

## About the Tokyo Kagurazaka Association and a Kagurazaka Geisha

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The Tokyo Kagurazaka Association supports the historic hanamachi (geisha district) culture of Kagurazaka in Shinjuku, Tokyo. Known for its blend of Edo-period heritage and modern sophistication, Kagurazaka remains home to traditional ryotei restaurants and an active geisha community. Composed of four ryotei restaurants and 18 geisha (as of December 2025), the Association preserves and shares Kagurazaka's performing arts and hospitality traditions through select performances and cultural events.

### ◆What is a Kagurazaka Geisha?

The Kagurazaka district in Shinjuku Ward has been home to many samurai residences since the Edo period and has thrived by fostering the traditional arts. Today, Kagurazaka Geisha culture remains a local traditional industry, with the "Kagurazaka Odori" dance recognized as a Shinjuku Ward Intangible Cultural Property. In April 2026, the milestone 40th Special Performance will move its stage to "THEATER MILANO-Za" in Kabukicho, with three performances scheduled over two days.

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