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3-Day Tokyo Coffee Itinerary

From our guide **Top 10 Best Cafes in Tokyo**. Print it or save it to your phone.



Day 1: Ginza, Jimbocho and old-school coffee

Start with an aged-bean coffee at Café de L'Ambre, then take the train to Jimbocho. Browse the bookshops, then have toast and a blend at Saboru and compare it with a filter coffee at Glitch. Finish with an evening walk around the Imperial Palace gardens if the weather is good.

Day 2: Yanaka and Kiyosumi

Begin in Yanaka with Kayaba Coffee and a walk through the old streets. Travel to Kiyosumi-Shirakawa in the afternoon for Koffee Mameya Kakeru (book a seat in advance) and Blue Bottle, and walk through the nearby garden and galleries. Allow time between stops, because the two areas are on different lines.

Day 3: Tomigaya, Shibuya, Shimokitazawa and Nakameguro

Start early at Fuglen Tokyo, then walk through Yoyogi Park to Shibuya for Streamer Coffee Company. Take a train to Shimokitazawa for Bear Pond Espresso in the early part of the day, then finish in Nakameguro at Onibus with a walk along the river. Check opening days for each cafe before you set out.

The 10 places at a glance

1. Café de L'Ambre

How to get there: Walk from Ginza or Shimbashi station, a short distance from the main shopping streets.
How long to spend: Thirty to sixty minutes.
Best time to go: Late morning or the afternoon, when the room is less busy.
Tip: Bring cash, and ask the staff to recommend an aged bean if you are unsure.
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2. Kayaba Coffee

How to get there: Take the train to Nezu or Nippori station and walk through the Yanaka streets.
How long to spend: About an hour, plus time to explore the neighbourhood.
Best time to go: Weekday mornings or early afternoon.
Tip: Combine it with a walk to Yanaka Ginza and Nezu Shrine.
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3. Saboru

How to get there: Walk from Jimbocho station, on the Hanzomon, Mita and Shinjuku lines.
How long to spend: About forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday afternoon, after a visit to the bookshops.
Tip: Order the toast or sandwich with your coffee for the classic experience.
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4. Glitch Coffee & Roasters

How to get there: Walk from Jimbocho station; the cafe is a short distance from the main book street.
How long to spend: About forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday morning or afternoon.
Tip: Choose a filter coffee, not an espresso drink, to taste what the roaster does best.
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5. Koffee Mameya Kakeru

How to get there: Take the Oedo or Hanzomon line to Kiyosumi-Shirakawa station and walk a few minutes.
How long to spend: About an hour.
Best time to go: Whenever you can get a booking; reserve well ahead.
Tip: Book a counter seat in advance, and describe your taste to the staff.
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6. Blue Bottle Coffee Kiyosumi

How to get there: Take the Oedo or Hanzomon line to Kiyosumi-Shirakawa station.
How long to spend: About forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Weekday mornings.
Tip: Walk to the nearby cafes and gallery afterwards, because the area suits a slow half day.
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7. Fuglen Tokyo

How to get there: Walk from Yoyogi-Koen station, a few minutes from the park.
How long to spend: Forty-five minutes to an hour.
Best time to go: Early morning for coffee, or evening for cocktails.
Tip: Combine it with a walk in Yoyogi Park or a visit to the neighbourhood's small shops.
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8. Bear Pond Espresso

How to get there: Walk from Shimokitazawa station, which is on the Keio Inokashira and Odakyu lines.
How long to spend: About thirty minutes.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, for the Angel Stain and a shorter queue.
Tip: Check the closing day and drink order before you go.
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9. Streamer Coffee Company

How to get there: Walk from Shibuya station; allow a few minutes through the crowds.
How long to spend: About thirty to forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: Early morning or before dinner.
Tip: Order a milk coffee to see the latte art the cafe is known for.
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10. Onibus Coffee

How to get there: Walk from Nakameguro station, which is on the Tokyu Toyoko and Hibiya lines.
How long to spend: About forty-five minutes.
Best time to go: A weekday morning, or in the early evening outside blossom season.
Tip: Take your coffee for a walk along the Meguro River.
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Getting around Tokyo

Tokyo's trains and subway are the best way to get between cafes. The network is clear, frequent and well signposted in English, and a rechargeable transport card makes travel simple. Most cafes in this guide are within a short walk of a station. Avoid the busiest rush-hour trains if you can, and allow extra time to change lines. Google Maps and a transport app help with route planning.

Opening times, prices and transport change often, so check with each venue or operator before you go. For the full guide, photos and FAQs, see https://toptravelinsider.com/top-10-best-cafes-in-tokyo/.