



Catching Sakura: My 12 Days Self-Drive Itinerary through Sendai, Fukushima, Nikko, and Tokyo in Spring – Day 9 to 12

Description

Hello readers, the final few days are spent in Tokyo. There's no need for the car so we returned upon reaching Tokyo and moved around town via the train.



In Tokyo, it's basically shopping and eating for us. This time we mostly hanged around the Ginza area. We decided to take things slow and just enjoy hanging around after the past few days of journeying.

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In this final blog post, I want to highlight some of the interesting places we visited these few days.

It was the weekend and they close off the main road in Ginza, Chuo Dori to traffic and converted into a walking street.

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Seasonal melon drink by starbucks. It was yummy!



Their starbucks are always very aesthetically pleasing. This one has a library attached to it. Very nice to just hang out if you have time to spare.

Prior to the trip, we did some research on where are some good places to eat. We recommend you make a reservation if you are considering to visit.

Ginza katsukami



This restaurant located in the heart of the Ginza shopping belt is super popular. While we were there, we saw many attempted walk-in but got turned away.



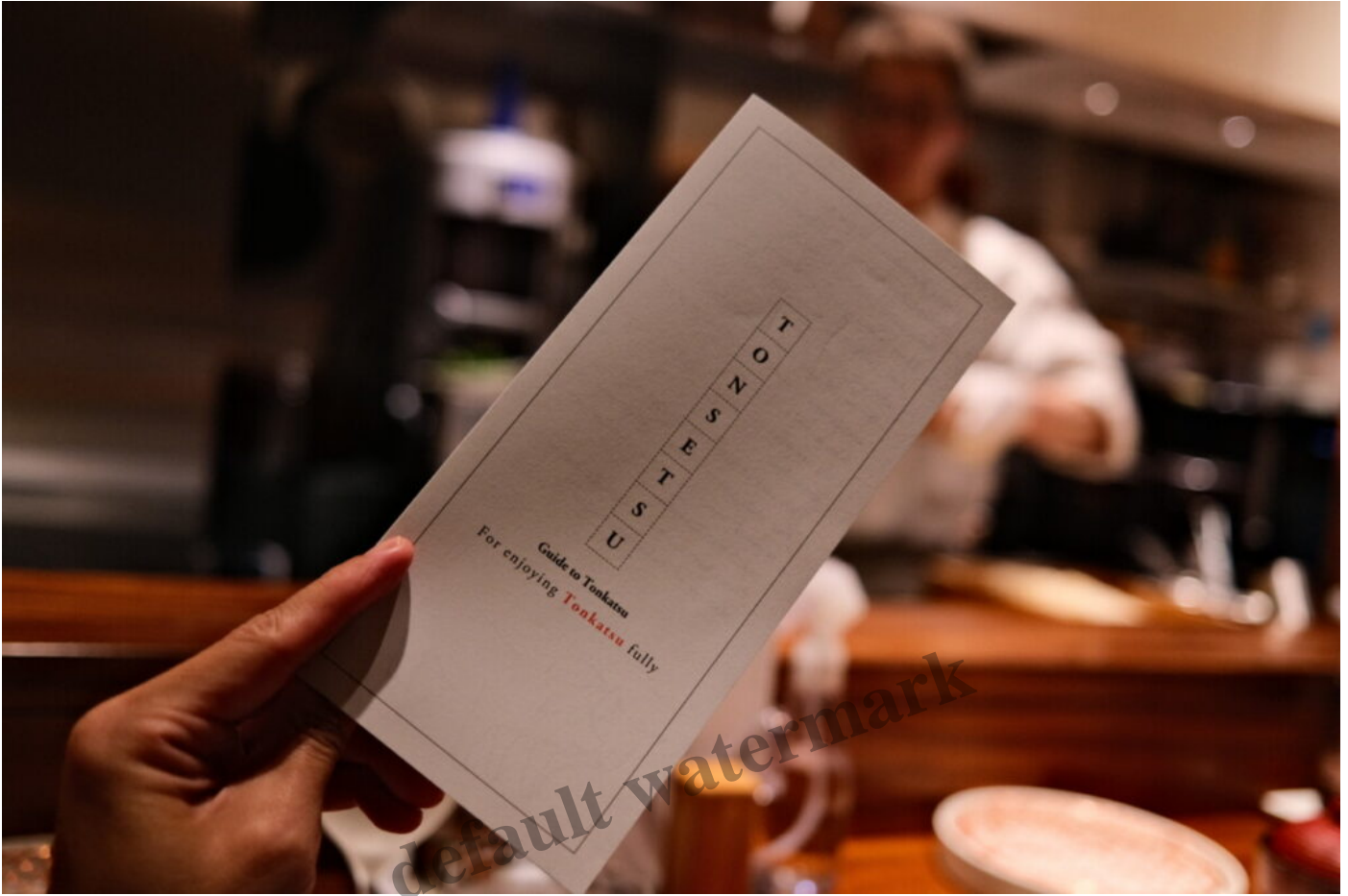
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The restaurant is rather small. I estimate at one seating they can accommodate about twelve persons. Everyone is seated along the bar counter facing the chefs so we can observe them as they prepare the food.





This restaurant serves tonkatsu omakase.







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The omakase course features a selection of different pork cuts, including loin, tenderloin, and rare parts like shoulder and rib.

Each cut is prepared purposefully to highlight its unique flavor and texture.



The crab croquette is pretty yummy too!





Hojicha and mango shaved ice to finish the wonderful meal.

The portions are perfectly balanced, ensuring you won't feel overwhelmed by the fried food. The course is thoughtfully interspersed with items like soup, rice, and starters, which help keep your palate refreshed throughout the meal.

More shopping after lunch.

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Restaurant Air (????? ???)

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Restaurant Air (????? ???) is a charming French bistro located in Ginza, Tokyo. The ratings online seems favourable and we decided to splurge abit for dinner.



The restaurant offers a delightful blend of traditional and modern French cuisine, focusing on seasonal and sustainable ingredients. The chef, Yamamoto Hideo, brings his expertise to create dishes that are both visually stunning and delicious





Every dish looks like an art piece.



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The service was excellent, and it was wonderful to take our time savoring the meal, providing a peaceful escape from Tokyo's hustle and bustle.

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A gift from the chef after our meal.



The air was cooling and the streets are nicely lit. We decided to take a short walk back to our hotel.

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We are due to head back to Singapore the next day.

We spent a few hours roaming about in Shibuya, had a so-so sushi lunch in Parco before making our way to the airport.

If you pass by Godiva, remember to eat their chocolate crepe. Love it!

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