

We Are Starting a New Volunteer Sightseeing Tour Guide Arrangement Service!

About the Volunteer Sightseeing Tour Guide Arrangement service:

Dai-ichi Hotel Tokyo Seafort will run a Volunteer Sightseeing Tour Guide Arrangement service to introduce the charm of the Shinagawa area for guests visiting Japan either for business or pleasure.

Outline of the service:

The tour guide will take you on a tour that we recommend of the Shinagawa area in English and other languages.

The tours are of Kitashinagawa, which is approximately a 10-minute walk from the hotel, and of the Togoshi-ginza shopping street, which is popular with our guests from abroad. The tours involve such activities as visiting shrines, public baths, and the local gourmet shopping area.

Types of tours:

- (1) Full-guided tour - This is a standard tour where the volunteer guide will take you from the hotel to the destinations for a tour and then back again.
- (2) Half-guided tour - This is a tour where the volunteer guide takes you to the destinations and gives an explanation of the sites, and afterward lets you have a free excursion on your own.

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Please check the following details prior to using the service:

- Bookings are made two weeks in advance.
- We can arrange a maximum of two guides. Groups of more than ten people will require two guides.
- When we ask for your name and contact details, we will pass this information on to the volunteer guides. You will contact them directly after that.
- The tour guides are volunteers and do not require a fee. However, please pay them directly on the day for expenses they incur on the tour, such as for transport, meals, and communication.
(The expenses will vary depending on the content of the tour, but an approximation is 10,000 yen for four people. You can discuss the total cost with the guide when you contact them.)
- We can also arrange guides who speak languages other than English. Please feel free to discuss this and mention any content that you would like to do that is not in the suggested tours with us.
- If you choose to do the half-guided tour (number (2) above), you will part with the guide after their explanation of the sites, so please make your own way back to the hotel after your free excursion.
- The hotel will not take responsibility for any trouble that arises related to this service.

Please acknowledge this when making your booking.

Tour around Kitashinagawa (Estimated duration: Around 60 to 120 minutes)

This area used to be one of the stations of the 53 Stations of the Tokaido, which were rest stops along a route that ran from Edo (former name of Tokyo) to Kyoto. Many of the old Japanese-style houses, temples, and shrines still remain today and the area still retains its traditional old town atmosphere.

Transportation cost: Around 700 yen one-way by taxi. (There will be no transport costs if you walk.)

Tour content: Walk (or take a taxi) from the hotel to Ebara Jinja Shrine, then visit Kitashinagawa spa Tenjinyu (no bathing included on the tour), then enjoy local gourmet cuisine and shop for souvenirs at the Kitashinagawa shopping district.

★The free excursion for the half-guided tour begins here.

Those on the full-guided tour will then walk (or take a taxi) back to the hotel with the guide.

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Tour of the Togoshi-ginza shopping street (Estimated duration: Around 180 to 240 minutes)

This is the longest shopping street in Tokyo and is lined with around 400 shops. Over 10,000 people visit the street during the weekday, and even more visit from around Japan and abroad on Saturdays and Sundays to enjoy walking around while trying the various foods and shopping.

Transportation cost: Around 2,000 yen one-way by taxi (within 5 km one-way)
Around 530 yen one-way by train (Rinkai Line, Yamanote Line, Tokyu Ikegami Line)

Tour content: Take a taxi (or train) from the hotel to a *kawara* (traditional roof tile) shop (a first-hand experience of *kawarawari*, the art of breaking traditional roof tiles bare-handed, is not included on the tour). After that, visit Togoshi Hachiman Shrine, then the Togoshi Ginza Onsen (bathing not included on the tour), and then enjoy local gourmet cuisine and shop for souvenirs at the Togoshi-ginza shopping street.

★The free excursion for the half-guided tour begins here, after which you will take a taxi (or train) back to the hotel.

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We can arrange the content of the tour to suit what you would like to do, but please discuss this first with a hotel representative on 03-5460-4411.