



① Gakushi Kaikan

GakushiKaikan, built in 1928, is one of the few buildings that preserve the trendy architectural style of the early Showa Period. This location was the origin of the University of Tokyo and Japanese baseball, and is also where Joseph Hardy Neesima was born. The hall includes a dignified yet reasonably priced restaurant, wedding venue, and an accommodation facility with double windows that's so quiet, you'll forget you are in the city. Many movies and TV series are shot here.

3-28 Kanda Nishikicho, Chiyoda-ku



② KEYAKI SHOTEN

Started in 1987, this store has a lineup that literature lovers will find very appealing. A perfect example would be the large selection of the Japanese Akutagawa Naoki awarded first edition books, limited edition books, original manuscripts, and first release journals. First edition books by Osamu Dazai and Agou Sakaguchi can be found here. Present day writer's signature books are also on stock such as Haruki Murakami, Natsuhiko Koyoku, Miyuki Miyabe and Kaoru Takamura. Approximately four times a year they release a catalog of their stock which is wor...

6F Hayao Bldg. 1-9 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



③ GYOKUEIDO SHOTEN

Look for the window display with books neatly lined up inside. This store opened in Jimbocho in 1926. They're specialty is rare books and the owners feeling is that the reader can best connect with the time period that the book was released by the feel of the paper, how it was bound, and other characteristic traits of the book. The owner created a special room on the floor to house these rare books, along with certain writer's original manuscripts and other antiques. Some special antiques of note are a Tale of Genii picture scroll dated from the mid M...

1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



④ YAGI BOOKS OLD BOOK DEPARTMENT

The Yagi Books Old Book Department, founded in 1934, carries a wide range of publications of great historical value, including facsimile editions, first editions and manuscripts of modern literature, and works in the author's own handwriting. This shop is also known for its pioneering efforts in the industry, including its special prices for new books and usage of advanced technology in its management system.

1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑤ BOHEMIAN'S GUILD

Bohemian's Guild is a branch of Natsume Books (opened in Ikebukuro in 1920 and closed in 2018) that was established in Jimbocho in 2004. As the name suggests, this store collects works of artists that are not bound by established customs. The first floor is focused on Western books, photography, and art. The second floor has paintings, rare books, handwritten manuscripts, and more. In particular, there are over 100 original works by Yumeji Takehisa. The proprietor said, "I want a lineup that astounds people."

1F&2F Kinoshita Bldg. 1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑥ Meiji University

Meiji University's predecessor was the Meiji Law School, founded in 1881 by three young men under the age of 30 during the initial stage of Japan's modernization. Its guiding principle is, "Rights and Liberty, Independence and Self-government." Aimed at modernization through the cultivation of liberty and self-government and the establishment of the self, the law school became a university when its faculties were expanded. Today, it maintains a dedication to "strengthening the individual."

1-1 Kanda Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku



⑦ Holy Resurrection Cathedral

Holy Resurrection Cathedral is Japan's largest Orthodox church and was built in Kanda Surugadai in 1891. It has a dignified appearance in the Byzantine Revival style that was the cutting-edge architectural movement at that time. There were no high-rise buildings back then, so it was visible from a distance. It is not just a cultural asset and historic landmark, but has continually served a central role in the Japanese Orthodox Church and appeared in many works of literature.

4-1-3 Kanda Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku

✖ ENGLISH No English Spoken



⑧ Ochanomizu Inoue Eye Hospital

The Inoue Eye Hospital was founded in 1881, and it has built a history as one of Japan's preeminent eye clinics by devoting efforts to eye disease treatment as well as research and education. The Eye History Museum inside the hospital exhibits historical materials such as charts from the Meiji period. Today, the hospital has introduced universal design and advanced medicine to practice its fundamental philosophy of "patients first," striving to be a comprehensive eye hospital.

Shin-Ochanomizu Bldg. 4-3 Kanda Surugadai, Chiyoda-ku

✔ ENGLISH Limited English Spoken



⑨ KOMIYAMA SHOTEN

Six floors of sub culture, new and collectors art prints, novels, art books, photo books and more. On the first floor they have a great array of vintage photo books and famous photographer's original prints. Fans of Japanese author Yukio Mishima will be sure to head to the top floor where they have original writings, autographs and other related memorabilia of this iconic writer. Each floor has something different so expect to spend a lot of time browsing. Every Friday and Saturday be sure to visit their garage sale at the side of the building for that s...

1-7 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku



⑩ GENKIDO SHOTEN

This used bookstore specializes in art books, both Japanese and western. This bookstore is located in the Sports goods shopping district and tends to stick out from the rest of the establishments. Books from both inside Japan and from overseas such as art, architecture, crafts, design, photo related books, and event catalogs are on sale here. Most of these books are not so rare and price range is very reasonable. Overseas customers are often here looking for Japanese 1960's art books and original photo books. In the same building on the ninth floor there...

3-1 Kanda Ogawamachi, Chiyoda-ku



⑪ SANSEIDO SHOTEN

Established as an antiquarian bookstore amid modernization in 1881. This main store where book lovers gather has a sales floor area of about 1,000m². They have abundant inventory as a landmark of the book town, Jimbocho. At the customer service counter, the staff will help you locate whatever you are looking to find. You can wander around the enormous store for a surprising encounter or search for a specific book with the help of a professional. Event information such as book signing and author talk is posted on the website.

1-1 Kanda Jinbouchou, Chiyodaku.

📍 Selected spots 📍 Relating spots



⑫ SANCHA SHOBO

Sancha Shobo was opened in Sangenjaya, Tokyo in 1948, and then moved to Kanda Jimbocho in 1964. The first National Diet Building (where the new Meiji Government held its first Imperial Diet session) burned down two months later, and this bookshop made news when it discovered two precious blueprints, letters, and other items from a huge trove of old documents. Reservations are required to enter the second floor, where historical documents from the Meiji to Showa Periods are kept.

1-1 Kanda Jimbocho, Chiyoda-ku

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