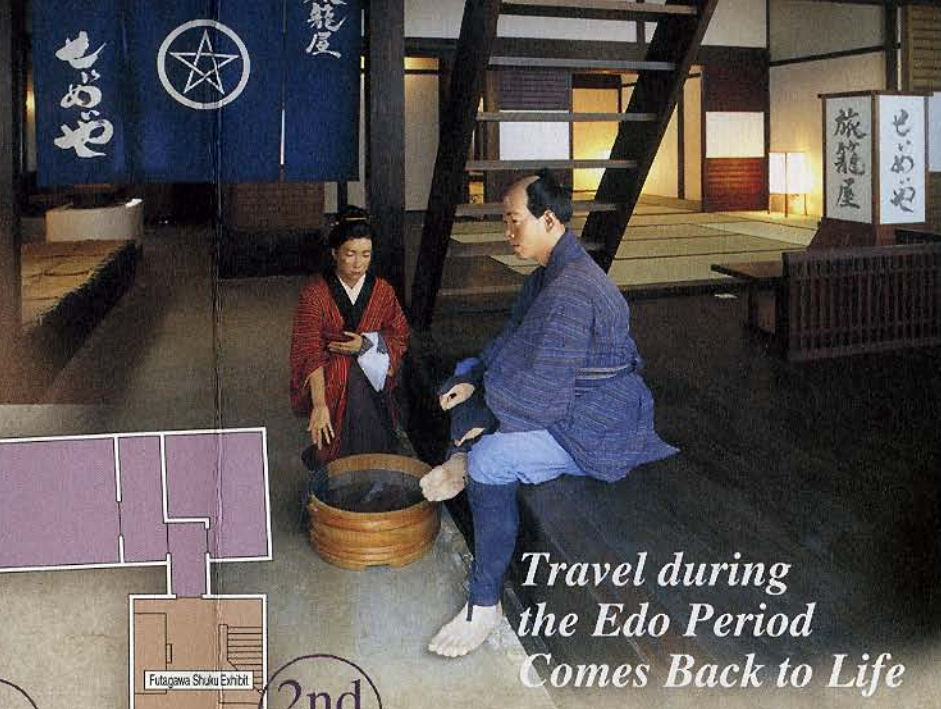
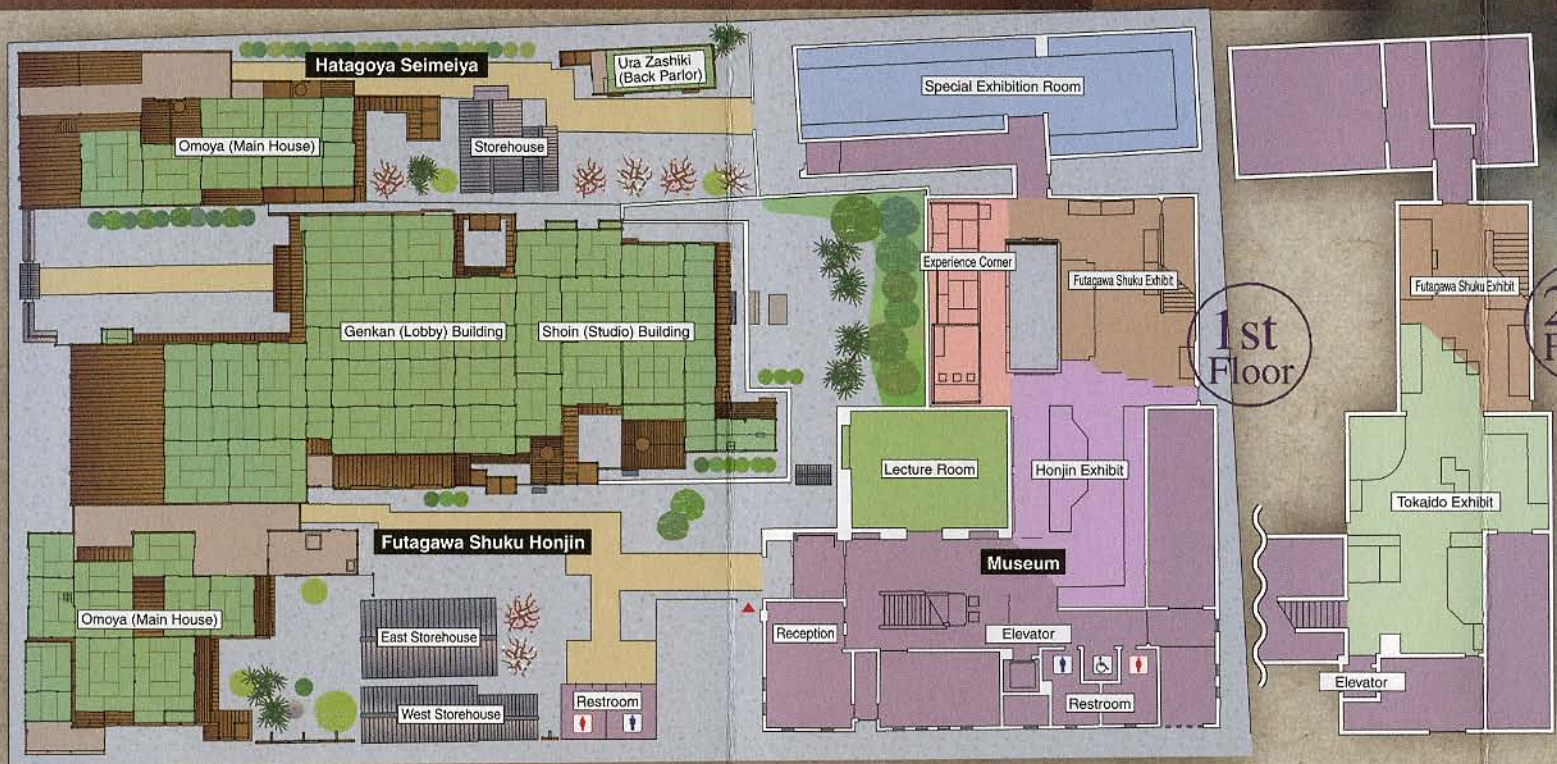


# Futagawa Shuku Honjin Museum

This museum was opened in August 1991 in the historically and culturally valuable Futagawa Honjin. In April 2005, the inn "Seimeiya" was opened to the public as a center for lectures, special exhibitions and studies of local culture and early travel. Three permanent exhibits: Tokaido, Futagawa Shuku and Honjin allow visitors to get a sense of what life was like in the Edo period and to learn about the facilities themselves and the Daimyogyoretsu (a procession of feudal lords traveling to or from Edo). At the 1st Floor Experience Corner visitors can try their hand at Ukiyoe Printing and the traditional game Sugoroku; further deepening their Edo period experience.

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## Inn for Commoners Hatagoya "Seimeiya"

Hatagoya "Seimeiya", located east of the Honjin, was built in 1817. The building is in the typical style of the inn construction of that period with an Omoya (main house), Tsugi-no-ma (intermediate room), and Oku-zashiki (innermost room for special guests). Renovations began in 2002 were based on existing floor plans from the late Edo period.

## Inn for Lords Futagawa Shuku Honjin

Of the original 53 Honjin (inns where lords, nobility and aristocrats stayed while traveling to and from Edo) only two remain. Futagawa Shuku Honjin is one of the remaining structures. It was owned and operated by the Baba family, which occupied the post of Honjin host from 1807 to 1870, until the abolition of the Honjin lodging in the Meiji Era. During the approximately 60 years of management by the Baba family, buildings were added and reconstructed several times. In 1855, the site was expanded to its peak size of 233.5 tsubo (1 tsubo = approx. 3.3m<sup>2</sup>). The Honjin still stands as it was, displaying the atmosphere of the Edo period.

