

# Tokyo's Gay Scene

Tokyo main gay bar scene is located in Shinjuku Ni-chome (District 2). In fact, Ni-chome is home to hundreds of bars, clubs and cafés. Some venues limit access to Japanese only; others have policies based on specific themes. This is not an exhaustive list, nor have we personally verified these listings. For more complete information visit: [www.travelgayasia.com/destination/gay-japan/](http://www.travelgayasia.com/destination/gay-japan/)

## Bars

**AiiRO Café** <http://aliving.net/aiirocafe/>

1F Tenka Bldg, 2-18-1 Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan, 160-0022

Revamped AiiRO Café (formerly 'Advocates Café') is the hottest street corner gay café & bar in Shinjuku. Originally opened in 2000 by the GM of ageHa gay nightclub. Lively, welcoming atmosphere with very diverse crowd. A great place to start your evening, enjoy the scene and make new friends. Gets busy on the weekend with customers spilling onto the street. There is a big Japanese Shrine Gate, Torii on the entrance.

**weekday:** 18:00 - 02:00 **weekend:** 18:00 - 05:00 / 00:00

**venue:** bar | **customers:** LGBT mixed | **attracts:** all types

**Bar Blacknude** <https://blacknude.jp/>

1/F, 2-15-12 Shinjuku, Tokyo, Japan, 160-0022

Small gay bar with karaoke in Shinjuku Ni-chome. Foreigners are welcome. Muscular staff, fun and friendly atmosphere. Cover charge of ¥2,000 includes one drink (second drink ¥800). Closed on Mondays.

**weekday:** Tue-Fri 20:00 - 01:00 **weekend:** 20:00 - 01:00

**venue:** bar | **features:** bar, music, karaoke | **customers:** mostly gay

**Dragon MEN** <https://www.facebook.com/dragonmentokyo>

2-11-4 NAGASAKI STORK BLD 1F SHINJUKU TOKYO, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Dragon MEN is one of the most famous gay clubs in Tokyo. It draws a mixed crowd of ex-pats, foreigners, and locals, basically anyone who is looking to have a few cocktails and get down on the dance floor. The very scantily clad and cute staff definitely add to the popularity of this place.

**EAGLE Tokyo** <https://www.eagletokyo.com/>

2-11-2 Shinjuku, Tokyo, 160-0022

Tokyo's new international gay bar, located in Shinjuku Ni-chome gay district. EAGLE Tokyo welcomes everyone to enjoy drinks made by handsome bearish staff. The bar offers a relaxed 'Brooklyn style' atmosphere for listening to chill-out music and conversing with the locals and other international friends. Just a 3-minute walk away from its other gay bar Leo Lounge. From Shinjuku Station, take the East Exit. Nearest station: Shinjuku San-chome (Exit C8)

**weekday:** 18:00 - 01:00 **weekend:** 18:00 - 05:00

**venue:** bar | **features:** bar, music | **customers:** gay

**Shibuya 246** <https://www.shibuya246gaybar.com/>

4/F Shimizu Bldg, 2-7-4 Dogenzaka, Shibuya, Tokyo

Shibuya 246 serves a range of beverages including wine, whiskey, cocktails, sake in a cozy, relaxed atmosphere. Free WiFi available. Located a one-minute walk from Shibuya Station West.

**weekday:** 19:00 - 02:00 **weekend:** 19:00 - 02:00 / 00:00

**venue:** bar | **features:** bar, free wi-fi | **customers:** mixed | **attracts:** all types

## Dance Clubs

**AiSOTOPE Lounge** <https://aisotope-lounge.net/>

2-12-16 Shinjuku, Tokyo

One of Shinjuku's larger gay clubs with two dance floors. Hosts regular events and themed parties including men-only nights with dark room and cruising. Drinks are quite strong – not that we're complaining. Check the website for current schedule.

**venue:** dance club | **features:** bar, music, dancing, dark room | **customers:** gay

**Arty Farty** <https://www.artyfarty.jp/>

2F Kyutei Bldg, #33, 2-11-7 Shinjuku, Tokyo

Arty Farty has a large bar, dance floor and fun crowd. The Staff speak Japanese, but the menu is foreigner-friendly. Packed on weekends, The club hosts special events on occasions. Drinks are reasonably priced, and you can get your hand stamped for free entry to The Annex.

**weekday:** 20:00 - 04:00 **weekend:** 20:00 - 05:00

**venue:** dance club | **features:** bar, music, dancing | **customers:** gay | **attracts:** all types

## Saunas and Cruise Clubs

**24 Kaikan Shinjuku** <http://www.juno.dti.ne.jp/~kazuo24/shinnyuku/shinnyuku.htm>

2 Chome-13-1 Shinjuku, Shinjuku City, Tokyo 160-0022, Japan

This is part of the gay onsen chain called 24 Kaikan, targeted more to cruising than traditional onsen. Spread out over 8 different floors there's a dry sauna, steam room, jacuzzi, solarium, video room, private cabins, snack room and lockers. It's also one of the most popular cruising spots for gay men in Tokyo, so if you're looking for a hook-up, this is the right place! This branch of 24 Kaikan usually attracts a mixed crowd of internationals and Japanese, on the young to middle-age range. Open 24/7

**JIN-YA** <https://gaysauna.jp/en/venue/show/jinya>

2 Chome-30-19 Ikebukuro, Toshima, Tokyo

Compact-sized gay sauna in Ikebukuro area and probably the most foreigner-friendly sauna in Tokyo. JIN-YA has 4 common play areas and a video room that are very active late at night. Other facilities include a dry sauna, communal baths (with varying temperatures), and a rooftop nude area. Popular with foreigners and Japanese men who are into foreigners.

From Ikebukuro Station, take Exit C1, then walk straight four blocks and you will see the Jin-Ya sign on an electric post. Just follow the sign. Nearest station: Ikebukuro (Exit C1)

**features** sauna, relaxing cabins, sun terrace, dark room, jacuzzi / hot pool

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**Glory Hole Bar** <http://www.gloryholebar.com/en/>

2F Kamimura Bldg, 2-2-4 Ueno, Taito, Tokyo

Men-only gay cruise club & bar in Tokyo, with a back room and glory holes, welcoming men of all types. Guys between the ages of 20's and 50's are especially welcome. Even if you're not there for the holes, you can enjoy the fun & friendly bar (open 1am-12am)

**weekday:** 13:00 - 00:00 **weekend:** 13:00 - 00:00

**venue:** cruise/fetish | **features:** bar, cafe, dark room | **customers:** gay

**GB-Hunks** <https://joooint.com/en/shops/309-GB-HUNKS>

4F, Rikamu-8 Bldg, 2-29-6 Nakano, Tokyo,

GB-hunks is a gay cruise club in Tokyo, targeting muscular men. There's a dark room, maze, private cabins, shower facilities. Check the website for weekly themed events. 20+ only.

**weekday:** 15:00 - 01:00 **weekend:** 15:00 - 05:00

**venue:** cruise/fetish | **features:** maze, relaxing cabins, dark room | **customers:** gay