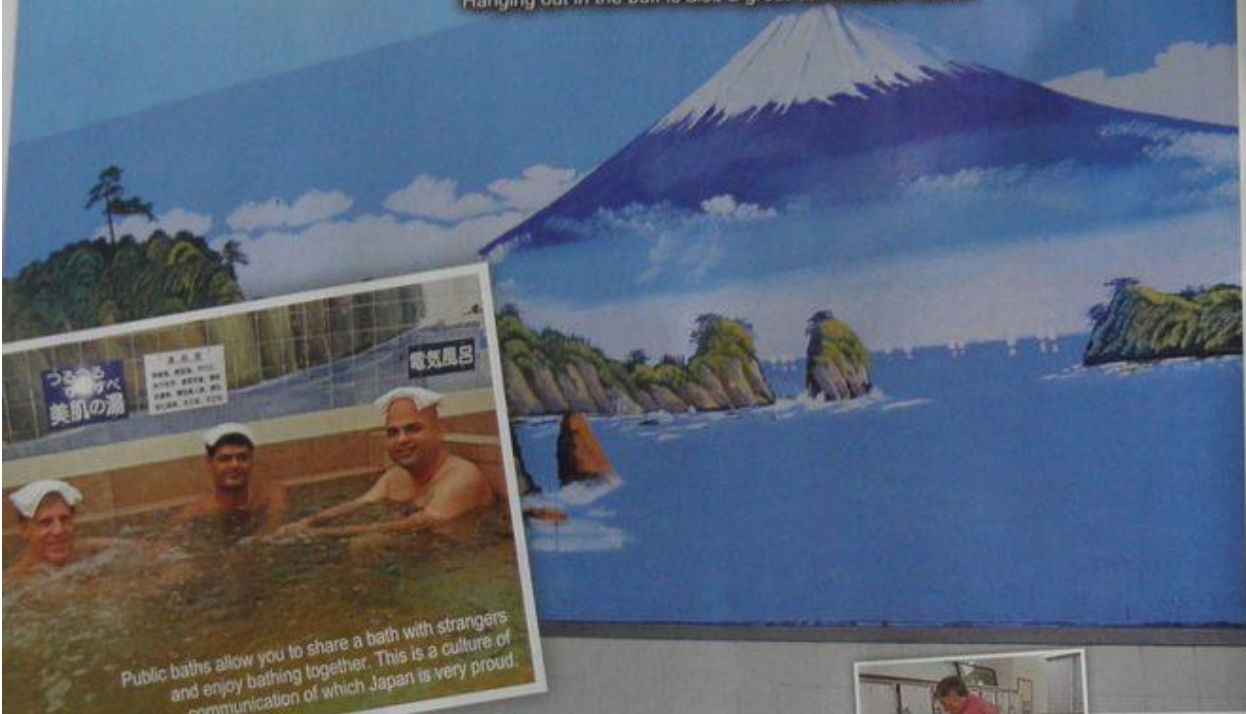


銭湯

Public Baths

Refreshing Body and Mind in the Bathtub That is Japanese-Style Bath Time

Public baths allow you to experience the warmth of the Japanese disposition. Soaking in these large baths will completely wash your exhaustion away. Hanging out in the buff is also a great conversation starter!



Public baths allow you to share a bath with strangers and enjoy bathing together. This is a culture of communication of which Japan is very proud.

温泉体験

Hot Spring Experiences

The culture of public baths as developed in Japan

The public baths of Japan are comprised of hot springs and shared baths that can be used every day for only a minimal charge. Said to have first appeared during the middle-ages, the current style of a large bath shared by many people at once was established during the Edo period. Rather than just washing your body, they offer the opportunity to stretch out in a large bathtub and refresh both body and mind. A place to enjoy chatting with the people you meet, and to obtain the information required for everyday life. These public baths are also a place for cultural exchange. Ota City, a place of the people, has the largest number of public baths in Tokyo, with around half of them being "black water" type hot springs.

This allows bathers to enjoy hot spring water without having to go out to any of the hot spring regions outside Tokyo. The external appearance, interior décor, facilities and services offered by each public bath are extremely varied, meaning no two places are exactly the same. Why not visit a selection of the public baths in Ota City and find your own favorite?



Valuables should be placed in a locker. Then you take the key to the locker into the bath with you.



There are lots of westerners living in Japan who've come to love visiting the public baths!



You pay to enter at the Watch Stand by the entrance.



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Ota – en bydel (den 23.) af Tokyo
placeret ret tæt på Tokyo Bay – grænsende op mod Haneda Airport

I Ota har man mange af de varme kilder fra undergrunden i Japan hedder de onsen - og dem udnytter man til fulde i Ota

Tokyo er verdens største by med sine 32 mio. indbyggere (m forstæder)
byen fylder som hele Sjælland
og den del af Tokyo med absolut flest onsen – er netop Ota

De mange onsen i Ota rækker helt tilbage til middelalderen
og i Edo perioden (1600-tallet)
fremkom de meget store offentlige bade

Halvdelen af onsen i Ota er i øvrigt med sort vand – black water

Ota inviterer ligefrem turister til at nyde badene
men selv turister skal naturligvis følge både de herskende regler og etiketten
derfor har alle steder store tegninger der viser fremgangsmåden

*I de fleste lande hersker en gylden regel
"Skik følge - eller land fly"*

Nogle lande er ikke længere stærke lande
de på vej mod opløsning
de bøjer af og accepterer de fremmedes regler
men det gør man bestemt ikke i Japan
her må de fremmede følge både regler og den gældende etiquette (betyder uskrevne regler)

**Man tillader hverken 2-benede svin eller tatoveringer
i offentlige bade i Japan**

Her i DK accepterer vi – uden konsekvenser – 2-benede svin
altså de der kræver ret til at gå i vandet uden at have vasket sig
og de beholder tillige badebukser på i vandet

Ingen af delene accepteres i Japan
alle skal vaskes kraftigt med sæbe forinden badet
og afvaskning foregår i et stort fælles rum (dog kønsadskilt)

De fleste dyr holder sig selv nogenlunde rene
mange slikker pelsen og gør det så godt de nu kan
med en enkelt undtagelse
svinet hverken vasker, slikker eller rengør sig
det er et tilbagestående dyr - som er god til steg – that´s all

I Japan kan de godt lide 4-benede svin
de importerer nogle mio. stk årligt fra DK
men de accepterer ikke 2-benede svin i offentlige bade
og ej heller tatoveringer

Follow the correct etiquette – and enjoy your bath – siger de

見どころ

Highlights

The big bathtub isn't the only fun to be had

Aside from their large bathtubs, public baths also have many other unique features. Each and every one of these are intended to aid in relaxing while enjoying your bath. Some also have artistic value, such as paintings on the walls of the bath area or the unique construction of the buildings themselves. The Japanese and their love of bathing has created a culture that places real value on the time spent in the bath.

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There are all sorts of unique public baths.



[Miyazukuri]

Many public baths are built in the "Miyazukuri" style of construction, giving them a traditional and beautiful appearance, reminiscent of a temple. This style is characterized by a unique roof on the entrance to the public bath.



[Background Art]

The walls of the bath area are painted with large landscapes. Many bath walls feature images of Mt. Fuji, which are completed in just one day of work. Some baths also have the images baked onto the tiles.



[Gardens]

Some public baths also have a garden by the lobby. Taking a relaxing moment to view the garden after your bath is another of the delights these establishments offer, and another way to experience Japanese culture.



[Aquariums]

Some of the more unique public baths allow you to watch fish swimming while you enjoy your own bath.



[Banquet Halls]

A place to cool down after the hot bath and chat with friends and acquaintances, old and new. Provides a space that can be enjoyed even after the end of your bath.



黒湯

Black Water Hot Springs

The totally black water really surprised me!



Another characteristic of Ota City is the jet black water.

The "black water" spring water is another famous aspect of Ota City, for those in the know. This cold spring water contains fossilized seaweed. Bathing in it is said to bring you smooth skin. These heated spring water can be enjoyed at a reasonable price in Ota City.

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No worries for first-timers with this handy bathing manual

The rules and etiquette for bathing are unique to Japan, and so a special manual has been produced in order to allow foreigners to bathe without any problems. Multi-language posters and a manual with drawings that don't rely on language are used to communicate the details, meaning there's no need to worry even if it's your first time. Sets containing towels and soap are also on sale, meaning you can drop in and take a bath even if you didn't prepare beforehand.

Follow the correct etiquette and enjoy your bath.



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Etiquette



Manual



Poster

A video can also be found online, instructing foreigners in how to use public baths. See the Ota Bathhouse Association.
URL: <https://www.city.ota.tokyo.jp/kanku/kyouka/gakokugonotamenomoto.html>



Video site