

# Yokohama Private Guided Tour “Yokohama Origins Tour”



Home to Yokohama Port, one of Japan's earliest international trading gateways, Yokohama is a city shaped by encounters with the West. On this tour, a former history teacher and long-time resident Glenn Scoggins guides you in English through the historic waterfront district, where landmarks, old buildings and carefully planned bayside spaces still tell the story of the port's dramatic opening to the world after more than 200 years of national isolation in the 17th–19th centuries.

Drawing on nearly 50 years in Yokohama and his background as a history teacher, Glenn shows how the city evolved and engaged with Western powers, weaving in episodes that place you at the scene of the opening era. His deep love of Yokohama and distinctive storytelling creates an immersive sense of time and place, offering perspectives on modern Japanese history that are especially resonant for guests from Europe and North America. The depth he brings to his guiding is shaped by both his decades living in the city and his continued engagement with the community through writing, public talks, and volunteer work.

## Exclusive programs

- Yokohama Archives of History—A charming museum near Yamashita Park offering a brief, engaging overview of Yokohama's early history
- Yamashita Park & Chinatown—Stroll along Yamashita Park overlooking Tokyo Bay, enjoy flowers and the lively park atmosphere, learn about its history and, time permitting, visit nearby Chinatown.
- Sankeien Gardens—A unique garden capturing Japanese culture amid Western influence, from its garden aesthetic to traditional architecture.



## Information

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