

Homes for America / Tokyo

MWR Tokyo Recreational Lodging (Hardy Barracks)
Tokyo Recreational Lodging has a total of 22 suites.

Following items are provided in the guest rooms.

- Towels
- Coffee maker with free coffee & tea
- Televisions in the living room and bed room
- Refrigerators
- Microwave ovens
- Air conditioner
- Amenities such as shampoo & soap
- Free continental breakfast is available from 7-9:30 a.m. every day in the lobby.

Tokyo Recreational Lodging has a free laundry room for our guests. The washing machine and dryers are free of charge. (We have a vending machine for soap).

Room Rates
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On Leave
TDY/PCS/Contractor
Suite (22)

\$59
\$75

Restrictions

In accordance with status of U.S Armed forces access to Hardy Barracks MWR Tokyo Recreational Lodging will not be granted to:

- DOD civilians without Overseas/MWR privileges indicated on ID card.
- A contractor is anyone on invitational travel orders, not otherwise authorized the use of government quarters.

Dated but so peaceful and accommodating

The property is very dated and no frills but the price and kindness of the staff can't be beat. So much space and so affordable. We would stay again.

If you have non-military family, there is the pain of having to sign them in and out every time you leave but we adjusted and the process wasn't too bad.

Overall, we were happy here. You may not like it if you're used to more upscale amenities.

The location is also another fabulous bonus. Be sure to check out the restaurants in Midtown Tokyo, about 10 minutes walk. Also, the Roppongi Hills shopping district and movie theater is within walking distance. Two metro stations also within walking distance. Great experience.

A great lodging for people with access to U.S. military facilities.

Hardy Barracks offers well-found two-room suites at ridiculously low rates for that part of Tokyo. Although those rates have doubled over the past decade or so, they're still a fantastic bargain for what you get: free TV, good internet access, modern bathroom, microwave, small fridge, free DIY laundry, good a/c, friendly front staff and daily room maid service. The free "continental breakfast" is pretty basic and becomes boring after a few days, but it will fuel you each morning until you're ready for a real meal at one of the hundreds of nearby restaurants. The building and sleeping quarters are old, and the maintenance could be better. Can't beat it, though, if you have military privileges and want a very inexpensive and comfortable place to stay during a short or extended visit in an upscale part of Tokyo.

Hardy!

Not the easiest place to find or give directions to a taxi driver, but a great deal for military members--- and it's right in the heart of Tokyo...Roppongi. Location location! Don't expect a luxury hotel or services, but do not over look this one if you are fortunate to have military privileges to use it!

I am down with Hardy Barracks

I am so glad I got the right ID to get in. Sure the place is a bit dated - well maybe more than a bit. For the life of me, I really can't think of anything else negative to say about this place. My suite was clean and certainly larger then the rooms in the hotels I've stayed in. I think all the rooms they have here are suites. If location is everything, you've hit the sweet spot in Rappongi. They also got a pretty nice size NEX Mini Mart in the next building. Best part of this place is the staff. Everyone I met is first of all super fluent in English and most importantly, extremely friendly. I had some great conversations with everyone at the front desk. This place is like home.

Not a good fit for our family

Even though the price is right, this was not a pleasant, enjoyable experience for me. From the front door of the barracks to the room itself, everything was extremely outdated. The office staff was not pleasant nor did she care to provide any extra information. The walls are very thin and we could hear people walking in the hallway carrying on a normal conversation and could hear every word. The beds are old and not comfortable, the bedding dates back to the 80's. The carpet was old and the furniture was cheap and old. If it were just my husband staying there, it would have been fine but for our family it wasn't a good fit. We ended up getting a night at the New Sanno unexpectedly and we were thrilled. Sorry to be so negative but that was our experience.

Nice and easy

If you're a military family, you'll appreciate the access Hardy offers -- minutes from anywhere downtown. Front desk is incredibly helpful. The rooms are comfortable, clean and affordable. It's a 5 min hike to Nogizaka or Roppongi -- from there, Tokyo is your oyster. For my money -- better than the Sanno.

Centrally located and cheap - but SMELLY!

This hotel had so, SO many pluses. So many that I'm giving it a 4-star even though our room smelled really bad. The place was totally booked though, and they couldn't give us another room. The hotel provided us with fabreeze and we bought scented candles to tide us over. No way we were getting another place in as good of an area even close to this price. Also, the place was so spacious (suite style - living room, bathroom, bedroom). The decor was drab and there were minimal English TV channels. But we were in Tokyo to explore, so the lack of TV and the smell ensured we saw all that the city (rather than the hotel room) had to offer.

US Military ID required--good location--good value

Stayed from 15 to 16 June 2012. The property is only available to US Military ID card holders, certain DOD Civilians, and their registered guests. The eligibility rules are very specific, so you should check their website prior to making reservations. Single vehicle / pedestrian gate is manned 24hr/day by armed Japanese security guards, and you must show US Military ID to enter the installation. Registered guests need to be escorted and present picture ID--preferably one that shows their nationality.

From 0700 to 0930, a continental breakfast is offered to guests at the 2nd floor lobby. It consisted of bread, bagels, pastries, muffins, coffee, milk, and juice. All of the employees I saw on the property, exchanged e-mails and phone calls with were very friendly and professional.

There is plenty of free parking which is a very valuable commodity in Tokyo. On the first floor, there is an ATM that dispenses US\$ and Japanese Yen, and several vending machines. Approximately 200 yards away, there is a small Navy Exchange (NEX) Mini Mart with a large convenience store assortment, and it even sells gasoline. NEX hours are 1000 to 1800, but it is closed on Thursdays and Sundays.

With a couple of exceptions, HB is a very quiet location. We witnessed the landing and departure of a Navy Blackhawk Helicopter at the nearby helipad. Did not hear any street noise, but noises from the other rooms can clearly be heard in the hallways thru the doors (not the walls)--normal talking, TV, and other activities.

Being adjacent to a popular nightlife area, and its relative inexpensive cost, it is very popular with young, single military members on Friday and Saturday nights. That being said, it is my opinion that this property (on weekends) may not be the best for families with children. On Saturday at approximately 0600, I left my room and the couple next door could clearly be heard enjoying each other's company--squeaky bed, and both of them loudly moaning. I ignored it. Returned about 20 minutes later, it was still going on, and I ignored it again. At about 0700, I exited my room, and at the same time I heard my neighbor's door open (source of the noises). Normally, I would have just nodded a greeting and walked on, but it was a naked Japanese woman. She did not see me and began to squat in the hallway in front of her door. As I passed by, I asked her if everything was OK. She replied that she was OK, knocked on her door and was let back into her room. In the exact spot she was squatting was a fresh pool of liquid on the carpet, so it is a safe assumption that she was relieving herself.

Could not allow that behavior to continue, so I visited the lobby on the second floor, but the employee must have stepped away. Returned to my room with the intention of calling the front gate guards, but I delayed my call. In my absence, a hand written note had been slipped under my door that said: "Too bad you didn't enjoy as much. Maybe next time?" That is rather passive aggressive statement. Did not want a confrontation because I was traveling with my wife and her friend.

A couple of hours later, the same couple started up their activities again. By that time, my wife and friend had departed, I called the front desk to report the noises and my hallway encounter, and they replied that they would investigate. Even after the fact, it was important to report because the occupant's chain of command should be alerted to address the incident. Did not share what I heard or witnessed with my wife and her friend because they enjoyed their stay and nothing would have been gained.

If I believed the woman was in danger or she indicated she needed help when I spoke to her, I would have handled the situation very differently. Going to chalk this up to young people, possibly intoxicated, making bad decisions. Am only sharing this experience because it is very consistent with similar first-hand accounts about HB shared by friends and co-workers. They mentioned encountering intoxicated guests, being disturbed by loud partying, etc.

Hopefully, my hallway experience was an absolute exception, but I will give it a second thought before staying here again with others. If asked about HB, I will just direct the person to read TripAdvisor and recommend asking others for their opinions. Without this experience, I would have rated 5 out of 5.

At present, there are seven U.S. military facilities including Yokota Air Base in Tokyo. The total area of the facilities is approximately 1,602 hectares (3,967 acres).

Yokota Air Base(Tachikawa City, Akishima City, FussaCity, Musashimurayama City, Hamura City and Mizuho Town)

A transportation base with a 3,350-meter (11,000-foot) runway. Home to the headquarters of the U.S. Forces Japan, the Fifth Air Force and the 374th Airlift Wing.

Fuchu Communication Station(Fuchu City)
A communications relay facility with a 107-meter (350-foot) communications tower.

Owada Communication Site(Kiyose City, etc.)
A communication facility with numbers of antenna towers.

Tama Service Annex(Tama City and Inagi City)
Recreation facilities for U.S. military personnel and their families. Equipped with a golf course, camping site, outdoor sport facilities, etc.

New Sanno U.S. Forces Center(Minato-ku)
A facility used for lodging and conferences. Meetings of the Japan-U.S. Joint Committee are held in this facility.

Iwo-jima Communication Site(Ogasawara Village)
The communication function of this facility is not used currently. Since 1991, Night Landing Practice has been conducted at this site several times a year.

Akasaka Press Center
MWR Tokyo Recreational Lodging is a facility of the United States Army, located in the Roppongi area of Minato, Tokyo.

The facility occupies 3.1 hectares of land in central Tokyo. It houses the Tokyo offices of Stars and Stripes, the Tokyo division of the Office of Naval Research, and the Hardy Barracks, an accommodation facility for military personnel. The base also houses a helipad and gasoline pump.

The site was previously the base of the 3rd Infantry Regiment, 1st Division, Imperial Japanese Army, one of the units involved in the February 26 Incident of 1936. The unit was sent to Manchuria later that year, and the site then housed units of the Imperial Guard through the end of World War II. The United States military took over the entire site in 1945.

A large portion of the facility was returned to Japan in 1962 and used by the University of Tokyo Institute of Industrial Science until 2001; this area is now occupied by The National Art Center, Tokyo and the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies.

There has been organized local opposition to the facility since 1967, and both the Tokyo metropolitan assembly and Minato municipal assembly have unanimously resolved to request that the facility be removed.

The facility is located near other US government installations in central Tokyo including the United States Embassy (2.5 km to the northeast) and the New Sanno Hotel (2.2 km to the south).