

Distance & Time

5.0km  
Approx. 93min



Yotsutsuya has many places connected to famous authors, including Sainen-ji Temple, which is associated with Hattori Hanzo, leader of the shogunate's covert Iga ninja; Kaigyo-ji Temple, final resting place of Hasegawa Heizo, hero of *Onihei Hankachō*; and Oiwa Inari Tamiya Jinja Shrine, which has a stone monument honoring Oiwa, heroine of *Tokaido Yotsutsuya Kaidan*. Yotsutsuya is also famous for the gold-colored ginkgo trees lining the Meijijingu Gaien.

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Historic district of period novels

# Yotsutsuya

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- ◆ Yotsutsuya Sta. (Yotsutsuya Mitsuke ruins)
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- ① State Guest House, Akasaka Palace
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- ② The town of temples
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- ③ Suga Jinja Shrine (Shinjuku Mini Museum)
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- ④ Oiwa Inari Tamiya Jinja Shrine
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- ⑤ Meiji Memorial Picture Gallery
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- ⑥ Meijijingu Gaien
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- ⑦ Prince Chichibu Memorial Sports Museum
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- ◆ Sendagaya Sta., Kokuritsu Kyogijo Sta.

Recommended Tourist Spots

Yotsutsuya Mitsuke (Watchtower) Ruins 四谷見附跡

The name of the *mitsuke* (watchtower) that was once located near Yotsutsuya Station still lives in the Yotsutsuya Mitsuke Gate and Yotsutsuya Mitsuke Bridge. The ruins of the outer moat of Edo Castle, which are among the best preserved castle ruins remaining in the modern period, are a national historical site. Shinjuku works with the cities of Chiyoda and Minato to preserve the ruins.



French-designed Yotsutsuya Mitsukebashi Bridge

State Guest House, Akasaka Palace 迎賓館赤坂離宮

Built in 1909 to serve as a residence of the Crown Prince, this important building is known for its neo-baroque style of architecture, including its blue-green roof and granite outer walls. In 1974 it became the designated residence for visiting foreign dignitaries. The palace is usually closed to the public, but it can be visited in summer (advance registration required / lottery system).



State Guest House for foreign dignitaries

Meiji Memorial Picture Gallery 聖徳記念絵画館

This gallery was completed in 1926, using contributions from citizens. The permanent collection includes 80 paintings depicting the lives and achievements of the Emperor Meiji and Empress Shoken by renowned artists of the Taisho period, including Kaburaki Kiyokata and Yamaguchi Hoshun. The front of the building features a splendid view down a street with ginkgo trees.



The beautiful exterior of the gallery