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Style traveller

Daikanyama

Tokyo

A trip to Tokyo might conjure thoughts of neon lights, thunderous crowds and overwhelming high-rises, but hidden away in the south-west of the city is the relaxed, always-on-trend quarter of Daikanyama. From Nanamica's androgynous high-tech outerwear to Blue Blue Japan's hand-dyed indigo denim at Okura, hipster-filled boutiques rub shoulders with ancient craft. Outside of Rakuten Fashion Week (16–21 March), it's the most stylish spot in the capital.

After getting that fashion fix, you can uncover limited-edition tomes with a coffee in hand at the sprawling T-Site bookstore, or grab fresh pastries from the bakery at Garden House Crafts.

"Daikanyama is just like a little Brooklyn – cosy and chill vibes all around. Cool shops hidden on the back streets," says Japanese architect Masaya Kuroki, who co-founded fashion boutique Maison Kitsuné with ex-Daft Punk manager Gildas Loaëc. The duo launched their brand in Daikanyama in 2002 and have had a presence here ever since.

Once your shopping bag and stomach is full, unwind in nearby Saigoyama Park, loved by locals yet fairly unknown to tourists. On a clear day, you can even spot the snowy peak of Mount Fuji.

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Get the look

Nanamica

Founded by Japanese designer Eiichiro Homma, Nanamica's sleek contemporary silhouettes are paired with high-tech fabrics for outdoor-ready, unisex jackets; think, Cos meets Gore-Tex. 26-13 Sarugakucho, nanamica.com



Kamawanu

Embrace local craft with a hand-dyed tenugui cloth, with more than 400 patterns up for grabs. These intricately printed fabrics can be used as headbands, wrapping paper or even for cleaning. 23-1 Sarugakucho, kamawanu.jp



UES

Some say that Japanese denim is the best in the world; a quick delve into the flagship UES store and we're inclined to agree. Leave with an array of styles, like this pair of tapered indigo trousers. 26-7 Sarugakucho, ues.co.jp

Maison Kitsuné

Kitsune translates as "fox" in Japanese, which is why you see the furry little critter adding a pop of colour to these patterned pumps – where effortless Paris sophistication merges with modern Tokyo streetwear flair. 20-14 Sarugakucho, maisonkitsune.com



Okura

Okura's seemingly ramshackle boutique is styled and named after an old Japanese warehouse. Traditional indigo dyeing is the mainstay here, with everything from navy T-shirts and suits to this cornflower blue cushion. 20-11 Sarugakucho, hrm.co.jp

