

Fuchu Travel Guide 2025



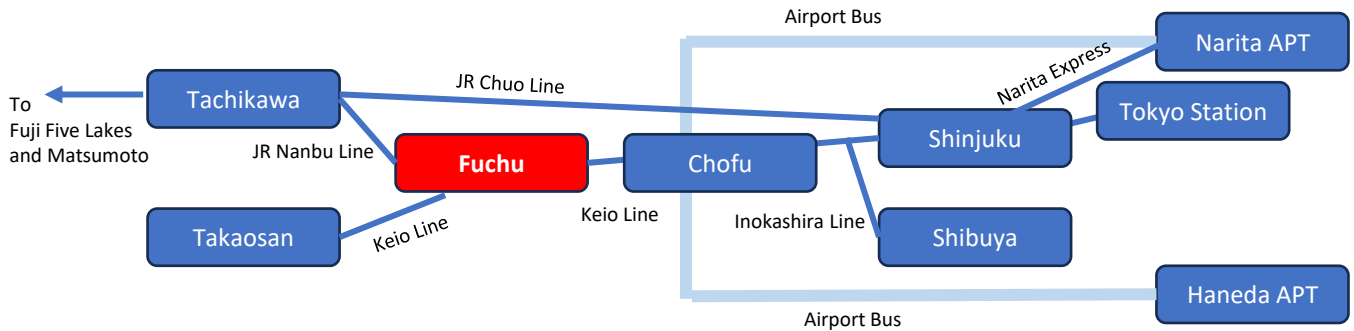
The perfect place in
Tokyo's suburbs where
you can travel like a local

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Basic information about Fuchu

Where is Fuchu?



How to get there

- *From Narita Airport: take the airport bus from Narita Airport to Chofu Station, then take the Keio Line to Fuchu (approx. 2 hours)
- *From Haneda Airport: take the airport bus from Haneda Airport to Chofu Station, then take the Keio Line to Fuchu (approx. 1.5 hours)
- *From Fuchu to the heart of Tokyo: only 25 mins to Shinjuku by rapid train on the Keio Line. Only 30 mins to Shibuya by rapid train on the Keio Line and the Inokashira Line
- *From Fuchu it is only 30 mins on the Keio Line to Takaosan station, the gateway to Mount Takaosan. Mount Takaosan is ideal for easy trekking.
- *From Fuchu-Honmachi Station, it is only 15 mins to Tachikawa Station on the JR Nanbu Line. From Tachikawa Station, there is a limited express train departs every hour bound for the Fuji Five Lakes and Matsumoto

7 reasons to stay in Fuchu

- ***Comfortable living environment:** Fuchu consistently ranks as one of the most livable cities in Japan
- ***A green city:** There are approximately 400 parks in the inviting you to breath out and relax
- ***Unique cityscape:** A city of contrasts where you can find plots of vegetable gardens within residential areas and waterways that retains the vestiges of Fuchu's bygone days as rural town
- ***Less crowded:** Fuchu gives you respite from the crowds of Central Tokyo. There are no hour-long waits in a line to grab a bite in Fuchu
- ***Easy access to the Heart of Tok:yo** Most of the famous attractions in the central Tokyo can be reached within an hour from Fuchu. Shibuya Crossing is only 30 minutes away. For those that want to have a real Tokyo experience, take the Keio Line to Shinjuku between 7 and 8 am and become a suburbanite commuter on Tokyo's world-famous crowded trains
- ***Experience daily life of a Tokyo suburb:** Fuchu is a great place to visit to discover and experience what it is like to live like a true Tokyo resident can discover the real life of an average Tokyo resident
- ***Many places to visit:** Fuchu has an abundance of interesting places, both old and new, to visit and explore

Where to visit – Historical Places

The history of Fuchu dates back to the time when the city was established as the capital of the ancient province of Musashi. Since the seventh century, Fuchu has flourished as a political, economic and cultural center. It was also a battlefield during the Samurai Era, and later developed as a post town on the Koshu Kaido Road.



Okunitama Shrine is a symbol of Fuchu with a long history. It is said to have been founded approximately 1,900 years ago. It served as the head shrine of the province of Musashi (present-day Tokyo, Saitama Prefecture, and parts of Kanagawa Prefecture). From the Middle Ages onwards it attracted the faithful of samurai families and the shrine was protected by powerful figures of each era.

Various events are held here each season, and on festival days it is bustling with locals, making it an absolutely must visit spot if you come to Fuchu.

Leaving the torii gate (main gate) of the shrine, and walking along the former Koshu Kaido Road, you come across the first intersection where you find the "**Kosatsuba**" (notice board). This was where laws and regulations issued by the shogunate during the Edo period were posted to inform citizens.

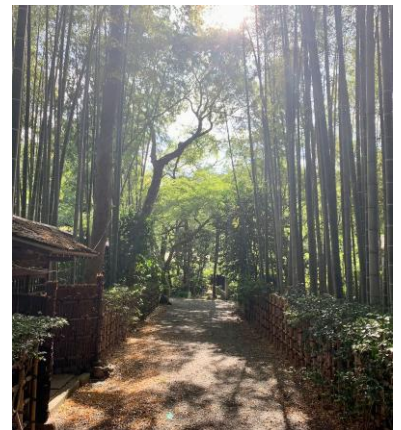
On the other side of the intersection is a liquor store founded in 1860 where you can purchase sake brewed in Fuchu as well as sake from other parts of Japan.



If you descend the hill on the south side of Okunitama Shrine, you will find **Myokoin Temple**, founded in 859. The area has a lush bamboo grove reminiscent of an ancient Kyoto temple.



Fuchu is also dotted with other temples, such as **Koan-ji Temple**, where you can see the mountain gate, main hall, and bell tower from the 1800s. **Togo-ji Temple**, with its magnificent gate, was an inspiration for Akira Kurosawa's film "Rashomon". These temples are perfect for a stroll through Japan's history.



Where to visit – Museums

Fuchu City Kyodo-no-Mori Museum

If you spend enough time in Fuchu, it is highly recommended to visit this museum, with its various facilities spread across its vast grounds.

1. The main museum building: the history of Fuchu from ancient to modern times is presented through dioramas and other exhibits, allowing you to learn about the city's history, culture, geography.
2. Historical buildings area: the outdoor zone was built to resemble Fuchu's historical cityscape and features replicas of the old Fuchu City Hall, a school, a pharmacy, farmhouses and other buildings from 100 to 150 years ago. These buildings allows visitors to glimpse into Fuchu's past. One of the buildings, the merchant family Tanaka's house, where Emperor Meiji once stayed, also features a restaurant.
3. The Botanical Garden: the garden was designed to resemble the topography of Fuchu. Descend from the historic buildings area to the area called "Hake" and you will find plum trees lining the banks of a stream. The best time to see the plum blossoms is from mid-February to early March but you can also see a variety of other flowers in other seasons.



Fuchu Art Museum

Located in a lush park, the museum is highly acclaimed by art fans across Japan for having unique, special exhibitions. These exhibitions change themes five times a year. The Edo Period paintings, which are exhibited each March to May, are particularly recommended for those interested in not only ukiyo-e but other unique Japanese artforms.

JRA Racing Museum

Fuchu is home to Japan's largest racecourse. Horse races are generally held on Saturdays, Sundays, and public holidays, but the museum inside the racecourse can be visited on other days as well. (MAR – NOV: WED to SUN, DEC – MAR: WED, THU, SAT, SUN). JRA Racing Museum offers a comprehensive exhibit of the accomplishments of past top-tier horses, historical developments of horseracing, and the overall functionality and structure of today's horseracing. The museum uses modern technology, such as videos and robots, to entertain the visitors.



Where to visit – Heart of the city



Fuchu Station & Tree-Lined Boulevard

If you are coming to Fuchu by train from Shinjuku or Shibuya, **Fuchu Station** on the Keio Line is the gateway to the city.

There are several commercial complexes in front of the station, each connected by a pedestrian deck. There is a tree-lined boulevard on the west side of the station, which is a car-free zone on Sundays and public holidays. On occasion, markets and street cafes pop up here.

This tree-lined boulevard is the approach to Okunitama Shrine, a symbol of Fuchu, and is officially called "**Baba Daimon Zelkova Avenue.**" Its history dates back to the 11th century, when a military commander donated zelkova trees to commemorate a victory in battle. It is protected as a national natural monument.

What to do – Racecourse

Fuchu City has two racecourses, one for horse racing and the other for powerboats. You can of course bet on the races, but if you prefer just to take in the exciting atmosphere there are also restaurants in each racecourse.

Tokyo Racecourse

Tokyo Racecourse is the largest racecourse in Japan, with a capacity of 223,000 people, and is where major races are held. On race days, many horse racing fans flock to the area. There is a station on the Keio Line dedicated to the racecourse, and a dedicated passageway has been set up from JR Fuchu-Honmachi Station that is only used during races.

BOAT RACE Tamagawa

Boat racing, unique to Japan, is a race of powerboats. Even beginners can easily place bets, so why not give it a try?



What to do – Brewery Tour



Suntory, one Japan's premier beer brands in Japan, offers guided tour in its "**Suntory Musashino brewery**". Get to know this brewery with its rich history and learn how to make one of Japan's beloved beers. Tasting of a freshly poured beer is possible at the end of the tour. Next to the brewery is a wholesale market where the public can also shop. We also offer a package where you can shop at the wholesale market in the morning and then visit the brewery.

What to do – Bicycle tour

We highly recommend cycling as an activity in Fuchu.

The unique feature of cycling in Fuchu is that you will be riding through the residential areas where ordinary Tokyoites live. There are many bicycle-only roads in Fuchu, so you can safely enjoy cycling. We offer several bike tours depending on the length of your stay.



What to do – Dining out like a local

There are different kinds of dining place around Fuchu Station. Small eateries bustling with locals, such as izakayas, gyoza restaurants and ramen shops. You can find casual restaurants and food courts in shopping complexes, so you can choose different food everyday even if you stay for a while. In central Tokyo you often have to line up to get into a restaurant, but in Fuchu, there are hardly any lines in front of restaurants.

We offer izakaya-hopping tours guided by locals who are familiar with Fuchu. Of course, we can also introduce you to high-end sushi restaurants and stylish French restaurants if you prefer.



Where to stay

There are several hotels in Fuchu you can choose from. We will book the best hotel for you according to your needs and budget. All of the hotels we recommend are within walking distance of Fuchu Station, which is very convenient for shopping, dining, and sightseeing. You can also reach Shibuya in about 40 minutes from all the hotels.

One advantage is that Fuchu's hotels offer more competitive prices than similar accommodations in central Tokyo. But the biggest attraction of staying in Fuchu is that you can experience the same lifestyle as ordinary people living in Tokyo. You might even find yourself thinking, "I want to live in Fuchu!"



Hotel Keyaki Gate



Hotel Continental



Matsumotoya 1725

Stay Fuchu

6-Days Experience

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Strolling the city



Walk along the path



Keyaki-Namiki Ave.
The center of Fuchu

If you are lucky, you can also enjoy the festival stalls at the shrine



Let's go to Okunitama shrine first



A temple with cherry blossoms

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Art in Fuchu



Fuchu Art Museum is located in a park. It is known for its wonderful exhibitions of ukiyo-e and contemporary art.



You can make your own silver accessories at "Art clay workshop".



Authentic concert hall in the park

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Horse racing, and Power boat racing available on weekend

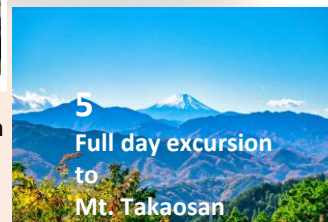


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Full day sightseeing in the heart of Tokyo



Access both the center of Tokyo as well the mountain areas using the Keio Line



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Full day excursion to Mt. Takaosan

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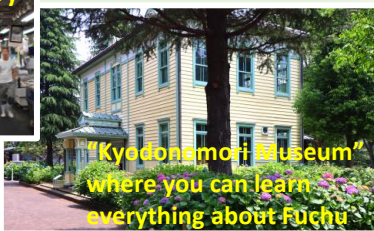
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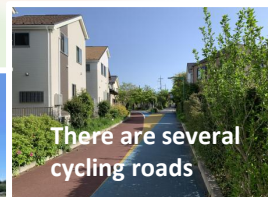
Beer tasting at Suntory Beer factory



Wholesale market next to beer factory



"Kyodonomori Museum" where you can learn everything about Fuchu



There are several cycling roads



BBQ on the riverbank



Kurayami Festival is held from May 3rd to 5th every year.

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Movies

