

[The Edo Tokyo Museum](#) is divided into two locations: the second is the Edo-Tokyo Open Air Architecture Museum.

[It's located west of Tokyo](#), easily accessible by the Chuo Main Line, an express train takes about half an hour to reach Musashi Koganei station. Once at the station, it's a half hour walk to the museum, or a five minute bus ride.

The museum is located inside a beautiful park.

Inside, there are a variety of old-fashioned buildings from historical Japan. There are some from relatively modern times, like a 1950s house that looks like a classic American residence, and more old fashioned houses that include an indoor fire pit!



Many of the buildings include classical Japanese architectural decorations, such as beautiful wood carvings, wall paintings, and traditional Japanese furniture.

But the true appeal is the Main Street.



The museum has recreated a street from the early 1900s, and it is amazing. Each building has a particular purpose, (selling kitchen goods, cosmetics, etc.) and is decorated with goods that would have been available at the time. There's even a public bath with wonderful decorations from Japanese mythology.



Are there things for kids to do? I already mentioned the fire for kids to get dangerously close to, but there's so much more! The main street has a game for children to play by visiting all the "stores". They're issued some play money to spend, and each store is staffed by volunteers, who charge them and stamp their paper. Once the kids have been to each store, they show their completed paper of stamps to the staff, who presumably reward them some way, I didn't do this part of the museum.

There's also ducks, I don't think they have anything to do with the past. Well, I guess ducks existed in the early 1900s.



And kids can pump their own water!



The Edo Tokyo Museum Open Air Architecture is a great place to visit, and offers at least an hour of things to see. I'd highly recommend it to anyone who's already seen the "Must See" locations around Tokyo, and is looking for a laid-back day (make sure to go when the weather is good!)

(The author of this article makes a podcast about My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, [feel free to check it out!](#))