

Part 1

Read the leaflet below on where to experience tea ceremony in Japan and answer Questions 1–10.

A Happo En

This traditional tea house is located in the fascinating garden where you can see over 500 years old bonsai trees. For the tea ceremony, three different plans are offered suiting all your wishes. Please note that you need to make a reservation beforehand. You may just stop by to buy some tea and Japanese sweets.

B Asakusa Jidaiya

Located 1 minute walk from the famous Kaminarimon Gate in Asakusa, this place allows photographing during the ceremony for fond memories. You can choose to either watch or participate in the process of tea ceremony. Also, you can choose to wear kimono during the tea ceremony.

C Shizu Kokoro

Here, you will enjoy a tea ceremony in an authentic tea room. In you are new to this activity, there is a workshop to introduce you the basics of the way of tea and a short movie to give you a better understanding before the ceremony.

D Maikoya

Maikoya is a perfect tea ceremony option for those who want to have a traditional hands-on tea experience. You will be asked to wear a kimono during the ceremony. After watching the demonstrations of the ritual, you will have a chance to make your own matcha tea. The hosts speak flawless English.

E Do Edo

This modern café is surrounded by numerous bamboos to boost your inner peace. It is good for beginners and those who prefer to sit on the chair instead of kneeling on the Tatami mat floor. Also, you receive a green tea kit to take home when you join the lesson.

F Air-kitchen Tea Ceremony Experiences

Besides observing the tradition of the tea ceremony, you will also have a rare glimpse into the daily lives of Japanese people. Many tea ceremony experiences also include Wagashi making or Sushi making, enabling you to also learn how to make these traditional Japanese dishes.

G Toko An

Located in the ceremonial chamber in the Imperial Hotel, the place has their tea prepared in the traditional fashion. The hotel itself is built in Western style but once you enter this Toko An, you will see the traditional style tea room, including tatami mats. The prices are rather reasonable.

H Hisui Tokyo

It is a really nice tea room located in the middle of Ginza. There are also different types of Japanese culture you can experience besides tea ceremony such as Kimono Dressing, Japanese Calligraphy, Samurai Swordsmanship. Minimum two persons are required for the tea ceremony.

I Camellia Flower

Although it may be difficult to find the place as it is located on a dead-end street, it is worth a visit. The hosts are friendly and explain the meaning and culture of tea ceremony well. They welcome a group of up to fourteen people. The place has just raised its price a bit recently.

J Tea Ceremony Juan

Normally, the lead host will do the explanations about the tea ceremony all by herself. But it is also likely that you may sometimes have one tea host making the demonstration and another person interpreting it. There is a discount for kids although it is quite difficult to book. Wearing kimono is optional.

Sources: 'The Best 10 Places To Do Tea Ceremony In Tokyo' by Japan Wonder Travel Blog and 'Tea Ceremony Kyoto: 5 Best Experiences 2021' by Japan Wireless

Question 1 – 10

Identify which paragraphs (A – J) contain information listed in Questions 1 – 10 by marking a cross ☒ for the correct answer. If you change your mind about an answer, put a line through the box ☒ and then mark your new answer with a cross ☒.

You must choose answers only from the information given in the leaflet. Paragraphs may be used more than once or not used at all.

This place

- 1 offers some basic knowledge to customers.
- 2 is located in a building with Western design.
- 3 comes with different plans for customers.
- 4 requires its customers to wear particular costume.
- 5 may present the ceremony with more than one host.
- 6 can be reached shortly from a popular tourist attraction.
- 7 will not host the ceremony if there is only one guest.
- 8 has recently been more expensive.
- 9 prepares a souvenir for customers.
- 10 is a good choice for those who also want to cook.