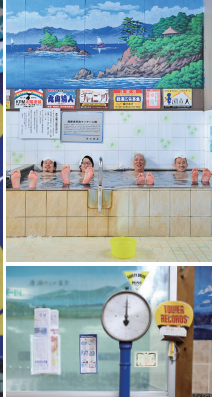




Visiting public baths
and getting close to local people.





Bathing customs in Japan may seem a bit unusual for visitors accustomed to mostly taking showers, but sharing a large public bath with others is a communal affair in Japan.

"Sento" (public baths) in Japan usually share a similar design. They have high ceilings and a painted picture of Mt. Fuji on tiles. In recent years, they have installed other facilities such as saunas and jet pools. An increasing amount will rent out any necessities visitors may lack, like towels. Enjoying a drink after taking a nice, hot bath is also a popular custom that everyone looks forward to.

Links



Hato no Yu

Kunitachi

The only public bath in Kunitachi City, with a nostalgic painting of Mt. Fuji in the bath space. It occasionally holds events and is loved by the local people.

MAP C5 2-8-19, Higashi, Kunitachi-shi ¥460yen ○15:00 - 24:00 / Closed on Mondays



Fujimi-Yu

Akishima

The stylish wall art here gives an impression of grandeur. Open 21 hours a day, the latest open in Tokyo. There are also around 6,000 manga and magazines available.

MAP D5 1260, Nakagami cho, Akishima-shi ¥460yen ○12:00 - 9:00 / Closed on Mondays



Kita no Yu

Kiyose

This public bath is known for its traditional Japanese architectural design with a tall chimney. The water is good for the skin. It also keeps the body warm even after taking a bath.

MAP E6 1-7-7, Motomachi, Kiyose-shi ¥460yen ○15:30 - 22:00 / Closed on Fridays, 3rd Thursday



Ookura-Yu

Machida

An old public bath that was opened 50 years ago. It was renovated recently with a more modern-Japanese atmosphere. Japanese cypress is used for the public bath, which is quite rare.

MAP B5 522, Kiso machi, Machida-shi ¥460yen ○14:00 - 23:00 / Closed on Fridays