

A Rainy Night in Shinjuku

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Shinjuku's desolate yet cramped alleyways and backstreets are often kept alive by the neon lights of shops and stores. This is true of all of Tokyo's wards, but, to me, Shinjuku felt more real. With few exceptions, Shinjuku lacks the tourist-centric commercialism that is heavily present in more famous areas like Shibuya, Ginza, and Roppongi, and because of that, every experience there felt more genuine. I took this photograph whilst walking around and exploring Shin-Okubo, one of Shinjuku's many neighborhoods, with my friend. I'm not sure why, but at that moment, I felt like I was living in Japan for the first time when, before, I had still felt like a tourist.

