



紅葉 (こうよう) : Colors of Autumn In and Out of Todai C.M (Philippine)

Autumn is one of the most loved seasons of international students of Todai. The unbearable heat of summer ceases; a cooler, more pleasant atmosphere starts to be felt. Soon, most tree-covered areas would turn into a colourful palette of red, orange, and bright yellow hues – the colors of autumn or in 日本語 (にほんご)、紅葉 (こうよう) . It is the perfect time to go out, explore Tokyo, and take pictures of these colourful hues.

Most deciduous trees in Tokyo change colors during the last week of November until the first week of December. Luckily, Todai is surrounded by some of the best spots to enjoy viewing the autumn colors. Here is a list of three places in and out of Todai where the colors of autumn could be enjoyed.



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Just one to two train stations away from Hongo Campus, one could enjoy the もみじ or the red Japanese maple trees in Koishikawa Korakuen Garden, a traditional Japanese garden constructed more than 380 years ago during the early Edo Period. It has a central pond, several hills from which you could enjoy a good view of the park, and some interesting bridges like the full moon bridge and the red, wooden bridge. You could visit the garden in the afternoon then head to the LaQua Mall in Korakuen to see the “dancing fountain” at night. The garden is just a few minutes’ walk away from Korakuen or Iidabashi station. The entrance fee is 300 yen but you might get a discount if you present your Todai ID. ☺



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Probably one of the best places to enjoy とうよう in Tokyo, the Rikugien Garden is located near Komagome Station which is just two train stations away from Todaimae Station in the Namboku Line. Rikugien Garden is another traditional landscape Japanese garden constructed in the 1700's. It is famous for its autumn landscape which is especially illuminated during the last week of November to first week of December, the peak of the changing of colors of its trees. You will surely enjoy strolling around the garden while enjoying the watching the reflection of the illuminated trees in the pond. The magnificent display of lights on a cool, still night provides an almost magical atmosphere.

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