

**Japan National Tourist Organization London Office**  
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**Learn Samurai Sword Fighting from Kill Bill  
Choreographer**

The growing popularity of Experience Tokyo's programmes has prompted them to add two more experiences to their collection - Samurai Sword Action and Discover the Secret of Soba Making from a Sobalier.

**Samurai Sword Action**

You will learn sword fighting performance from a group of experts led by Tetsuro Shimaguchi, who choreographed the swordfight scene in a snowy garden in "Kill Bill: Volume One," and also played the role of Crazy 88 (Miki) in the film.

First, you will learn basic movements, such as drawing, posing with, and swinging a sword. Then, you will see breathtaking choreographed sword fighting performed by your instructors before practicing it yourself. The group will divide into those who play the role of winners and those playing the role of losers to practice choreographed sword fighting in pairs. You will be videotaped, so that you can check your performance. At the end of this program, you will change into kimono and *hakama* (traditional skirt-like clothing).

Program Outline

- \* Guided by an English-speaking certified guide/interpreter
- \* Price : 12,000 yen / £51 / €73 (Adults and Children 6-11 years old)
- \* Participants : 2-10 people
- \* Dates : Sundays (Twice a month)

\* Scheduled duration: 2.5 hours

\* Place : Tokyo

### **Discover the Secret of Soba Making from a Sobalier**

From soba making to how to eat it, you will learn about this Japanese noodle from an expert called Edo sobalier. The taste of soba is altered by the way you eat it. Through this programme you will learn facts about soba, while learning how to prepare soba noodles. The tour will take you to "Soba Shonin," a soba restaurant where they teach how to prepare soba to those who want to be professionals. You will learn step by step from kneading buckwheat flour to boiling the noodles you make. You will taste what you have prepared after learning how to eat soba noodles from an Edo sobalier.

### **Who are Edo sobaliers?**

They are certified Edo-soba experts who have taken an Edo sobalier course.

### **Program Outline**

\* Guided by an English-speaking certified tour guide/interpreter

\* Price: 15,000 yen / £63 / €91 (6 years or older)

\* Participants: 2-6 people

\* Dates: Saturdays

\* Time: 13:00 – 15:30

\* Scheduled duration: 2 1/2 hours

\* Meeting Place: Asakusa Station, Tokyo Metro Ginza Line

\* Place: "Soba Shonin" in Asakusa, Tokyo

\* Subway: Toei – Asakusa Line

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For full details please visit <http://j-experience.com>

All Tokyo Experiences can be booked via their website or by contacting ViaJapan on 020 7484 3328 or [www.viajapan.co.uk](http://www.viajapan.co.uk).

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