

Want to go back in time to the Showa Period? Then why not go to a SENTO?

No swimming in the bath, please.



Please keep your towel and soap out of the bath.

Sorry. No entry for people with tattoos.



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Bring your own towel, soap, etc. In case the sento doesn't sell them.

Remember to wash your body before taking a bath.

Sentos, or "public baths" are places to enjoy being a part of a community.

Please don't drink the bathwater.

A Little History of Sento

Sentos are Japanese communal bath houses. You may have seen a tall chimney in your town, which is evidence of a sento.

After WWII, the number of bath houses increased dramatically due to the population explosion. In those days, only some residences had baths since many houses in Tokyo were destroyed during the war, so people had to go out to a sento to take a bath.

Sentos offer more than a normal bath house. They have saunas, massage chairs, drinks and ice cream, and more.

What is distinct to sentos is the paintings on the walls. A popular picture is one of Mt. Fuji. Looking at the painting while taking a bath helps you relax.

Sentos are places for people to take a bath, but at the same time, they have also become places for communication with local people, refreshment, and health.

Unfortunately, as time goes on, there has been less need for sentos since almost every residence has a bath, and consequently the number of sentos has been dropping.

Please visit a sento and enjoy the atmosphere of days gone by.

Okurayu

Kisomachi 522 Tel:042-723-5664

Catch a bus at Machida Bus Center (under Odakyu Machida St.) that goes toward Hashimoto, Oyamada, or Nozuta Shako. Disembark at Takinosawa. It takes 3 minutes to get to Okurayu on foot.

Kanamoriyu

Kanamori 3-22-21 Tel:042-796-5926

Catch a bus at Machida Bus Center (under Odakyu Machida St.) that goes toward Tsukushino or Suzukakedai. Disembark at Minami Chugakko Mae. It takes 3 minutes to get to Kanamoriyu on foot.

How much does a sento cost?

Adults(12 years or older): 450 yen
6-12 years old: 180 yen
5 years or younger: 80 yen

