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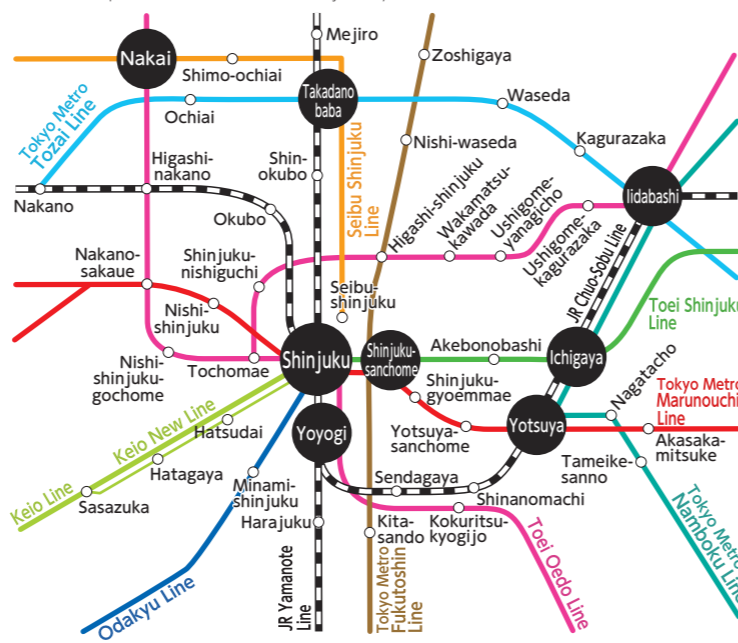
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5 Zenkokuji Temple



Built in the late Momoyama period (late 16th century), this temple has been affectionately referred to as "Bishamon-sama (VaizravaNa, one of the Buddhist deities) in Kagurazaka", and has become a symbol of Kagurazaka. Every July during the Kagurazaka festival, "Hoozuki-ichi" (a Chinese lantern plant market) is held here, and the awadori (Awa Dance) festival is held in the evening as well.

- DATA**
- 5-36 Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku ☎03-3269-0641
 - 5 minutes on foot from Iidabashi station(JR/Metro lines), 6 minutes on foot from Kagurazaka station(Metro), 6 minutes on foot from Ushigome-kagurazaka station(Metro)

6 Akagi-jinja Shrine



Akagi-jinja Shrine has housed Ushigome's local deity for approximately 700 years. During the Meiji period (1868-1912), Tsubouchi Shoyo started a group to study theater here, which was attended by such notable actors and entertainers as Shimamura Hougetsu and Matsui Sumako. A café is located on the shrine's grounds, and is a good place to take a break after visiting the shrine or while strolling around the area.

- DATA**
- 1-10 Akagimotomachi, Shinjuku-ku ☎03-3260-5071
 - 1 minute on foot from Kagurazaka station(Metro), 8 minutes on foot from Ushigome-kagurazaka station(Metro)

7 Ichigaya Letterpress Factory



A cultural facility introducing printing and bookmaking that recreates the architecture of the Taisho Period. Visitors can see how deep the process of printing is through exhibits that describe lettering, printing with casting, and bookbinding. There are also demonstrations of old letterpress printing machines and printing craftsmen at work.

- DATA**
- Dai Nippon Printing, 1-1-1, Ichigaya Kaga-cho, Shinjuku-ku ☎03-6386-0555
 - Weekdays 11:30-20:00, Saturdays, Sundays, and national holidays 10:00-18:00
 - Mondays/Tuesdays (opened when one falls on a national holiday), the New Year's holidays
 - Free (Some programs require reservation https://ichigaya-letterpress.jp/)
 - 10 - 15 minutes on foot from Ichigaya Station (JR/Metro lines), 10 minutes on foot from Ushigome-kagurazaka Station (Metro)

8 Miyagi Michio Memorial Hall



This memorial hall was established on the site where the famed koto (or sou) composer Miyagi Michio spent the latter part of his life. Known most for his piece "Haru no umi"(The Sea in Spring), this memorial hall holds his personal instruments and has a room where you can sample his work.

- DATA**
- 35 Nakacho, Shinjuku-ku ☎03-3269-0208 10:00 - 16:30 (Entrance until 16:00)
 - Sundays/Mondays/Tuesdays/Holidays/3/25-3/27,8/1-8/10,12/25-1/5
 - General: ¥400, Student: ¥300, Elementary school student: ¥200 (group discounts available)
 - 10 minutes on foot from Iidabashi Station (JR/Metro lines), 10 minutes on foot from Kagurazaka Station (Metro), 3 minutes on foot from Ushigome-kagurazaka Station (Metro)

1 Kagurazaka-dori Avenue

Starting from the bottom of Kagurazaka hill by Iidabashi station, Kagurazaka-dori Avenue is a colorful sloped road flanked by rows of Japanese keyaki trees. With many long-established small stores, modern restaurants and cafés, Japanese style misc. stores and more, activity never stops. If you wander off from the avenue, there are side streets and lanes where time seems to pass slowly. A perfect spot for a stroll.



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2 Hyogo yokocho Area

The ambience of the stone-paved Hyogo yokocho (lane) and its several classic Japanese restaurants has won it awards as Shinjuku's most scenic spot. The name, Hyogo (arsenal) comes from the Warring States period (15th to 16th century), when the army of Ushigome castle was located here. Its retro atmosphere and luxurious ryokans (Japanese style hotel) have played host to famous writers such as Akiyuki Nosaka and Yoji Yamada and inspired many famous works.



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3 Kakurenbo yokocho Area

"Kakurenbo" is the Japanese word for "hide-and-seek". This yokocho(lane)'s name comes from an old saying about it, "If you are tailing someone who does not wish to be seen here, the moment he enters another lane you will lose him". Its charming stone-paved streets and its beautiful old black fences will lead you to Geisha Shindou, where the colorful atmosphere of the past still remains.



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4 Kenban yokocho Area

This 100 meter long lane was given its name by Shinjuku City in December of 2011. There are several kenban (geisha's arrangement) offices, where geisha study and practice their art. When walking down this lane, you can sometimes hear the sound of shamisen from the institute. This is the place to inherit the traditional arts of the Kagurazaka Karyukai to the next generation.



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9 Honda yokocho Area

The largest of the Kagurazaka yokochoes (lanes), the hatamoto (shogunal vassal) Honda Tsushimano-kami had his residence here. Over 50 stores (many of them are restaurants) decorate this street, and in the cracks between the larger, more modern buildings you can find many old wooden shops and restaurants tucked away, awaiting discovery. Honda yokocho also connects to Kakurenbo yokocho (lane).



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10 Yarei-Noh Stage

Yarei-Noh Stage (Nohgaku) is the only Noh (classical Japanese music drama) theater in Shinjuku City (Registered Tangible Cultural Property). Regular performances are held on the second Sunday of every month by Kanzekyuukoukai (admission fee required). Yarei-Noh Stage also holds classes in shimai (Noh dance) and utai (Noh song).



DATA
 60 Yaraicho, Shinjuku-ku 03-3268-7311 (For those interested in taking classes, please inquire first.)
 2 minutes on foot from Kagurazaka station (Metro), 5 minutes on foot from Ushigome-kagurazaka station (Metro)

11 Edo Castle Outer moat trace

This was built by order of the third Tokugawa shogun, Tokugawa Iemitsu and the area between Ushigome-mitsuke and Akasaka-mitsuke has been designated as a national historic site. It is known for its cherry blossoms in the spring and crimson foliage in the fall, and as a place where many wild birds and fish live. The names of towns around this area are unique, and are helpful tools in imagining what they used to look like. By researching the meaning of Ushigome-mitsuke, Kagura-gashi, and Ageba-cho, you may be able to feel Japan's history.



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Area Hills and Town Names



Kagurazaka has a number of hills. The difference in elevation is over 20 meters, and there are approximately 60 hills in Kagurazaka. Many of these hills have interesting names with interesting stories behind them, such as Sodefuri-zaka, Hyoutan-zaka, Jizo-zaka, Ou-saka, and Karuko-zaka. There are similarly colorful town names, such as Tansu-machi, Nando-machi, Saiku-machi, and Haraikata-machi. Discovering the meaning behind these names and their origins makes strolls through Kagurazaka all the more fun.

