Arts Council Tokyo [Tokyo Metropolitan Foundation for History and Culture] implements various projects and programs aimed for people who are not familiar with traditional Japanese culture and arts, like foreign visitors and children, to freely enjoy authentic traditional culture and performing arts, with the theme of “Approaching Tokyo Tradition”. With the goal of making it easily accessible and to make the visit to Tokyo more memorable, the “Traditional Culture and Performing Arts Experience Program for Foreign Visitors” are usually free of charge, aside from some venues that may charge for admissions.


With Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games to be held in two years, there will be many programs held again this year, as a project to create and transmit the traditional culture of Tokyo to the world. For more details, please check the official website.

http://tokyo-tradition.jp/eng/

Arts Council Tokyo Traditional Culture Programs for Foreign Visitors
Short-term Experience Programs 2018-2019

INFORMATION
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**Short-term Experience Programs**

**Japanese dance workshop**

**DANCE**

Enjoy Japanese dance with kimono at Asakusa

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**VENUE**

Asakusa Culture Tourist Information Center 6F
2-18-9 Kaminarimon, Taito-ku
Asakusa Station [Tokyo Metro Ginza Line, Toei Asakusa Line]

**HOW TO BOOK**

Please access the booking URL below and make an online reservation in advance.
http://tokyo-tradition.peatix.com

**CAPACITY**

About 20 persons per session *No age limitations

Supported by The Japanese Classical Dance Association, Inc.

**DATE & TIME**

Every Sundays from April 18, 2018 to March 21, 2019
11:00—13:00—15:00—1 hour each

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1-4-1 Yokoami, Sumida-ku
Ryogoku Station [JR Line, Toei Oedo Line]

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Advance application not required

Museum admission fee required

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Supported by RAKUGO OEIYUTSU association

**DATE & TIME**

Every Saturdays from April 14, 2018 to March 30, 2019
12:30—14:00—16:00—30 minutes each

**Shishimai and Kyogoku**

Spreading Japanese traditional culture from Haneda Airport

Experience of "shishimai" Japanese lion dance with your head bit for fortune and "kyogoku" such as "kamawashi" umbrella rotating, etc., at the Haneda Airport which is busy with foreign visitors every day as the "gateway into Japan and Tokyo" from abroad.

**VENUE**

Haneda Airport International Passenger Terminal 5F
7F Festival Plaza and 6F area
Haneda Airport International Terminal Station (Kokyu Line, Tokyo Monorail)

**HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

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**DATE & TIME**

July 20(Mon) - July 6(Fri), 2018
October 1(Mon) - October 5(Fri), 2018
10:30—12:15—14:00—1 hour each

**Let’s try traditional Japanese music instruments shamisen**

"Nagauta", which originated as kabuki music and developed as shamisen [three-string instrument] music, is a type of traditional Japanese music played on shamisen. You can try shamisen and professional Nagauta players will give a powerful performance and explain Nagauta in a way that makes it easy even for first-timers to understand.

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**CAPACITY**

25 persons per session *No age limitations

Supported by Nagauta Association

**DATE & TIME**

9/16, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17
11:30—13:20—15:10—1 hour each

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