

YOKOHAMA JAPAN'S FIRST PORT OF CALL

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Let's enjoy 2-day Trip to Yokohama

After about 214 years of isolation, Yokohama is the first of Japan's ports to open to the world. Once the port opened, the people of Yokohama came into contact with new ideas, new designs, new foods from around the world. These new influences were incorporated into their daily lives, and shaped Yokohama into today's unique city.

Located next to the capital, Yokohama has easy access from Tokyo. You can travel between the two cities within 30 minutes, so it is very convenient to stay in Yokohama. Various conferences and events are held in Yokohama throughout the year.

This time, we would like to recommend a 2-day itinerary that is packed with the unconventional charms of Yokohama.

Please enjoy the 2-day trip to Yokohama!

Take the 2-day itinerary, recommended below, virtually on YouTube:
[Japan Live Virtual Tour Series 2 #1 - Yokohama - Japan's Window to the World](#)

Day-1 Summary:

- ① Check-in at Hotel New Grand
- ② Enjoy fusion-style kaiseki cuisine at Masago Saryo
- ③ Take a walk through Osanbashi
- ④ End your night with cocktails at Hotel New Grand's Sea Guardian II

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① Check-in Hotel New Grand



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Because of the wonderfully well-maintained entrance, lobby, banquet hall, and other facilities, the main building is recognized as a historic property in Yokohama City.

The grand staircase from the 1st to 2nd floor in the main building is also a featured location in many dramas and movies.

Since its opening in 1927, the Hotel New Grand has been witness to the history of the exotic port city of Yokohama as one of Japan's leading hotels.

The Main Building, which remains unchanged since its opening, has welcomed many historic figures including Charlie Chaplin and Babe Ruth.



② Dinner at Masago Saryo enjoy a fusion-style kaiseki dinner.

Now, it's time for dinner at Restaurant [Masago Saryo](#), which has been awarded 2 Michelin stars five times. The chef's unique background, which includes studying abroad in Nairobi, Kenya, has helped him craft a menu full of new, yet traditional Japanese cuisine with international influences. Course meals will be served according to your budget and occasion. Vegetarian meals may sometimes be referred to as Shojin Meals instead.



③ Take a walk on Osanbashi Pier

As mentioned before, Yokohama is a port city and a popular cruise destination — [Osanbashi Pier](#) is one of Japan's leading terminals featuring a unique design and is famous for its gorgeous sunsets and glittering night views. You can see all of Yokohama's symbolic landmarks from the Osanbashi pier.

Yokohama is a main port for cruise ships and has 4 passenger terminals. A few years ago, Yokohama Port launched a cruise-friendly program exclusive for cruise passengers. You can get this map from the terminals. This map shows the participating stores with the logo where you can receive special services, including discounts and gifts.

Please check the details about Cruise Friendly Program here: <https://yokohama-cruisefriendly.com/>



(C) Yokohama Visitors Guide

④ Finish the night with some signature cocktails at Hotel New Grand

Hotel New Grand is close to Yokohama Port and is very convenient for cruise passengers. Even after returning to the hotel, you can still enjoy the night that is unique to Yokohama.

Order a special cocktail at [Bar Sea Guardian II](#) on the ground floor of the hotel.

Bamboo : The first Japanese-born cocktail made by Louise Eppinger. Originally from San Francisco, he was the manager and bartender at the Yokohama Grand Hotel.

Yokohama: The Yokohama mixes different international liquors, expressing the concept of “around the world” as a cocktail. The orange color invokes the image of the sunset in Yokohama.

Hope you enjoyed the first day in Yokohama.



Bamboo



Yokohama

Day-2

Summary:

- ① Morning run along Tokyo Bay
- ② Experience the tea ceremony at the Royal Park Hotel in Yokohama Landmark Tower
- ③ Take a walk in the traditional Japanese garden at Sankeien Garden

① Start your day by jogging along Tokyo Bay

Feeling the refreshing sea breeze of Yokohama while jogging in [Zou-no-Hana Park](#). Let's run around the promenade connecting [Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse](#) and [Yamashita Park](#).

Where the brick architecture of the Meiji and Taisho eras meet is a popular tourist spot that represents Yokohama, the Yokohama Red Brick Warehouse. It is a historic brick building that was built as a model warehouse in the country from the end of the Meiji era to the beginning of the Taisho era.

If it's sunny, you might be able to see Mt. Fuji over the red brick warehouses from Osanbashi!

You can download Yokohama Walking & Jogging Map here:
<https://www.yokohamajapan.com/maps/>



② Experience the tea ceremony at Yokohama Royal Park Hotel in Yokohama Landmark Tower



You can also experience a private tea ceremony at the "Tea Rooms in the Sky." On the 65th floor of Yokohama Royal Park Hotel in Yokohama Landmark Tower there are tea rooms called "[Kaikoh-an](#)." If you are lucky enough, you may be able to see Mt. Fuji from there. When you reserve a room for a private tea ceremony where, a host will prepare bowls of matcha tea. There are three types of tea rooms at the Kaikoan, including a Ryurei-Seki room that offers chairs for seating, a Hiroma-Seki room with wide windows that set up spectacular views, and a Daimseki room which gives you more of a private atmosphere. Request the room you would like in advance.



No need to worry about the tea ceremony etiquette while visiting the Kaikoh - an! However, if you would like to know more about the tea ceremony traditions, there are informative pamphlets and your host can also provide guidance. You have an opportunity to talk with your tea master regarding different aspects of the ceremony, such as the intention behind sweets and bowl selections, the decorations found around the tea room, including the hanging scrolls and flowers, or listen to the stories that they are willing to share.

③ Take a walk in the traditional Japanese garden at Sankeien Garden

[Sankeien garden](#) is a Japanese style garden designed and landscaped by Sankei Hara, a wealthy businessman who succeeded in the silk trade. Not only was he a businessman, but he was also a fine art collector. As part of his collection, he relocated historical buildings from various places in Japan, including Kyoto and Kamakura, to his garden and was therefore able to preserve these unique and beautiful architectural styles which were starting to be lost. 17 old buildings with high historic value are skillfully arranged in harmony with the seasonal changes of the natural scenery throughout the garden. Sankeien is his masterpiece and life work. This garden was opened to the public in 1906. It is a popular attraction for its many seasonal flowers.



The three storied pagoda is originally from Tomyoji temple in Kyoto and is one of the garden's landmarks.

Kakushokaku is the largest building found within the garden. The name "Kakushokaku" includes the characters for crane and soaring, as the name comes from its exterior appearance being reminiscent of a flying crane. Kakushokaku is popular among couples for wedding.

At Taishunken, you can try the unique dish of "Sankei noodle." This bowl of noodles uses very thin noodles which is made exclusively for this dish, which Sankei Hara invented for customers.



We hope you enjoyed the 2-Day tour of Yokohama. We are looking forward to welcoming you soon!

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