



1 Article : Fluffy Alpacas Take a Stroll in the Famous Kagurazaka District

Directions: Read the following article aloud.

Two alpacas enjoy their daily walk through the former geisha district, never failing to **evoke** smiles and curious second glances from amused passersby.

Kagurazaka is a **bustling** area in Tokyo's Shinjuku ward filled with cafes, traditional Japanese eateries, and cozy izakayas. At night, its famous sloping street is teeming with **night owls** having a good time. But come morning, the street turns into a serene promenade for fluffy alpacas.

Their **endearing** presence has become a delightful addition to the neighborhood's charm. Vanilla, the white alpaca, and Aoi, the brown alpaca, take their stroll during the **tranquil** hours, basking in the gentle morning sun. They are the beloved stars of the petting zoo Alpaca Fureai Land, which opened in April 2023.

"We recently introduced courses where people can walk with the alpacas. We were initially concerned that people would find it too early in the morning. Surprisingly, it is now our most popular offering," shares the petting zoo's manager, Masaya Ide.

An alpaca walk in Tokyo could be an interesting addition to one's morning routine.

Source : **Fluffy Alpacas Take a Stroll in the Famous Kagurazaka District**
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2 Key phrases and vocabulary

Directions: First repeat after your tutor and then read aloud by yourself.

1. evoke (笑い・同情・物議などを) 引き起こす、(感情・記憶などを) 呼び覚ます・喚起する

This novel **evoques** strong emotions of love and loss.

2. bustling (場所がたくさんの人で) 活気のある・にぎわっている

The park was **bustling** with children playing and laughing.

3. night owl 夜型の人、夜更かしをする人、夜勤の人

As a **night owl**, I often find myself watching movies late into the night.

4. endearing 愛情・親しみのこもった、人の心をひきつける、親しみやすい、愛らしい

The children's innocent curiosity was **endearing** to their parents.

5. tranquil 静かな、穏やかな、落ち着いた、冷静な、(動きのない) 一定した・安定している

I prefer **tranquil** places where I can escape from the hustle and bustle of city life.

3 Questions

Directions: Read the questions aloud and answer them.

1. What kind of district is Kagurazaka known as, and what activities can you find there at night?
2. When do the alpacas take their walk, and where do they go?
3. What do you think makes the alpacas endearing to the people in the Kagurazaka district?
4. How do you think the presence of animals like alpacas can affect the atmosphere of a busy urban area like Kagurazaka?
5. Would you be interested in joining a morning walk with alpacas if it were available in your city?

4 日本語関連記事： アルパカもそぞろ歩き？ 東京・神楽坂

カフェや料亭、居酒屋が軒を連ねる神楽坂（東京都新宿区）。夜は酔客がそぞろ歩く坂道も、朝にはアルパカの散歩道となる。もふもふとした愛らしい姿は花街の新たな“風物詩”だ。

白い「バニラちゃん」と茶色の「あおいちゃん」は、昨年4月開店の「アルパカふれあいランド」のアイドル。人通りの少ない時間に日光浴も兼ね1時間ほど近所を歩いている。

「一緒に散歩を体験できるコースも始めました。最初は『朝早いからどうかな』と心配していたんですが、一番人気なんですよ」と井手真哉店長（30）。

朝活にいかが？