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Tokyo: the constantly evolving megapolis of Japan. There are places in this urban complex that satisfy your thirst for an authentic cultural experience.

Those places are called "*ryokans*".

The atmosphere of harmony, tranquility and hospitality at *ryokans* will offer you relaxing moments, the experience of everyday life in Japan.

This pocketbook will introduce you to the charms of *ryokans* and its surrounding neighborhoods through the perspectives of six *ryokan* owners. The owners have shared with us special information on their beloved neighborhoods with tips to get the fullest out of your *ryokan* experience. Please use this pocketbook as a travel diary as well to collect memorable moments from your trip.

We hope that your time at *ryokans* will make your Tokyo experience an unforgettable one.

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#TIMELESS__RYOKAN *in* TOKYO



浅草三河屋本店

ASAKUSA MIKAWAYA HONTEN

A Taste of Nostalgia: Discovering Edo Residues in Central Asakusa

Asakusa, one of the most renowned spots in Japan, has a profound history. Sensoji Temple, the oldest temple in Tokyo, was established in the year 628. On top of the regular tourist spots, there are charming aspects of Asakusa that are only revealed to those who stay the night in the neighborhood.

The *ryokan* Mikawaya is located right next to Nakamise, the main street of Sensoji Temple. The traditional Japanese rooms furnished with *tatami* flooring overlook Skytree and Nakamise. One of the perks of staying in Asakusa overnight is that you can see the unoccupied neighborhood.

The owner is Chikako Tobita-san. She is the eldest among her three sisters and started working here at the age of 25. Mikawaya was

founded by Chikako-san's great grandmother. Chikako-san was born and raised in Asakusa, and many of her childhood friends run businesses here in her hometown. Although Asakusa is a vibrant tourist destination, the district manages to maintain its village feel through the strong bond between the locals and their community-oriented approach to tourism.

Asakusa not only has several sight-seeing spots and restaurants, but also has great accessibility to both Narita and Haneda airports by train. There are many repeater guests at Mikawaya and some of them even keep in touch with Tobita-san on social media.

It is Tobita-san's friendly personality and great hospitality that have the guests coming back to Mikawaya for an at-home experience.



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Asakusa has a unique culture as a historical suburb of Tokyo, filled with empathy and bonding. As a local, I can guide you through the unknown spots off the regular tourist trail.

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We highly recommend the room with a Skytree view. The passion of Nakamise visitors gently float into the room. Please enjoy the luxury of seeing the transition of atmosphere at Sensoji Temple through time. At dawn, early birds pray at Sensoji Temple, and a mystical air lurks after dark.

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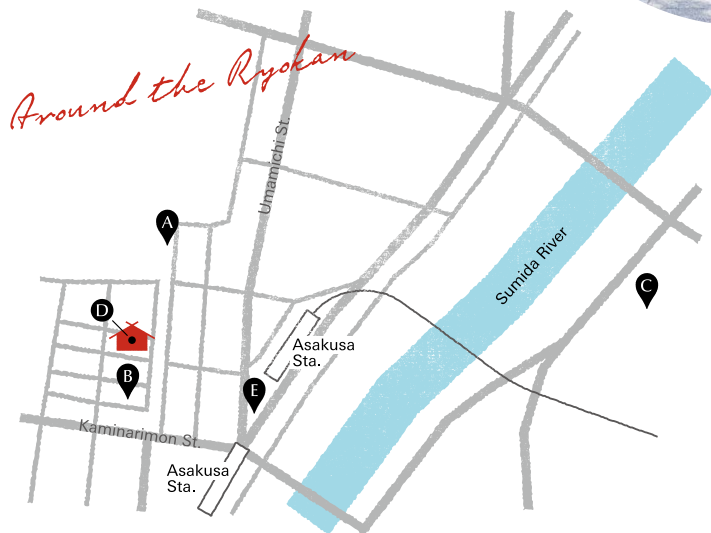
WARABIYA

わらびや

#giftshop #lanterns #toys

Warabiya, a souvenir shop on Nakamise Shopping Street. The shop, which sells character goods and traditional Japanese lanterns called *cho-chin*, is known for its friendly staff who are happy to help fix customers' *yukatas* if they have become loose.

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B

KAMINARIMON OSUGI

雷門 おすぎ

#okonomiyaki #monja
#japanesepancakes



On the second floor of a building 30 seconds away from Kaminarimon, there is a hidden restaurant, Osugi, which serves *okonomiyaki*, the Japanese equivalent of pizza. Grab a quick bite here before you go for a stroll around Nakamise.

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D

SUMIDAGAWA FIREWORKS FESTIVAL

隅田川花火大会

#fireworks #summer #river



The Sumidagawa fireworks festival symbolizes summer in Tokyo. The guests at Mikawayaya can see the fireworks from the *ryokan* rooftop, away from the crowds on the streets. The view of the fireworks against the night sky with the cityscape of Asakusa is a chic Tokyo experience.

*Seen from the rooftop of Mikawayaya

*Last Saturday of July
www.sumidagawa-hanabi.com

C

ALONG THE SUMIDA RIVER

隅田川

#sumidariver #walks #breeze



Tobita-san frequently takes walks along the Sumida River. "It tends to be really busy around Sensoji, but once you take a short walk away, the sky becomes broader and fresh air breezes in." Beautiful cherry blossoms bloom in spring. A recommended location if you are worn out from the bustle.

Around 1-2-5 Mukojima, Sumida-Ku, Tokyo 131-0033
*Shirahige Shrine to Sumida Park

E

ASAKUSA UNDERGROUND STREET

浅草地下街

#underground #food #street



A nostalgic underground street in Asakusa. You can find retro bars, soba noodle restaurants, as well as Thai and Vietnamese cuisine. "It's worth venturing out and exploring the retro street." Use Exit 8 near Matsuya Asakusa to get there.

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行燈旅館

ANDON RYOKAN

Tokyo's First Boutique Hotel: Modern Architecture Merging with Nostalgia

Tourists hoping to encounter the 'genuine' Japanese culture come to Andon Ryokan in Minowa. The owner, Toshiko Ishii-san, believed that the *ryokan*-style accommodation would help her share the beauty of Japanese culture with foreign tourists. Andon Ryokan, established as the first boutique hotel in Tokyo in 2003, is run by Toshiko-san and her son and daughter. Andon Ryokan is aesthetic yet practical; its interiors are authentically Japanese, while convenience for foreign tourists remains a high priority.

The charm of Andon Ryokan does not end in its architecture. Andon Ryokan also offers cultural experiences for its guests including traditional tea ceremonies and flower arrangement lessons. Toshiko-san's commitment to creating

well-designed spaces as well as organizing cultural events reflect her passion to entertain her guests. Toshiko-san is happy to cook home-made Japanese dishes for her guests, as well as guide them to the best local spots.

Minowa might not be the most famous place in Tokyo. However, with its shopping arcades and the only tram in the metropolis, it is a nostalgic town with an atmosphere reminiscent of the Edo period. If you are seeking to get the feel of good old Tokyo, Minowa is the place for you.

Minowa has a lot of hidden spots that are not yet featured in guidebooks or on the internet. Staying in this town is like a treasure hunt, unearthing some of the unknown gems of Tokyo. Andon Ryokan will be the best base for your Tokyo exploration.

#minowa #andonryokan #jacuzzi



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Tokyo is the safest tourist destination in the world. I hope the guests will get to see what I love so much about this neighborhood.

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Strolling around Andon Ryokan to appreciate Toshiko-san's antique collection is another fun way to spend your afternoon. The Kyushu *Arita-yaki* tiles painted by Mie Ishii at the jacuzzi bath is a must-see. A local shopping arcade, Joyful Minowa, is around the corner from the Minowa tram station. A simple walk around the neighborhood is entertaining enough to keep you absorbed for a few hours.

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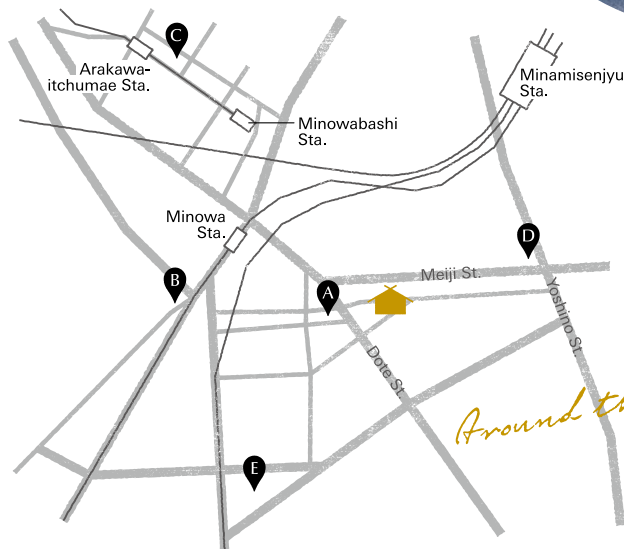
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A
HINODE-YU
日の出湯

#sento #spa #publicbath

A local public bath Hinode-Yu, established nearly 90 years ago. "The marvelous tiled roof miraculously survived the war, astonishing every person visiting this place. The warm scent of the bath will naturally calm you down and revive your energy from the long trip."

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B
KINTAROAME
HONTEN
金太郎飴本店

#candy #kintaro #sweettooth

The origin of *kintaroame*, and its delicious, somewhat nostalgic taste has won itself a lot of fans over the last 10 years. "The various colorful designs are great for souvenirs."

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www.kintarou.co.jp



C
SAKAI FOODS
さかい食品

#gyoza #fastfood #quickbite

A dumpling shop at the retro shopping arcade, Joyful Minowa. The dumplings are crispy on the outside, and juicy on the inside. The affordable price of only 300 yen for 8 dumplings is the key to their popularity. "It is the beloved soul food of Minowa locals."

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D
BAMBOO & NATURAL
HANDMADE PRODUCTS
ICHIKAWA STORE
暮らしの竹かご屋
市川商店

#basket #bamboo #craftsmanship

Ichikawa Store is a basket maker founded 112 years ago. The owner sells beautiful baskets he encountered from all over Japan and the world. "I use bamboo soba sieve." "A lot of people are fans of Ichikawa Store's good quality baskets that are sold at affordable prices."

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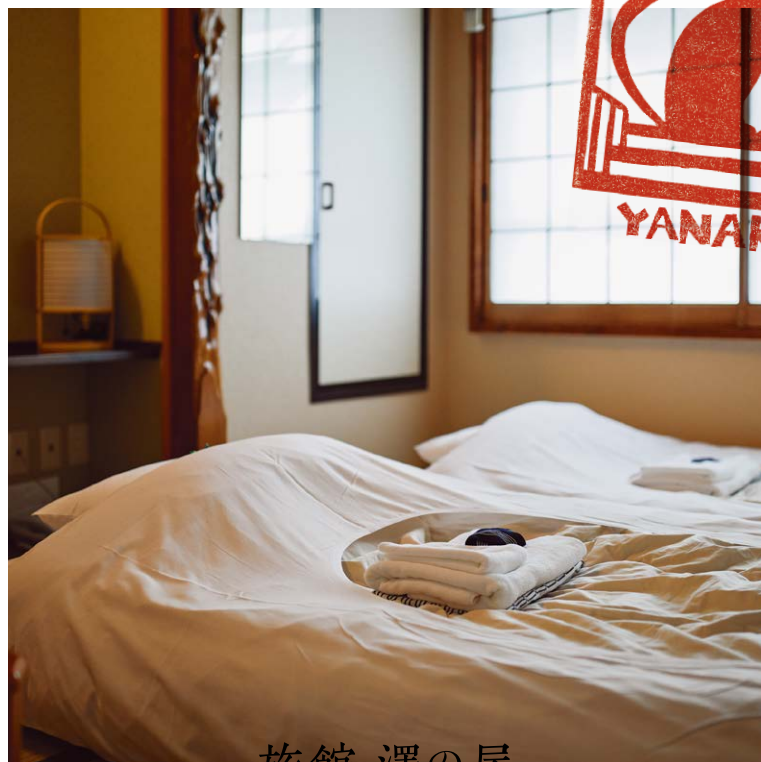
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TOBI-FUDO
TEMPLE
SHOBOIN
正宝院飛不動

#temple #goodluck #charms

As the deity of aircraft safety, many visitors come to pray for safe air travel. It is a great opportunity to say a prayer at the end of the trip to guarantee a safe flight back home. "I buy an amulet here every year."

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tobifudo.jp





#yanaka #sawanoya #familyryokan

旅館 澤の屋

RYOKAN SAWANOYA

A Cozy Ryokan Beloved by Travelers from Worldwide

Sawanoya is a historical *ryokan* established in 1949. The owner, Isao Sawa-san, is now 82 years old, but is as enthusiastic about the *ryokan* as ever. In the 1970s, *ryokans* lost many customers traveling for work due to the rise of business hotels. This was the turning point for Sawanoya to welcome foreign visitors. The owner was unsure as to whether foreign tourists would feel comfortable staying at a traditional Japanese inn where they have to sleep on *tatami* mat floors. However, when Sawanoya was introduced in brochures sent to embassies overseas, it attained much attention from foreigners looking for an authentic Japanese experience. Sawanoya is now introduced in internationally-renowned guidebooks, and has guests visiting from all over the world. Isao-san

is known for making *ryokans* comfortable places for foreign travelers, and he hopes that they can stay in Tokyo as though they are local residents. Sawanoya only serves breakfast. Isao-san wants the guests to dine out and explore the nostalgic neighborhoods.

70 years have passed since Sawanoya's opening. The owner told us a story about a backpacker from 10 years ago who came back recently, this time with his family. The heartwarming family-owned business makes people want to come back and reunite with the Sawa family, and visitors feel like they are a part of the Sawanoya history as well. "I want the guests to love Japan", says the owner. There is no doubt that Sawanoya will continue to provide a sense of comfort for its guests with its home-like atmosphere.

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Yanaka can offer you off-the-tourist-trail experiences that will allow you to get immersed into Japan's culture and local lifestyle. We hope you'll feel at home in our hometown.

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The owner, Isao Sawa-san, and his wife, son, and daughter in law will welcome the guests. Sawanoya is one of the few authentic Japanese *ryokans* remaining in Tokyo. From the brisk Yanaka Ginza Shopping Arcade to the photogenic Yuyake-Dandan, Yanaka is full of interesting checkpoints for a stroll.

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**ASAKURA MUSEUM
 OF SCULPTURE**

朝倉彫塑館

#museum #meiji #showa

The former atelier and residence of Sculptor Fumio Asakura. This museum passes on his marvelous art pieces, where visitors are exposed to architecture influenced by both Japanese and Western cultures. "Photography is prohibited inside, so please visit and appreciate the beauty with your own eyes."

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www.taitocity.net/zaidan/asakura



B
NEZU SHRINE
 根津神社

#nezushrine #edo #torii



It is said to be a shrine established by Yamato Takeru, the hero of Japanese myths. It survived numerous catastrophes in history, so it is said to bring you prosperity and good luck in love. "The torii corridor in Otome-Inari shrine, which is on the same premises, is a must-see."

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D
MATSUYOSHI
 松好

#yakitori #skewer #kamameshi



Matsuyoshi is Sawa-san's favorite *yakitori* and *kamameshi* restaurant. "My recommendation is rice with yakitori. The half-cooked egg goes well with the dish. Gomoku Kamameshi, made with in-season ingredients, is a masterpiece. I always struggle to decide which dish to order!"

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C
IMOJIN
 芋甚

#desserts #anmitsu #retro



A Japanese sweets cafe located only 2 minutes away from Sawanoya. "The cream anmitsu is a dessert with homemade ice cream and lots of brown sugar syrup. The ice cream monaka is also a popular to-go dessert."

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 Instagram @imojin.nezu

E
**HIMALAYA
 CEDAR TREE**
 ヒマラヤ杉

#deodarcedar #100years #history



The tall Himalaya cedar tree is one of the iconic symbols of Yanaka. Typically grown in a pot, the tree took root and grew naturally becoming the brilliant tree it is today. "Its existence and majesty are almost as if it was a forest. The spot is popular for photos as well."

1-6-15 Yanaka, Taito-Ku, Tokyo 110-0001





上野ファーストシティホテル

UENO FIRST CITY HOTEL

A Ryokan in Ueno; the Historical and Artistic Hub of Tokyo

Ueno is a classic spot to visit for Tokyo tourists. Historical sites, Ueno Zoo and the National Museum of Nature and Science are a few of the numerous attractions in Ueno. Ueno First City Hotel, located in the heart of Ueno, has a deep history. The great grandfather of the current owner, Toshiyuki Noritake-san, came to Tokyo with his family and ran a barber shop, and it was his grandfather who started a *ryokan* business. Ueno First City Hotel was renovated to be more Western, when business hotels became popular and *ryokans* were considered out of date.

However, Toshiyuki-san's father wanted to promote the Japanese way of living, so he kept some of the rooms with *tatami* mat flooring untouched. The way the hotel represents the

meeting of the Western and Japanese lifestyles, combined with warm hospitality provided by Kobayashi san and his family are what attracts foreign tourists to Ueno First City Hotel.

Ueno First City Hotel is not only close to Ueno and Okachimachi, but is also close to Akihabara. It is an ideal base to access various parts of Tokyo. "Ueno has a big park, a zoo, and museums. It is a rare sight to have so much going on in such a small area," says Toshiyuki-san. Go for a morning stroll around Shinobazu pond, explore the museums during the afternoon, and finish your day with savory broiled pork and a drink at Ameyoko for dinner. The range of tourist attractions in Ueno is endless; enjoy the neighborhood to the fullest by staying in Ueno overnight.

#ueno #firstcityhotel #hawaiianstyle



The rooms with the *tatami* mat flooring are the most popular. The mystical Yakuyu-Inari Shrine is located just next to the hotel. Also just around the corner are Shinobazu Pond, Ueno Park, and Yushima Tenjin Shrine which worships the god of academics Michizane Sugawara.



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Please take time to stroll the traditional yet innovative neighborhood of Ueno.

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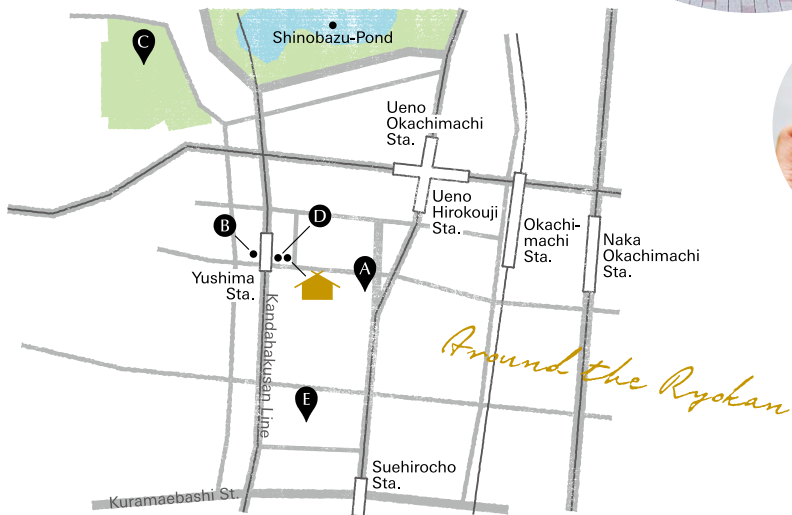
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A
USAGIYA
うさぎや

#rabbit #dorayaki #pancakes

Usagiya is always filled with customers, serving delicious *dorayaki*, a cake with sweet beans inside. "The rabbit-like packaging and soft cake with mashed beans can only be enjoyed here." *Dorayaki* are sold until 4pm, after which time they are available by pre-order.

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B
SZECHUAN TANTANMEN AUN
四川担々麵 阿咩
[湯島本店]

#noodles #spicy #peppery



A *tantanmen* restaurant located only a minute away from the hotel. The no-soup *tantanmen* is recommended. "It is popular among spicy food lovers. You can add rice to the soup at the end to enjoy every bit of the meal."

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D
YAKYU INARI SHRINE
箭弓稲荷神社

#shrine #tokugawa #fox



A small shrine right beside Ueno First City Hotel. A mystical ginkgo tree stands by the gate, where the fox that is said to be God's servant, awaits. "The third shogun of the Edo period, Iemitsu Tokugawa, always paid a visit here before embarking to Ueno. This shrine is a secretly historical location."

1-14-1 Ueno, Taito-Ku, Tokyo 110-0005

C
KYU-IWASAKI-TEI GARDENS
旧岩崎邸庭園

#garden #josiahconder #iwasakiclan



The former residence of the founder of Mitsubishi Group, built in 1896. It adopts the 17th century Jacobean style, Islamic design, and traditional Japanese housing. "The house is marvelous. Volunteer guides are occasionally there to give you a better understanding of the place."

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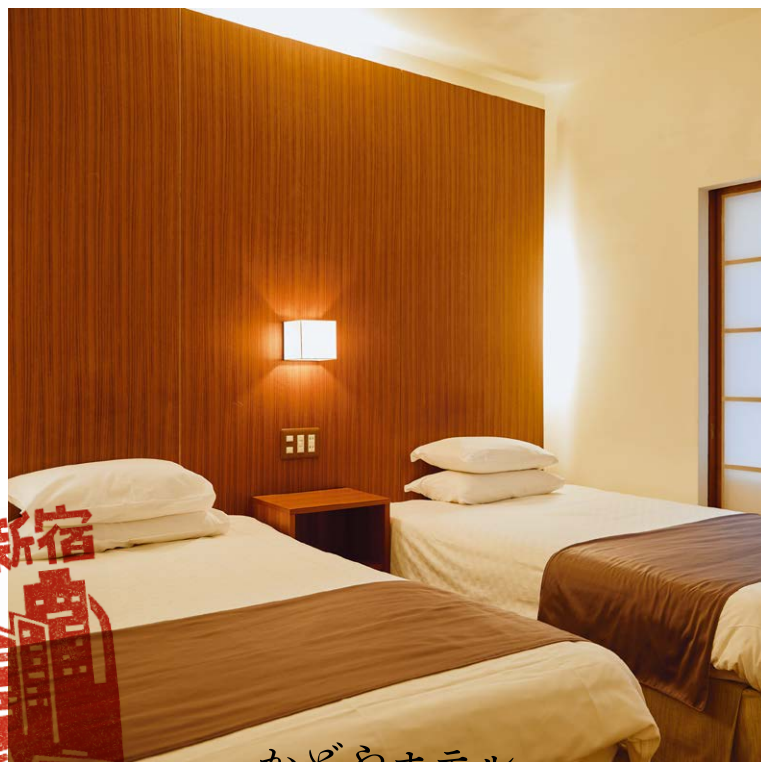
#exhibition #workshop #arts



An art center utilizing the former Rensei Junior High School houses art galleries, offices, and cafes. 3331 Arts Chiyoda plays host to exhibitions, workshops and lectures, offering a space for cultural activities. "There is an abundance of exciting projects happening here."

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#shinjuku #kadoyahotel #qualitypillows



かどやホテル

KADOYA HOTEL

70 Years of Watching Over West Shinjuku: Hospitality at its Finest

A three minute walk from Shinjuku station, through the vivid electronics store jungle stands Kadoya Hotel, established in 1949. As an active business district, this hotel has office workers as their guests, while simultaneously being a hub for tourists visiting Shinjuku. Staying in Shinjuku has become synonymous with staying at Kadoya Hotel for many people because of their excellent services.

"A good night's sleep for the weary travelers." The owner Tsukasa Takekawa-san initiated a service to select the right height and softness of the pillow according to each guest's preference. This service was initially for Japanese guests, but has since become popular among foreign tourists as well. Kadoya Hotel also allows you to select the type of bed as well as the type

of breakfast. "Hotels should provide a sense of comfort for their guests," Takekawa-san said.

Shinjuku station is the busiest station in the world. There are tall office buildings on the west side of Shinjuku, the metropolitan government building being the most iconic. While Shinjuku is famous for its nightlife spots such as Kabukicho and Golden Gai, the west side of Shinjuku has become increasingly artsy, hosting outdoor cinemas at a central park, summer art festivals and opening new museums. Several areas have been used to film Tokyo-based movies, and serves as the starting point of the renowned Tokyo Marathon. The station is also under revolutionary construction. West Shinjuku is and will always be a must-visit attraction for those who visit Tokyo.



You can have breakfast at the cozy cafe on the first floor. There are several restaurants serving popular everyday meals near Yodobashi Camera. Take a stroll around the neighborhood and find the 'LOVE' sculpture by Robert Indiana. The free observatory at the metropolitan government building provides a view of the marvelous city.



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Shinjuku is constantly evolving, revealing new spectacular sites each time you visit.

We hope the *ryokan* provides you comfort and relaxation to ensure you make the most of your trip.

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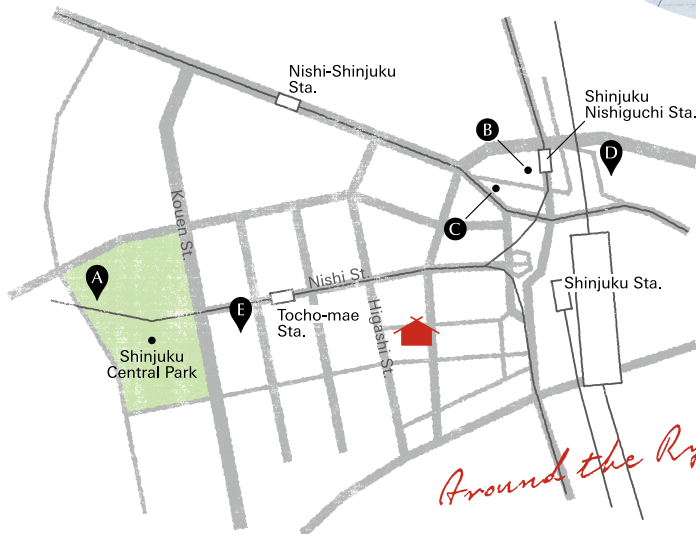
KUMANO SHRINE

熊野神社

#shrine #crows #muromachi

Through the skyscrapers of Nishi-Shinjuku, Kumano Shrine is silently located amid Central park. Its symbol, the 3-legged mythical raven *yatagarasu*, is even depicted on the emblem of the national soccer team. "It is said to represent good fortune that leads to victory."

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Around the Ryokan

B

VAGABOND

バガボンド

#bar #jazz #fishandchips



A jazz bar established in 1976. "Once you open the door, the 70's is in the air, giving you a sense of comfort and nostalgia. It has always been popular among hip people." The piano is played from 7, 8, 9pm, 30 minutes each. The charge is only 500 yen.

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+81-3-3348-9109
www.vagabond-shinjuku.com

D

OKADAYA

オカダヤ

#materials #cloth #crafting



Established in 1927, Okadaya specializes in hand-made fabrics. Its wide-ranging materials not only satisfies amateur hobbyists, but also professional artists. "Even if you are not interested in hand-craft, simply looking at the materials is already entertaining."

3-23-17 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-Ku, Tokyo 160-0022
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C

TENKANE

天兼

#deepfried #seafood #veggies



Tenkane, a long-established *tempura* restaurant in Shinjuku, opened in 1903. Sit at a counter spot to see how the fresh, in-season ingredients are cooked; it is a visually entertaining experience as well. "Enjoy the best *tempura* here."

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E

TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT BUILDING OBSERVATION ROOM

都庁展望室

#observatory #deck #nightview



The night view from the observatory of the Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building is iconic. There is no entrance fee, and it is open until 11pm. "Those who want to see the night view away from crowds should visit at late hours."

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#ochanomizu #shoryukan #mikoshi

お茶の水ホテル 昇龍館

OCHANOMIZU HOTEL SHORYUKAN

The New Traditional; a Modern Take on a Classic Ryokan

Jimbocho, famous for Kanda Myojin Shrine and its antiquarian bookstores, and Ochanomizu, renowned for its sports and music shops, are two of the most cultural districts of Tokyo. The two areas, located near each other, are popular among office workers and students, with plenty of casual and nostalgic restaurants and cafes.

In Ochanomizu, the hip yet accessible neighborhood, there is Shoryukan. The *ryokan* only had 3 rooms when it was founded in 1950, but now has 10. The architecture is modern due to the renovation conducted 10 years ago, but even so, the interior design is predominantly Japanese, welcoming guests to experience a traditional atmosphere. In addition to the traditional Japanese-style rooms, the large public bath and the common room with a selection of mangas and a

massage chair help the guests feel relaxed. The hotel is not built along the main street, meaning your stay will be peaceful and tranquil.

The owner, Daisuke Kobayashi-san, hasn't taken a day off in 10 years. Why? Because "working at the *ryokan* is fun." Kobayashi-san enjoys interacting with guests, offering them hospitable services. Shoryukan has had the same people working as staff for the last ten years, so the repeater guests feel at home to see familiar faces when returning to the *ryokan*. Daisuke-san was raised in Ochanomizu, therefore he is more than fond of the area.

His contribution goes beyond Shoryukan, being the executive of the town council and the Ryokan Association, as he puts effort into improving the town.



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As a local, I can assure you that Ochanomizu has an indescribable coziness. I hope you have a relaxing time here.

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Ochanomizu is accessible to Jimbocho as well as Kanda, and you can enjoy looking through musical instrument stores and antiquarian bookstores. A *mikoshi*, said to be God's vehicle, is displayed at the hotel entrance.



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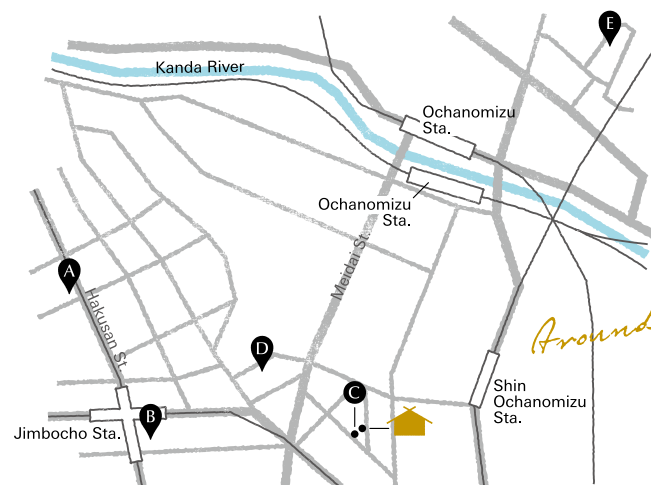
A
OKUNO KARUTA
CARDS SHOP

奥野かるた店

#karuta #shogi #play

A game shop selling cards and board games from Japan and overseas, such as Shogi, Karuta, and standard playing cards. "The charming playing cards made by the renowned woodprint artist Sumio Kawakami is great for souvenirs."

2-26 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 101-0051
+81-3-3264-8031
www.okunokaruta.com



B
SABOURU 2
さぼる2

#cafe #retro #italian



Nostalgic Japanese cafe representing this business and academic city. Sabouru mainly serves drinks, and Sabouru 2 serves meals as well. "My recommendation is the large size pasta at Sabouru 2. The affordable price and quantity make you want to come back for more."

1-11 Kanda-Jimbocho, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 101-0051
+81-3-3291-8405

D
VILLAGE
VANGUARD
OCHANOMIZU
ヴィレッジヴァンガード
[お茶の水店]

#funky #toys #books



This shop sells various interesting books and items, making it a playful book store. The Ochanomizu branch has an interesting architectural design. "The spiral staircase will lead you to a secret base."

B1 Floor, ILUSA Building, 3-14-3,
Kanda-Ogawamachi, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 101-0052
+81-3-5281-5535
www.village-v.co.jp/shop/detail/649

C
JAZZ OLYMPUS!
ジャズ オリンパス!

#jazz #vinyls #bar



A jazz cafe/bar located on the 1st floor of the hotel. The owner has a large collection of vinyls; 3,000 and counting. "Enjoy a lovely cup of coffee with jazz music the owner adores."

1st Floor, Ochanomizu Hotel Shoryukan, 3-24,
Kanda-Ogawamachi, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 101-0052
+81-3-3259-0055
jazz-olympus.com

E
KANDA MYOJIN
SHRINE
神田明神

#shrine #edo #shishimai



This shrine is a place dear to Kobayashi-san's heart since it is where he had his wedding. The historical Kanda Festival, held at this shrine, is one of the biggest festivals of Tokyo, beloved by locals. "The Mikoshi displayed at the hotel is actually used at the festival."

2-16-2 Soto-Kanda, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 101-0021
+81-3-3254-0753
www.kandamyoujin.or.jp
*Kanda Festival is held every May



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Ryokan cherishes nostalgic Japanese customs and items.

Spend your time in Japan like a true local by getting yourself familiar with good old traditions.

浴衣 • YU KA TA

A casual Kimono

Yukata are ready for you in your room. Use it after the bath, or as pajamas.

風呂 • FU RO

Bath: A great way to relax from your long trip

Please wash your body before entering the tub. The hot bath is waiting to relax you.

草履 • ZO RI

Traditional footwear

In Japan where you are expected to take your shoes off indoors, these Japanese sandals come in handy when you need to quickly run to the shops across the street from your *ryokan*.

和室 • WA SHI TSU

Rooms with *tatami* mats as flooring

Tatami is made from straw and rush grass, and is typically found in traditional Japanese homes. *Tatami* flooring creates a space both soothing and calming.

布団 • FU TO N

A Japanese bed

The *futon* will have been made for you by the time you arrive back to your room at the end of the day. It's one of the unique hospitable services of *ryokans*.

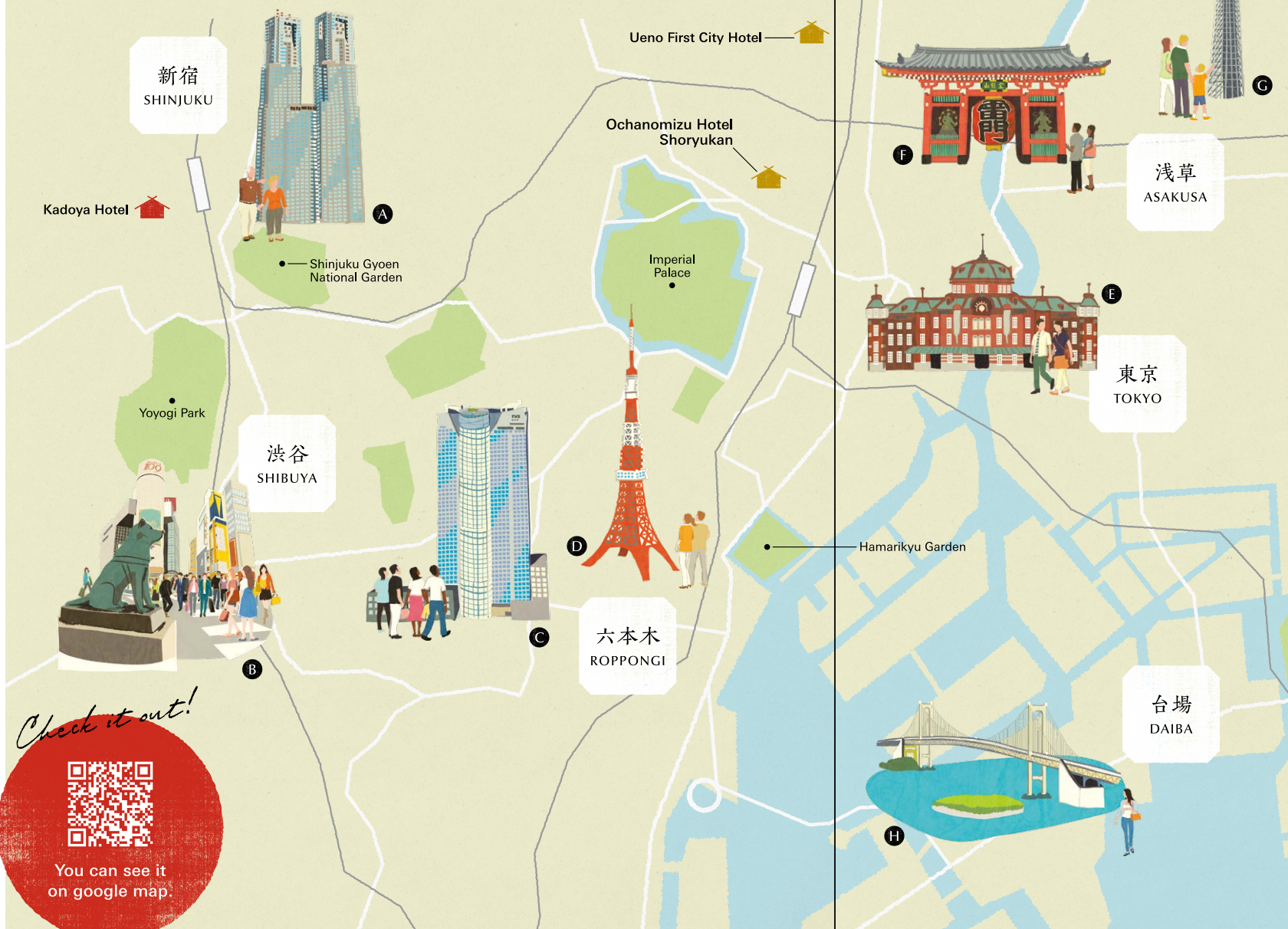
お辞儀 • O JI GI

Bow: a sign of respect

Lightly leaning forward is the sincere way of greeting and showing gratitude in Japan.

RYOKANS & LANDMARKS OF TOKYO

This map gives an overview of the *ryokans* introduced in this pocketbook. Please scan the QR codes to see the places marked on Google Map.



A TOKYO METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT BUILDING

東京都庁

The political center of Tokyo. The 45th floor of both towers have a free observatory, revealing the neon lights of the city.

B SHIBUYA CROSSING

スクランブル交差点

More than a thousand pedestrians cross this Shibuya landmark. You've never been more excited for a traffic light to turn green.

C ROPPONGI HILLS

六本木ヒルズ

The symbolic complex of Roppongi. The sophisticated shops, restaurants, and art museum will guarantee a luxurious experience.

D TOKYO TOWER

東京タワー

The tower holds a special place in the hearts of Tokyo residents since 1958. It is lit up in orange lights at night.

E TOKYO STATION

東京駅

Established in 1914. The contrasting view of the modern-looking skyscrapers and nostalgic station building is photo-worthy.

F SENSOJI TEMPLE

浅草寺

The oldest temple in Tokyo. Strolling through the red lantern and Kaminarimon Gate, unique souvenirs are awaiting at Nakamise.

G TOKYO SKYTREE

東京スカイツリー

Inside Japan's tallest radio tower are shopping malls, restaurants, a planetarium, an aquarium, and other intriguing places.

H RAINBOW BRIDGE

レインボーブリッジ

An iconic suspension bridge over Tokyo Bay. The illumination seen from the beach after dark induces a romantic atmosphere.

RYOKANS AND HOTELS IN TOKYO

To help you find a place to stay,
we've chosen the most interesting Japanese style *ryokans* and hotels.
Here are some that will fit your travel style.



CENTER HOTEL TOKYO

センターホテル東京



15-13 Nihonbashikabutocho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0026
+81-3-3667-2711
www.centerhotel.co.jp/tokyo/

OSHIMA ONSEN HOTEL

大島温泉ホテル



3-5 Kitsunba, Senzu, Oshima, Tokyo 100-0103
+81-4992-2-1673
www.oshima-onsen.co.jp

RYOKAN SEIKOU

旅館西郊本館



3-38-9 Ogikubo, Suginami-ku, Tokyo 167-0051
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www.ryokan.or.jp/inn/28600

HOTEL SHIRAIWA

ホテル白岩



3-3-3 Motomachi, Oshima, Tokyo 100-0101
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www.h-shiraiwa.com

HACHIJOJIMA PARK HOTEL

八丈島パークホテル



7600-1 Okago, Hachiojima, Hachijo, Tokyo 100-1401
+81-4996-2-0850
www.hatipaku.com

HACHIJO VIEW HOTEL

八丈ビューホテル



4422-1 Okago, Hachiojima, Hachijo, Tokyo 100-1401
+81-4996-2-3221
www.hachijo-v.co.jp

BUSINESS HOTEL OAK-IN 3

ビジネスホテル オーク・イン 3



5-6-14 Kamata, Ota-ku, Tokyo 144-0052
+81-3-3733-0093
www.oku-in.co.jp

RYOKAN KASUGA

春日旅館



3-43-18 Shiba, Minato-ku, Tokyo 105-0014
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HOTEL TATESHINA

ホテルたてしな



5-8-6 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-0022
+81-3-3350-5271
tateshina.co.jp

TOKIWA HOTEL

ときわホテル



2-21-11 Nishinippori, Arakawa-ku, Tokyo 116-0013
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www.tokiwahotel.com

HOTEL NEW UENO

ホテルニューウエノ



7-2-5 Ueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0005
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www.newueno.jp

KINUYA HONKAN

きぬや本館



6-8-11 Ueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0005
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kinuyagroup.jp/honkan/

TOURIST HOTEL

ツーリストホテル



3-18-11 Higashiueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0015
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www.touristhotel.jp

HOTEL NEW TOUHOKU

ホテルニュー東北



3-14-2 Higashiueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0015
+81-3-3833-4526
newtouhoku.jp

(TOKYO UENO) NEW IZU HOTEL

(東京上野) NEW伊豆ホテル



3-13-1 Higashiueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0015
+81-3-3831-8666 izuhotel.co.jp

KOMATSU RYOKAN

小松旅館



2-2-5 Higashiueno, Taito-ku, Tokyo 110-0015
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SUKEROKUNOYADO SADACHIYO

助六の宿 貞千代



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HOTEL YANAGIBASHI

ホテル柳橋



1-3-12 Yanagibashi, Taito-ku, Tokyo 111-0052
+81-3-3861-8784
yanagibashi-tokyo-jp.book.direct/ja-jp

HOTEL RYUMEIKAN OCHANOMIZU HONTEN

ホテル龍名館お茶の水本店



3-4 Kanda-surugadai, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0062
+81-3-3251-1135 www.ryumeikan-honten.jp

HOTEL EDOYA

ホテル江戸屋



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www.hoteledoya.com

HOTEL NEW SHOHEI

ホテルニューショーヘイ



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+81-3-3357-0551
www.new-shohei.jp

NIPPON SEINENKAN HOTEL

日本青年館ホテル



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HOTEL PARK SIDE

ホテルパークサイド



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www.parkside.co.jp

HOTEL MONDAY TOYOSU

ホテルMONday豊洲



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hotel-monday.com/toyosu/

HOTEL MONDAY TOKYO NISHIKASAI

ホテルMONday東京西葛西



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+81-3-5605-0160 hotel-monday.com/nishikasai/

S-PERIA INN NIHONBASHI HAKOZAKI

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www.s-peria-inn.com/nihombashi/

FAMILY INN SAIKO

ファミリーイン西向



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www.familyinnsaiko.com/rooms



USEFUL PHRASES IN JAPANESE

We have put together a list of phrases you could use in and out of *ryokans*.
We hope these will contribute to bonding with Japanese people.

USEFUL JAPANESE

おはよう O ha yo	Good morning.
おやすみ O ya su mi	Good night.
いってきます Itte ki ma su	I'll get going.
ただいま Ta da i ma	I'm home.
いただきます Ita da ki ma su	Commencement of meal.
ごちそうさま Go chi so sa ma	Appreciation of the meal.
ありがとう ございます A ri ga to go za i ma su	Thank you.
嬉しいです U re si i de su	I'm happy.
素敵ですね Su te ki de su ne	It's marvelous.
トイレはどこですか? To i re wa doko desuka?	Where is the <u>toilet</u> ?

ONOMATOPOEIA

DOKI DOKI

ドキドキ

The heart pounding
from joy, excitement,
fear, or surprise.



JYU JYU

ジュージュウ

The sound of
gravy being cooked
on an iron plate.



SUYA SUYA

スヤスヤ

The state of sleeping
in peace and comfort.



POKA POKA

ポカポカ

Feeling warm and cozy.



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