



Looking back to Edo Times

OKOJUKKEN GAWA, KIYOSUMI GARDEN & FUKAWA EDO MUSEUM

WHEN September 11. Deadline for registration: August 31.

WHAT This tour will take place in a part of Tokyo which was like Venice in Edo Times. We will ride in the traditional WASEN boat, enjoy lunch in the famous tea house in Kiyosumi Garden and visit a life-size replica of a typical village in Edo.

WHY Today's streets were canals and everything necessary for living was delivered by WASEN boats. The famous MITSUKOSHI Department store received their silk kimonos via those WASEN merchant ships. In a similar way wood material for houses travelled... Kiyosumi Garden was one of several residential sites belonging to YATARO IWASAKI, the founder of MITSUKOSHI Department store. His incredible wealth enabled him to build this beautiful, landscaped garden with many different stones and rocks coming from all over Japan. His grandson later adjusted the ceiling of the Ryotei (SUKIYA Style) from Japanese size to the height of taller foreigners just to host one dinner! The small Japanese wooden structure hangs halfway above a small lake. There we will have the opportunity to have a bento lunch in an airy space surrounded on three sides by water and enjoy the fabulous, landscaped garden.

WHERE We will meet at TOYOCHO subway station, east exit No. 4 and walk for about 30 minutes to the WASEN TOMO NO KAI pier. The way goes partly through an interesting new flood mitigation and park developments along the beautiful canal side of YOKOJUKKEN GAWA. After a short ride on a WASEN boat, we will proceed by foot along the canal and via taxi to KIYOSUMI GARDEN. After lunch, we will walk a few minutes to FUKAGAWA EDO museum, to get an idea about the scale of houses and settlements in EDO times for average people. Our tour will end latest at 15:00. Please be prepared with comfortable walking shoes.

MEETING TIME: 9:00

PLACE: TOYOCHO Subway station, east exit No. 4

FEE for all expenses including lunch: ¥5000 CWAJ

members, ¥ 6000 guests

Proceeds will benefit CWAJ's Scholarship Fund

Please bring the exact amount in an envelope with your name on the day of the excursion.

RESERVATION Until August 31. Send names and addresses to

<mailto:k-iwamura@mwb.biglobe.ne.jp>

We must provide this list for the WASEN Boat ride.

Further details will be given upon registration.

CANCELATIONS: only be accepted until a week in advance, September 3.

