



TOKYO'S HIDDEN GEMS

7 secret places most tourists never discover.

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Hi, I'm Gerard

Since 2017 I've been exploring Japan far beyond the typical tourist routes.

Hitchhiking across the country and traveling in a campervan allowed me to discover places most visitors never see.

In this guide I'm sharing some of my favorite hidden spots in Tokyo.





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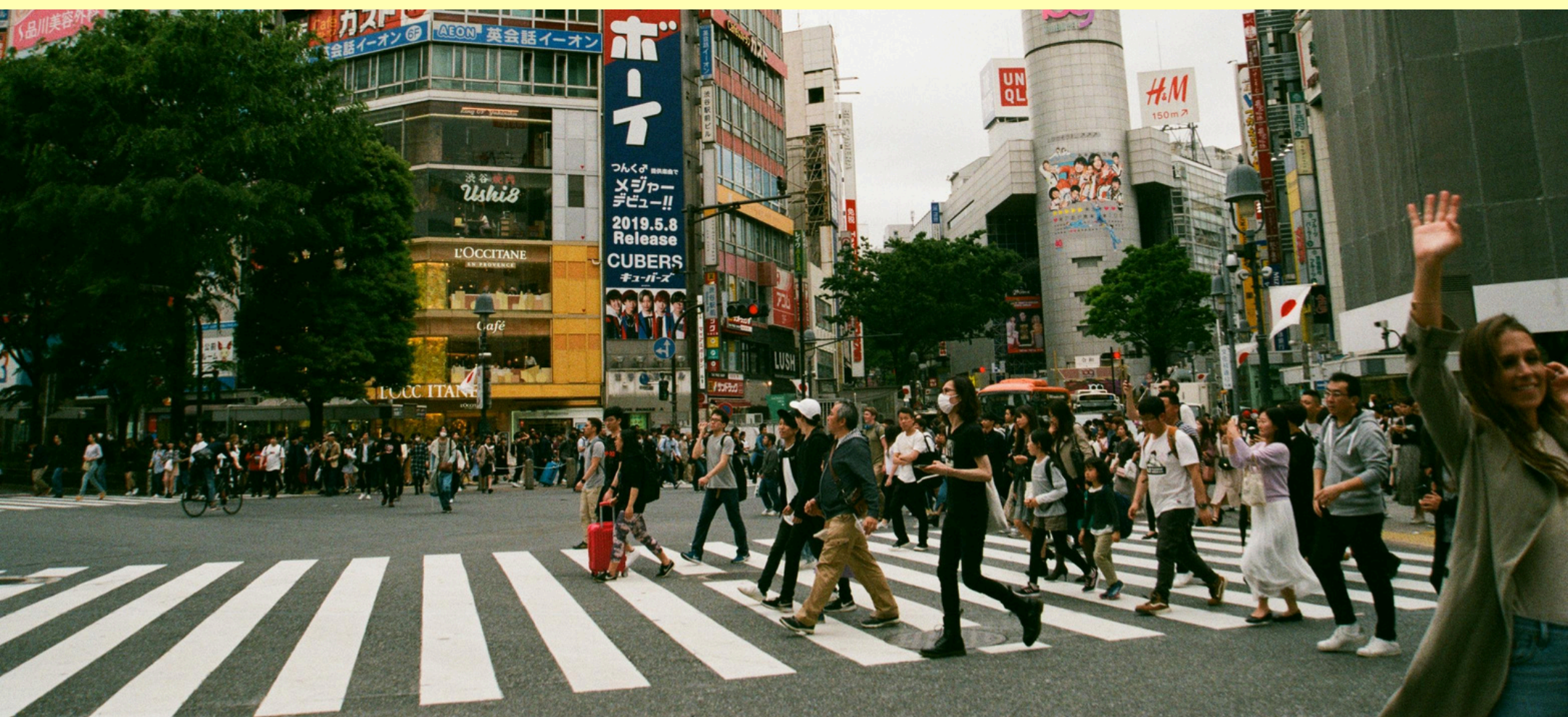
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tips from my experience

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1. SHIMOKITAZAWA

Shimokitazawa is one of Tokyo's most creative neighborhoods.

Instead of skyscrapers and crowds, you'll find:

- vintage shops
- small cafés
- music bars
- relaxed streets

It's one of the best places to experience a more local side of Tokyo.

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2.KIYOSUMI GARDEN

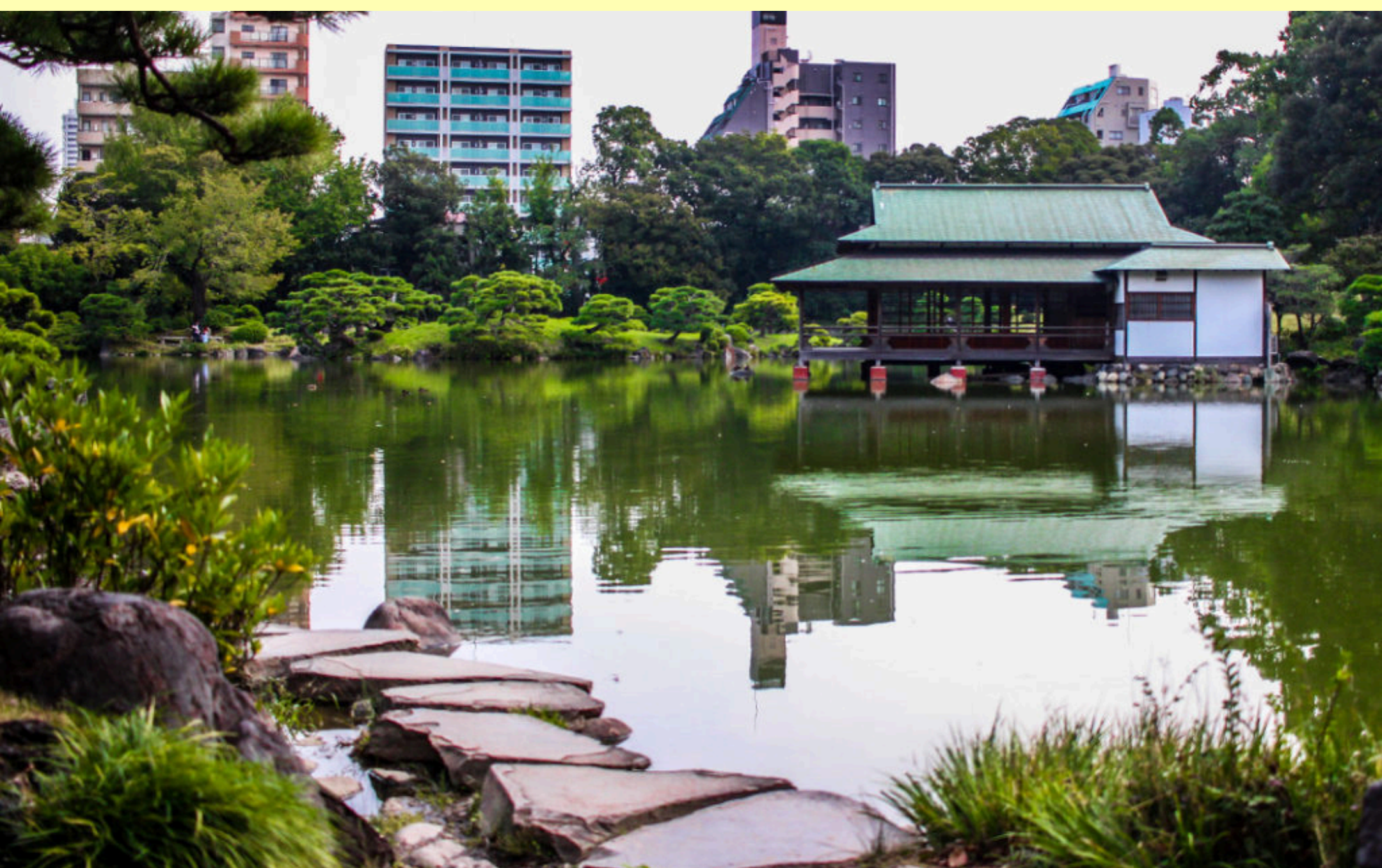
Kiyosumi Garden is one of the most peaceful gardens in Tokyo.

Unlike the busy parks in the city center, this place feels calm and quiet.

Perfect if you want to escape the noise of Tokyo for a while.

Map location:

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3. NAKAMEGURO

Nakameguro is famous for its canal lined with cherry trees.

Outside of cherry blossom season it becomes a relaxed area with cafés, restaurants and beautiful walks along the river.

One of my favorite neighborhoods in Tokyo.

Map location:

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4.TODOROKI VALLEY

Todoroki Valley is one of Tokyo's biggest hidden surprises.

Right in the middle of the city, you'll find a small forest valley with a peaceful walking trail.

It feels completely different from the rest of Tokyo.

Map location:

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5.GOTOKUJI TEMPLE

Gotokuji Temple is believed to be the birthplace of the famous lucky cat, the Maneki Neko.

Hundreds of small cat statues are placed around the temple, creating one of the most unique sights in Tokyo.

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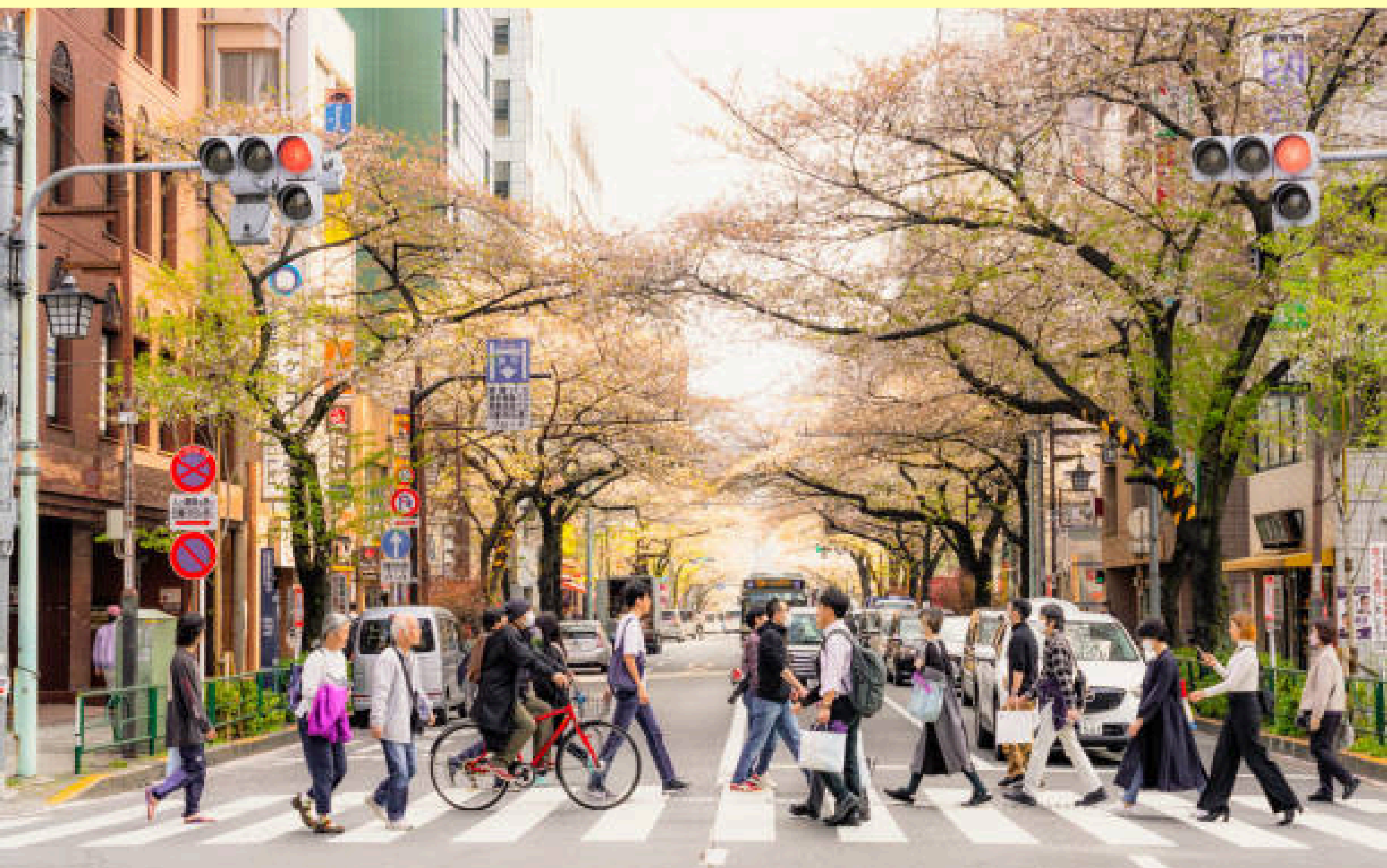
6.NAKANO

Nakano is a paradise for anime, manga and vintage collectors.

Nakano Broadway is often compared to Akihabara but feels much more local and authentic.

Map location:

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7.SHIBAMATA

Shibamata is one of Tokyo's most nostalgic neighborhoods.

Walking through its traditional shopping street feels like traveling back in time.

Very few international tourists visit this area.

Map location:

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