

The History of Yokohama Chinatown

In 1859, after the port of Yokohama was opened to international trade, Western merchants began to come to Yokohama. They brought with them Chinese assistants to act as interpreters to facilitate their negotiations with the Japanese. The Chinese played the role of middlemen in the tea and silk trade as interpreters, money exchangers etc.

In those days, the Chinese also took jobs as chefs (cooking knife, tailors (scissors), and barbers (haircutting scissors), known to be San ba dao (meaning "the three knives"). However, the overseas Chinese who founded today's Chinatown were predominantly involved in the restaurant business.

The Chinese lived in one of the districts of the Foreigner's Residence Area (Gaikokujin kyoryuchi) and built there a theater, a Chinese resident's association, and the Kanteibyō (a shrine dedicated to the popular deity Kan-tei). They suffered greatly in the course of events such as First Sino-Japanese War (1894-95), the Great Kanto Earthquake(1923) and WW II, and their survival is to this day a testament to their hard work and co-operation.

In 1955, the Chinese residents built a gate called the Zenrin-mon(meaning "the Good Neighbor Gate") and the words Chuka-gai (meaning "Chinatown") were first carved on this gate. Since then, Chuka-gai became the name of the town replacing the former name of Nankin-machi (meaning "Nanjing town"). Since then, more and more paiou (or Chinese-style arches) have been built, and four gates constructed to the south, east, north and west. Each gate is dedicated to separate deity, and it is said that these deities continually bestow their blessings on Chinatown.

Chinatown occupies an area of 500 square meters. Today, not only Chinese but also Japanese own shops and live in this area and they are able to co-exist harmoniously in a multinational community. The development of Yokohama Chinatown has been based on a spirit of mutual friendship and the culture of traditional China, and the result has been to create an attractive and cozy town for visitors as well as the residents.

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Yokohama Chinatown's Annual Events 2021

Table of annual events from Jan to Dec, including Shunsetsu Toka, Spring Festival Countdown, Chinese Lantern Pavilion, Maso-sai Festival, Maso-tan, Yokohama Dragon Boat Race, Dragon Boat Festival, Ryoen-sai, Guandi-tan Festival, Yokohama Sparkling Twilight, National Day of the People's Republic of China, Maso Ascension Day, World Fest Yokohama, 14th Gourmet Festival, 2022 Shunsetsu Toka Lighting Ceremony, and New Year's Countdown.

ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT RESTAURANT

List of 26 all-you-can-eat restaurants with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

SNACKS-SOUVENIRS

List of 25 snack and souvenir shops with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

TUNG FAT NEW PASTRY SHOP

List of 6 pastries from Tung Fat New Pastry Shop.

CHINESE GROCERY-CHINESE TEA

List of 11 Chinese grocery and tea shops with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

RESTAURANT-BAR KARAOKE-JAPANESE FOOD

List of 17 restaurants, bars, karaoke spots, and Japanese food places with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

CLOTHING-SUNDRIES-TRADITIONAL CRAFT GIFTS

List of 22 clothing, sundries, and traditional craft gift shops with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

SIGHTSEEING-ENTERTAINMENT-TEMPLE

List of 17 sightseeing, entertainment, and temple spots with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

CHINESE RESTAURANT

List of 49 Chinese restaurants with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

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HOTEL

List of 7 hotels with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

CAFE-BAKERY

List of 22 cafes and bakeries with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

FRESH PRODUCE

List of 4 fresh produce shops with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

HOROSCOPE-FORTUNE-TELLING

List of 7 horoscope and fortune-telling spots with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

List of 15 relaxation spots with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

RELAXATION SPOT

List of 10 relaxation spots with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

PARKING SPACE

List of 6 parking spaces with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

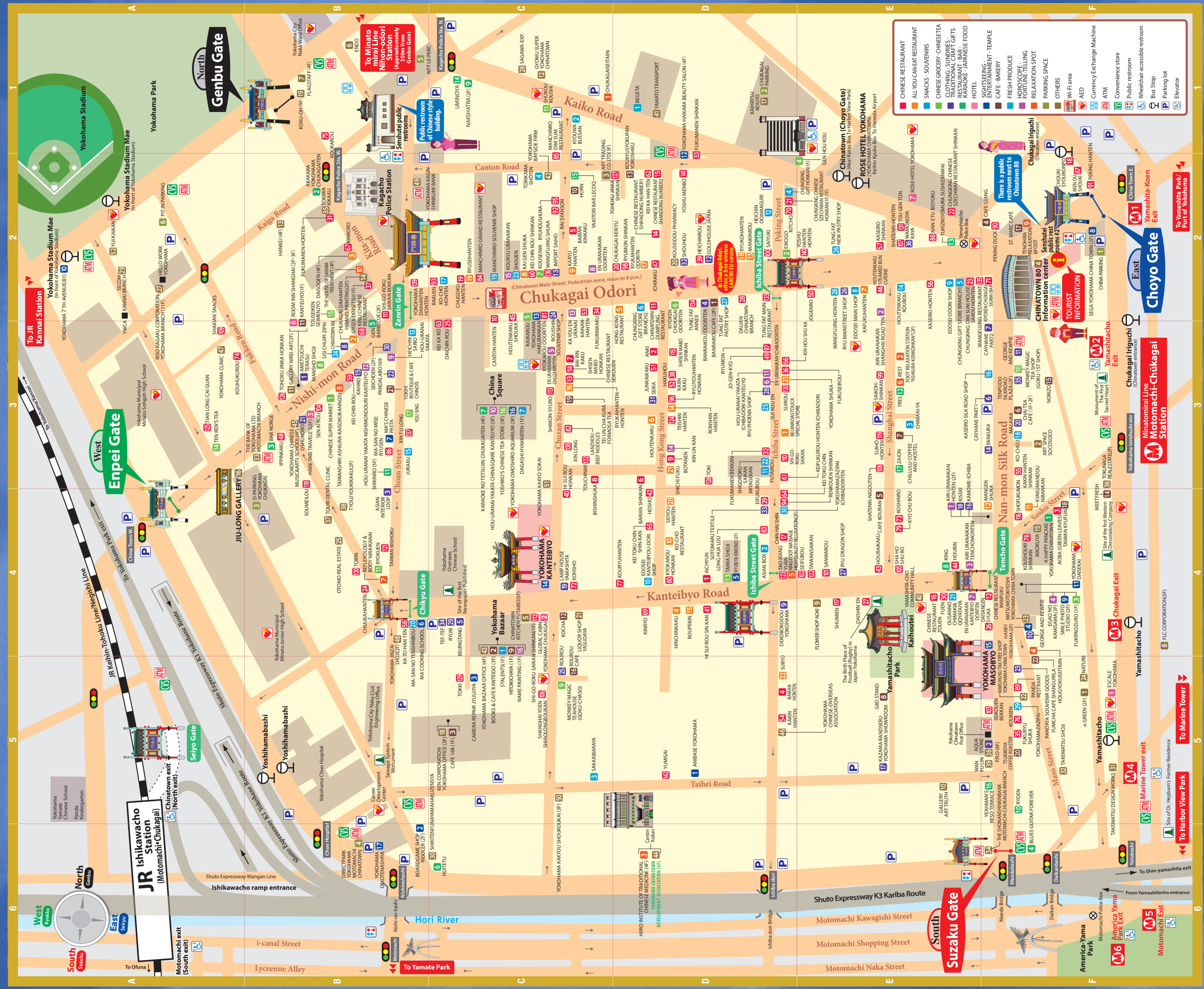
OTHERS

List of 10 other services with names, addresses, and phone numbers.

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The stores listed on this map are members of the Yokohama Chinatown Development Association.

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YOKOHAMA 1-DAY TICKET
LEIYU
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Let's Enjoy GOPLAY!

PREMIUM MALTS
SUNTORY
大和ハウスグループ

清水建設
SHIMIZU CORPORATION
子どもたちに贈れることを。

DAIWA HOUSE
大和ハウスグループ

ハグアクリッド・フーズ
株式会社ハグア

三井不動産
MITSUBI FUDOSAN
人を、想う力。街を、想う力。

KIRIN Ichibori Shibori
You must be over 20 years of age to consume alcohol.

ソフトバンク
情報革命で人々を幸せに

コロッケドール
七海堂

ソフトバンク
進化したスーパードライ
史上最高のつまみ。"DRY"

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