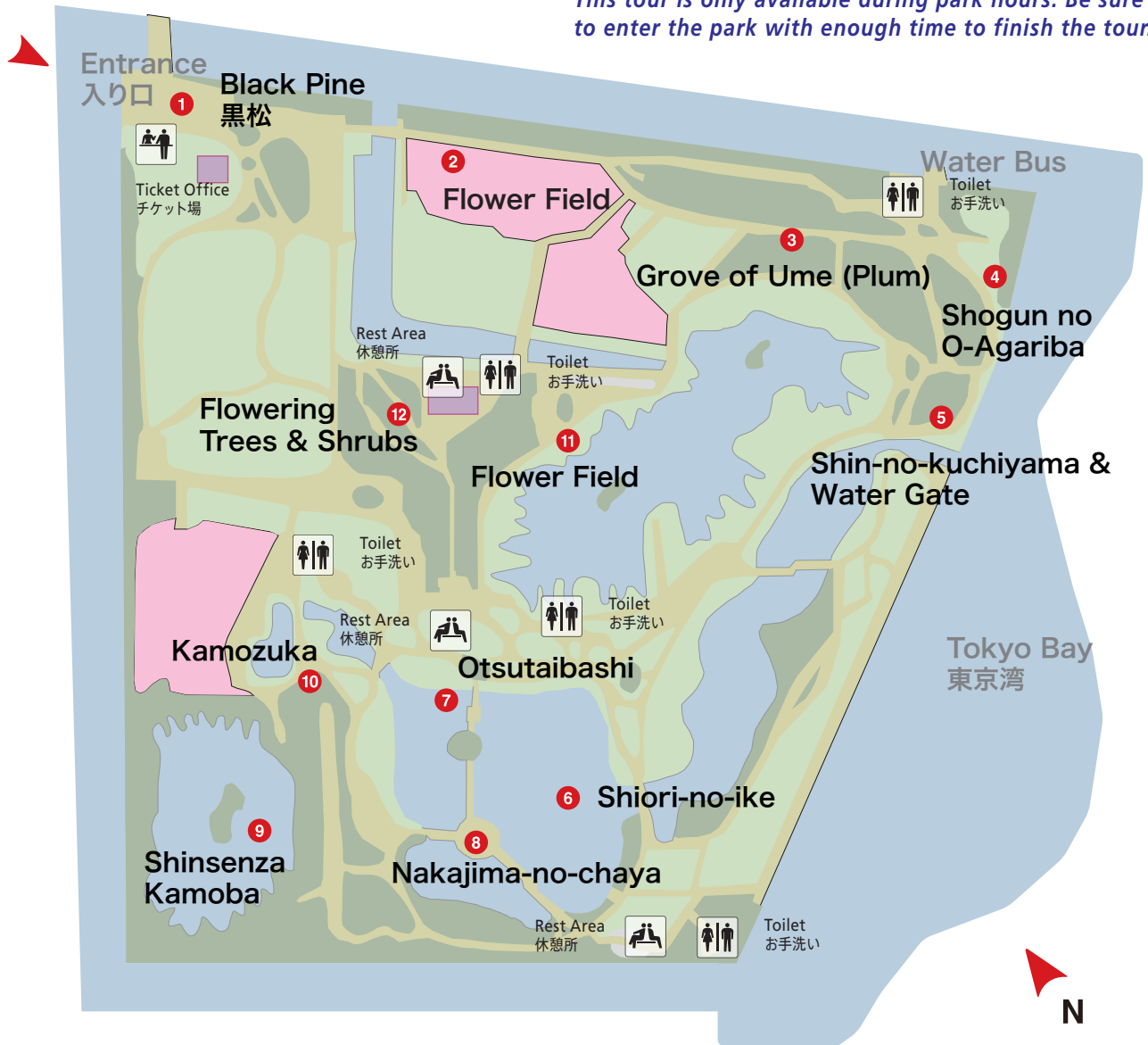




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INTRODUCTION

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Hama Rikyu is located near the mouth of the Sumida River. The garden is divided into two major sections. The southern garden was originally a villa providing accommodation for feudal lords during the 17th to 19th centuries when they stayed in Edo (present day Tokyo). The northern garden was built later. The southern garden has a garden with a tidal pond and its scenery varies with the ebb and flow of the tide. Originally this area was the hunting grounds of the shogun who ruled Japan at that time. In 1654 land was reclaimed from the sea and a villa was built here. It was from here that the shogun would go boating. These days the garden has a jetty used by a waterbus service connecting to Asakusa.

1-1 Hama-Rikyu Teien, Chuo-ku, Tokyo; Admission Fee ¥300, 65+ ¥150; Closed: Dec 29 to Jan 1; Hours: 9:00 - 17:00 (No entry after 16:30); Contact: 03-3541-0200; The gardens are a 10 minute walk from JR Shimbashi Station (Yamanote Line and Keihin Tohoku Line).

