

TOKYU HANDS

Tokyu Hands is one of the more interesting Do-It-Yourself type stores in Japan. It is located in Shibuya, which is one of the main stops on Yamanote Line. Shibuya is also the terminus for two private train lines and for Tokyo's oldest subway line, the Ginza line.

Tokyu Hands is eight floors of just about any hobby or craft item you might want. There are many interesting gadgets and gifts items as well. From nails and paint to telephones and touch command lamps, the store has something for everybody. Near the entrances are information racks that have Tokyu Hands store guides - in English. The leaflet contains a floor guide a detailed index of the types of items they carry and other information about the store. It's quite easy to spend hours looking around the different floors.

-HOW TO GET THERE:

From Yokosuka

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO 横須賀中央 Station and buy a ¥780 transfer ticket for SHIBUYA 渋谷, which is on JR YAMANOTE J R 山手線 Line in Tokyo.
2. Go to track #2 and board a GREEN or RED KANJI train bound for SHINAGAWA 品川.
3. At SHINAGAWA 品川 transfer to JR YAMANOTE J R 山手線 Line. Pass through the wicket leading to the JR lines (bilingual signs show the way), but do not give up your ticket.
4. Go to track #2 and take JR YAMANOTE J R 山手線 Line train 5 stops to SHIBUYA 渋谷.
5. Leave the train platform via the North exit 北口 stairs. (This exit may also be called Hachiko 八千公口 Exit.) Go through the wicket (give up your ticket here) and exit the station to the left.
6. Once outside the station, orient yourself to the map on this page. The best landmark is the Tokyu Hands sign on the building across the wide intersection. . Following the map, cross the intersection in the direction of the Tokyu Hands sign. Walk along the right side of the building on which the sign is located (this is the Seibu "A" building). Turn to the left between Seibu "A" and "B" buildings. Follow the road as it curves to the right past the Police Box (in the center of the fork) and in a few minutes you'll be at Tokyu Hands.

From Ikego

1. Go to JIMMUJI 神武寺 Station and buy a ¥710 transfer ticket to SHIBUYA on JR YAMANOTE Line.
2. Take a train from track #2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO 金沢文庫 and change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train to SHINAGAWA.
3. **Continue as above # 3.**

RETURN:

For your return trip you may have to buy two separate tickets. Buy one ticket to Shibuya (¥160) for the Yamanote Line to Shinagawa. At the Keikyu ticket window at Shinagawa, turn in your Yamanote line ticket and ask for a ticket to Yokosuka Chuo (¥620), Jimmuji (¥550) for Ikego. The total cost for both tickets will be the same as for the transfer ticket you had earlier. ***NOTE:** At some stations transfer tickets are available, but we need to read Kanji signs on the ticket machines for the correct button to press. If you go the ticket window at the station and say "Keikyu no Yokosuka-Chuo or Jimmuji for Ikego, Eki made (mah-day)", the clerk may be able to sell you a transfer ticket for your return trip.

TOKYU HANDS IN YOKOHAMA

From Yokosuka

1. Go to YOKOSUKA CHUO Station and buy a ¥350 ticket to YOKOHAMA.
2. Take a GREEN or RED KANJI Train to YOKOHAMA Station. After going through the wicket, walk towards the WEST EXIT 西口 to the right.
3. Walk down the shopping hall, passing by Takashimaya Department Store. Keep walking further until you come out of the shopping building. Go straight and look for VIVRE 21 and DAIEI Department Store.
4. Tokyu Hands is across from Daiei. It's about 10~15 minutes walk from the station.

From Ikego

1. Go to JIMMUJI Station and buy a ¥300 ticket to YOKOHAMA.
2. Take a train form track #2 to KANAZAWA BUNKO.
3. At KANAZAWA BUNKO change to a GREEN or RED KANJI train to YOKOHAMA.
4. **Continue as above # 2.**