

GETTING YOUR JAPAN FIX

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So you're freshly back to the GTA from Japan, and you've had some time for the reverse culture shock to wear off. Like many JET Alumni, you are probably beginning to crave a Japanese fix. Fortunately, you've landed in the right place. Though there is no cohesive "Japan Town" in Toronto, the city boasts a remarkable number of Japanese restaurants and izakayas that are so authentic they'll have you screaming "NATSUKASHI!" shortly after you walk through their doors. Here is a short list of some favourites that have been put forward by JETAA members:

IZAKAYA

Chou (Church & Wellesley)

www.yelp.ca/biz/chou-izakaya-toronto

Dondon (Bay & Dundas)

www.dondonizakaya.com/home

Fin (Eglinton, east of Yonge)

www.finizakaya.com

Guu (two locations: Bloor, east of Bathurst, Church & Gerrard)

guu-izakaya.com/toronto

Koyoi (Yonge, north of Wellesley)

www.yelp.ca/biz/koyoi-restaurant-and-bar-toronto

SUSHI

Ematei (Queen & University)

www.yelp.ca/biz/ematei-japanese-restaurant-toronto

Hiro (King & Jarvis)

www.hirosushi.ca

Kaji (Queensway & Islington)

www.sushikaji.com/access.html

Nami (Adelaide & Church)

www.namirestaurant.ca

Toshi (King & Bathurst)

www.toshisushi.ca

Zen (Eglinton & Danforth Rd.)

www.zenjapaneserestaurant.com

RAMEN

Kenzo Ramen (Bay & Dundas)

www.yelp.ca/biz/kenzo-ramen-toronto

Kinton Ramen (Baldwin near Beverly)

kintonramen.com

Momofuku Noodle Bar (Fancy. Expensive. University & Adelaide)

momofuku.com/toronto/noodle-bar-to

Santouka Hokkaido Ramen (Dundas & Church)

www.yelp.ca/biz/santouka-toronto-2

Sansotei Ramen (Dundas & Bay)

www.yelp.ca/biz/sansotei-ramen-toronto-2

Raijin Ramen (Gerrard & Yonge)

www.yelp.ca/biz/raijin-ramen-toronto

STORES

J-Town (Steeles, west of Victoria Park)

Complex of several different Japanese stores including grocery, butcher, and restaurants

www.jtown.ca/NewStuff/index-e.htm

Sanko (Queen, west of Bathurst)

Japanese grocery store

www.toronto-sanko.com/en

Things Japanese (Harbord & Spadina)

Shop stocking Japanese cultural items

www.thingsjapanese.ca

Asian Supermarkets: Toronto is host to a number of Asian supermarket chains, like PAT, T&T, and Sunny's, which tend to carry some Japanese products/foods.

OTHER

Okonomi House (Charles & Bay)

www.yelp.ca/biz/okonomi-house-restaurant-toronto

Ontario Spring Water Sake Company (Distillery District)

ontariosake.com

Ryoji (Okinawan Ramen & Izakaya)

<http://www.yelp.ca/biz/ramen-and-izakaya-ryoji-toronto>

Soba Canada (Tuesday evenings by reservation at Ichiriki Restaurant)

www.sobacanada.com