Getting to Kanazawa

New shinkansen since March 2015

Tokyo – Kanazawa in 2h28 only

From Tokyo
- Shinkansen: 2h28
- Bus: 7h30
- Plane: 1h10

From Kyoto
- JR Express: 2h10
- Bus: 4h00

Accessible with the Japan Rail Pass

Kanazawa official homepage in English
http://www.kanazawa-tourism.com/
Kanazawa took its place in Nippon history when it became the capital city of the Kaga province, the biggest in Japan during the 16th century. Around the Maeda clan’s imposing castle, soon stood majestic samurai houses, rich warehouses, craftsmen’s ateliers and numerous temples. During the Edo period (1603-1868), the city saw the development of a particularly refined culture. It was so thriving that it became Japan’s fourth town after Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto.

Time went by, sparing Kanazawa from natural disasters and wars. That is why Kanazawa appears today as an amazing conservatory for ancient Japanese traditions and artistic refinement. The intact old market, geisha districts, samurai or craftsmen quarters make it one of Japan’s most enjoyable historic centres, without forgetting its most exquisite culinary traditions.

Registered in UNESCO’s Creative Cities Network in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts, Kanazawa has also known how to anchor itself in our time with remarkable architectural realisations such as its station or the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.