

Discover Your favorite Giant Trees!

Meiji Jingu

100 years of Dream of Ancestors



Many people come to Meiji Jingu every year for pray. The park is not only a center of religion, but is also a habitat for many animals, including goshawk. It is covered by forest rich in nature, and loved by people seeking rest.

This forest was created artificially roughly a century ago. The idea was to create a forest that suits for this specific place, with a vision over 100 years. In Meiji Jingu, even single leaf is not discarded, but is returned to the forest, where it belongs.

Visit and experience the wisdom of the our ancestors that we have inherited over the past century.

【Access】

- 1min. From Harajuku Sta. (JR)
- 3min. From Sanfubashi Sta. (ODAKYU Line)
- 5min. From Yoyogi Sta. (JR)



goshawk

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Avenue with 200 trees!
Japanese Zelkova
(*Zelkova serrata*)
Trunk girth 302cm
Height 15m
Est. Age 60 years



Starting from JR Harajuku Station, you can see an avenue with over 200 planted Japanese zelkova (*Zelkova serrata*) that lead from Omotesando Station to Meiji Jingu. At the end of this avenue, there stands a Japanese zelkova.

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Looks like feet of an octopus
Camphor Tree
(*Cinnamomum camphora*)
Trunk girth 703cm
Height 25m
Est. Age 100 years



This camphor tree (*Cinnamomum camphora*) died back when it was a young tree, but new shoots formed this uniquely shaped tree. The tree is popular among visitors for its octopus-like feet. It is a surprise that this tree became this big in less than 100 years.

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Witness of Meiji Jingu
Oriental Elm
(*Aphananthe aspera*)
Trunk girth 575cm
Height 25m
Est. Age 300 years



This old oriental elm (*Aphananthe aspera*) has survived since before the forest was planted. This tree seems like this tree have formed from two trees. Although one has unfortunately died, the other continues to grow vigorously.

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Watching over the Avenue
Ginkgo
(*Ginkgo biloba*)
Trunk girth 337cm
Height 24m
Est. Age Unknown



An avenue lined with ginkgo trees (*Ginkgo biloba*) from the North gate to Gaien (outer precinct) is a well known attraction. At the north end of the avenue stands a giant tree that watches over visitors.

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Beautiful shape
Konara Oak
(*Quercus serrata*)
Trunk girth 474cm
Height 15m
Est. Age Unknown



An outstanding Konara oak (*Quercus serrata*), with a broad crown, stands in the garden near the West Gate. This oak has the third stoutest trunk in the Tokyo region. Near this giant tree, you can see other large oaks growing.

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Wife and Husband
Camphor Trees
(*Cinnamomum camphora*)
Trunk girth 366/317cm
Height 17m
Est. Age 100 years



This looks like one well shaped tree, but in fact consists of two camphor trees (*Cinnamomum camphora*). This couple was planted in 1920, and remains popular among visitors as the symbol of peace between couples and families.

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