #3.**

►Note: During certain time of the day it may be necessary to switch trains at KANAZAWA HAKKEI 金沢八景。

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Asakusa Shrine
Hanayashiki
Pleasure Ground
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View Hotel
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Engei Hall
ROX
Shochiku Engei Hall
Asakusa Public Hall
Nakamise-dori St.
TOBU
ASAKUSA Sta.
Matsuya
Dept. Store
Sumida-koen
Park
Honten Kawamatsu
Dunkin
Donuts
Kaminarimon Gate
Asakusa Sta.
Bekkan
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