

# Escape from New York

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## Tokyo

### Go fish

At **Ise Sueyoshi**, *kaiseki*—or a traditional Japanese multicourse meal—is created by chef Yuuki Tanaka, who focuses on the dishes and fish of Ise, his hometown. Each hyperseasonal course is served on its own artistic glassware, paired with unique sakes and explained in fluent English (if needed).

→ Mizuno Bldg 3F, 4-2-15 Nishi-Azabu, Minato-ku ([isesueyoshi.blog.fc2.com](http://isesueyoshi.blog.fc2.com))

### Barhop till you drop

The collection of alleyways known as **Golden Gai** in Shinjuku are a great way to experience about 270 bars without straying more than two blocks. Many of the bars have a cover between 500 and 1000 yen (\$5–\$10) and vary in theme from punk and glam to LGBTQ-friendly. Foreigners won't be welcome in every spot, so read the room.

→ 1 Kabukicho, Shinjuku-ku

### Cuddle up

At **Harry Hedgehog Cafe** in the nightlife-centric area of Roppongi, you can hold friendly hedgehogs (gingerly—their spikes do hurt if you rub them the wrong way) who snap live mealworms out of your hands in a very adorable way. Pay for half-hour increments (about \$13) with your hedgehog pals, who like to pile on top of each other.

→ Roppongi 6-7-2, Iwahori Building 2F, Minato-ku ([harinezumi-cafe.com](http://harinezumi-cafe.com))

### Get buzzed

For a fully Japanese experience of attention

## INSIDER SECRETS

Locals give it to you straight.



"Grab breakfast at the Tsukiji fish market and browse the stalls."

—Cal

"Go to the new mega Pokémon store in Ikebukuro."

—Chris

"Tokyu Stay Shibuya is a good budget hotel in a cool area."

—Tom

"There are 7-Elevens everywhere, and they have the best food!"

—Mai

Ise Sueyoshi



to detail and hospitality, visit **Koffee Mameya**. Take home beans from around the world in cloth bags, which are lined up on the wall in a satisfying gradient of colors ranging from cream to dark brown. Your barista walks you through each bean type's flavor profile and then lovingly makes you a drip coffee to go.

→ 4-15-3 Jingumae, Shibuya-ku ([koffee-mameya.com](http://koffee-mameya.com))

### Sip slowly

Find the traditional teahouse **Kosoan** in a picturesque old home with triangular roofs, lush greenery and carefully maintained stone pathways. Patrons remove their shoes, sit on the floor and order from a menu (there's an English side) that boasts bean-based desserts and matcha tea with ice cream.

→ 1-24-23 Jiyugaoka, Meguro-ku ([kosoan.co.jp](http://kosoan.co.jp))

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## FUN FACT

At the busy Shibuya Crossing, as many as 1,000 people cross the street at the same time, from all directions.

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