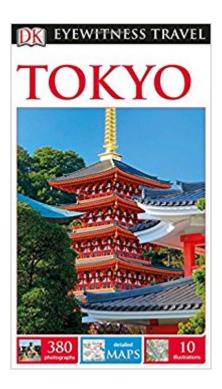


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Directions to sight were not always clear and I often had to resort to additional maps or other sources to find things. Some information was out of date. For instance, there was a recommendation for visiting the National Children's Castle in Shibuya, but that Castle is permanently closed. The included subway map did not make it clear that there are at least two train lines in Tokyo that service commuters and people moving around the city. One is an above-ground line and the other is a subway. These lines do not necessarily overlap, so you might have to leave one line to get on the next. That wasn't made clear in this book.

First off it's a DK book so the pictures and graphics are why one would purchase this book. However outside of that there is surprisingly little content to the entire book. The biggest complaint is it treats almost every site the same, e.g the editors casually mention a must see in the same paragraph as really mundane sites without discerning between the two. The restaurant listings are poor - outdated and just not good choices. Part of this I blame on the editors and part on the city itself. There are tens of thousands of restaurants in Tokyo and many locals don't know the area immediately outside their small living areas. It really feels like someone spent a week in Tokyo and decided to try to write a guidebook.

This book seemed really light on content. Additionally, basically all of this was duplicated in the DK Japan book, so there's no need to buy both. Lots of general information about traveling to Japan but not enough about Tokyo specifically. The info on the guided walks is outdated. The author claims the Odaiba walk is 1 mile and 90 minutes, but it took us over 3 hours, and it was WAY more than 1 mile! The distance between Big Sight and the Aomi train station is almost 1 mile itself! (We took the train instead of walking.) The Daiba Little Hong Kong inside the mall has been replaced with a Madame Tussaud's. The information on Akihabara and Ikebukuro (the two big anime districts) was outdated as well. I was irritated that they didn't even mention the original Animate shop in Ikebukuro. The maps were not very useful either - it only included subway lines and not the JR. Are you really gonna get around Tokyo without using the Yamanote line at least once?

So disappointing. I have only used DK Eyewitness books for my travel adventures. They are very informative, give great highlights as well as details. This guide gave very little detail and missed many major attractions. Did the writers even goto Tokyo? Wish I could return. Waste of money!

Pretty good overall guide - I would recommend a "top 10" guide for Tokyo if you are only spending 2-3 days in the city.

If you are in Tokyo for the first time and have a very short time...these are some highlights. But not very descriptive, not very good directions and kinda boring

The photos are very helpful in deciding whether we want to see an attraction or skip it. We also have another guide book (Frommer's) which does not have many photos but goes into more details. While it is good, we ended up using this DK guide more while we were in Japan.

Another great DK top 10 compact travel book that I trusted a lot on its recommendations and thought it was spot on in regards to place I went for food, hotels and sight seeing.

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