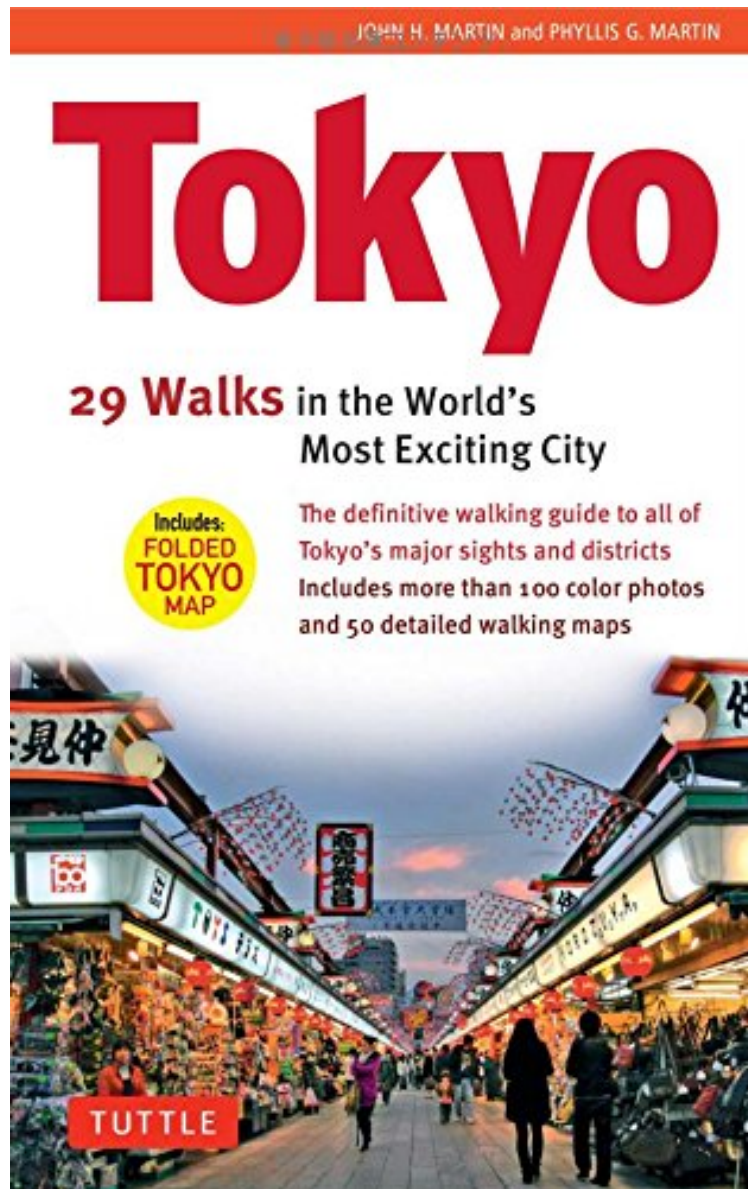


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**John H. Martin, Phyllis G. Martin : Tokyo, 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City** before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tokyo, 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Portable, Practical, Easy to Use Guide That Will Be Invaluable in Planning My Visit to Tokyo ...By delicateflower152 John H. Martin and Phyllis G. Martin have given novice and

experienced travelers a truly practical, easy to read walking guide. Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City is rich in color photographs showing the beauty of the sights to be seen, but even more important are the detailed maps that each focus on the specific walking tour highlighted in individual chapters. A pocket in the book's back cover contains a larger, folded map of the city. One side of that map shows Northern Tokyo; the other side shows Southern Tokyo and the subway system. An introductory chapter briefly addresses Tokyo's heritage; the chapter is short and is by no means a definitive history of that city. Chapter 1 includes six walking tours in Central Tokyo that provide visitors with multiple options to explore history, culture, art, and other sights of interest. The focus of Chapter 2 is Eastern and Northern Tokyo; there are six walking tours there. Chapter 3 addresses Southern Tokyo and includes three walking tours. Chapter 4 concentrates on Western Tokyo and three walking tours. Chapter 5 provides information on six walking tours through Yokohama and Points South. Finally, Chapter 6 wraps up the book with four walking tours through points West, North, and East of Tokyo. An appendix providing Tokyo General Information and an index conclude Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City. Each chapter begins with a detailed two-page map of the tour area. The ensuing discussion leads off listing points of interest on each area's tour. At the end of each walking tour, an information box provides very brief directions on Getting There. Some of the walking tour chapters include a map or maps specific to the particular tour. Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City is quite portable; it is an ideal size 5 X 8 X - and weight including the foldout map, 1 lb. 3 oz. - for travelers. It has a rigid, but slightly flexible cover, and the pages of the book are a slick, heavy paper. My only complaint is that, like other tour guides highlighting Japan, the print is a very small font and is not very dark. This makes it difficult for more mature eyes to read easily. Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City is a book I will use extensively to plan my stay in Tokyo and one that will travel with me when I visit that city. Definitely a 5-star guide for travelers!

8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. A great guide!

By Nosnibor I lived in Tokyo in college and have led tours there several times. This book provides such a comprehensive explanation of the sites and history of this fabulous city - almost step by step! It is a treasure - especially for those who are new to Tokyo or do not have capacity with the language. I am especially pleased that it explores the modern jewels of the city as well as its ancient ones. The walking maps are clear and logical; well labeled in English. If you are headed to Tokyo, buy this book and go explore! You will discover why some of us go back time and time again!

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Reliable and interesting guide

By Annie The best feature of this guide is the historical background for each area, to understand how a district has changed over the centuries. It has very good maps of each area, which are clear and detailed. The "walks" often are extensive and cover more than one would see in a day. I used this especially to visit a scenic area near Tokyo, Hakone, and found its guidance very helpful in pointing out the highlights to visit. Note, this guide was completed in 2012 and of course, Tokyo is constantly changing. A good value, especially if you enjoy using the trains and subway.

The only guide you'll need for walking around Tokyo! Everything you need is in this one convenient package including a large pull-out map!

Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City is the only Tokyo travel guide that is exclusively a walking guide, with lively text full of facts and stories that emphasize the history, culture, architecture and spirit of the city and its neighborhoods. On foot and by train or subway, it takes you through the most fascinating parts of the modern megalopolis, while making the shogun's city the Edo of samurai and geishas, merchants and artisans and the outlines of old Tokyo come alive. From famous historical sites like the Imperial Palace to unique attractions like the Tsukiji Fish Market, this travel book offers something for every visitor and even long-term residents. Fully up-to-date, Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City contains: 19 walks in Tokyo 10 day trips that include Yokohama, Kamakura, Mt. Fuji, and Kawagoe More than 100 full-color photos 50 full-color maps A large pull-out map!

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"We recommend the book not only to first-time visitors of Tokyo, but also to foreign residents who would get a fast overview over the main attractions in and around the capital. An indispensable and invaluable guide!" Japan Reference blog

From the Back Cover Tokyo: 29 Walks in the World's Most Exciting City offers a unique and timeless introduction to one of the world's great cities and perhaps its most exciting one. Presenting 29 easy-to-follow walking tours through and near to Tokyo, it is the only guide to the city that is exclusively a walking guide, and its lively text is full of facts and stories that emphasize the history, culture, architecture, and spirit of the city and its neighborhoods. On foot and by train or subway, it takes you through the most fascinating parts of the modern megalopolis, while making the shogun's city the Edo of samurai and geisha, merchants and artisans and the outlines of old Tokyo come alive. Here you will learn about the real last samurai and follow the shifting location of the celebrated pleasure quarters or "floating world" of geisha fame; you'll visit Tokyo's Champ-Elysees and see its newest skyscrapers and futuristic enclaves in Roppongi Hills and Midtown. Along the way, the authors signal points of interest, including museums, temples, shrines, vistas, gardens for

quiet meditation, and meccas for lovers of Japanese popular culture and shoppers. From famous historical sites like the Imperial Palace and the Senso-ji temple to unique attractions like the Tsukiji Fish Market or the Japanese Sword Museum (or the Kite or Tobacco and Salt Museums), they offer something for every visitor, while placing it in the context of events that shaped the city and the nation at large. This is a guide that will fascinate both first-time visitors and long-term residents. Fully up-to-date, this book contains nineteen walks in Tokyo and ten day trips that include Yokohama, Kamakura, Hakone, Mt. Fuji, and Kawagoe, also known as "Little Edo." It features more than 100 color photos as well as approximately 50 brand-new full-color maps and diagrams of individual sites. It also comes with a full-color pullout map of the Tokyo walking tours.