Extraordinary beauty and artistry at every turn.

Go deeper into Kanazawa’s fascinating past and vibrant present through the city’s remarkable artisanal crafts and unparalleled culture. Replete with dozens of museums, preserved houses and shops, thriving geisha districts, and of course, Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa offers something for everyone.
The Kaga clan provided sufficient protection and training to enable art and craft techniques to flourish under their rule. Kanazawa is renowned in Japan as a city of crafts and is the established home of a number of art forms, including Kaga Yuzen, gold leaf, and lacquerware. In recognition of its thriving arts and crafts, the city was appointed the first UNESCO Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art of Japan in 2009.

Kanazawa's traditional arts and crafts

Kanazawa's food culture

Kanazawa’s traditional performing arts

Kanazawa – Town with a mixture of old traditions and new culture

Kanazawa Castle Town

Kanazawa was built by the Maeda family of the Kaga clan in the late 16th century. The Maeda family promoted the city's development by arranging samurai and townsmen's residential areas and the temple districts around Kanazawa Castle. Kanazawa then grew to become Japan's largest castle town, ruled by a feudal lord who invested heavily in culture and education as opposed to military force, in an attempt to create a sophisticated, traditional culture. Kanazawa was Japan's fourth-largest city at the time, behind Tokyo, Osaka, and Kyoto.

Modern-day Kanazawa is one of the largest castle towns in Japan and retains many streets and cultural elements from the olden days owing to the fact that the city has escaped damage caused by war or major disasters for a period of over 400 years. Kanazawa's unique charms include the tourist spots of Kanazawa Castle, Kenrokuen Garden, the long-established fish market, teahouse districts, the samurai district and tradesmen towns, as well as its traditional culture such as crafts, entertainment, and food.

Along with its history and culture, today's Kanazawa also has new attractions including the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa, which attracts attention from home and abroad, and districts that are home to fashionable gallery shops.

Kanazawa's rich food culture benefits from its location facing both the sea and mountains, with an abundance of fresh ingredients available. These include seafood such as crabs and shrimps from the Sea of Japan, as well as locally produced Kaga vegetables. Kanazawa’s rich food culture aims to delight all of your five senses using its advanced cooking techniques and arrangements, serving up dishes and table manners in addition to the ingredients. Kanazawa is also known as the home of Japanese confectionery due to the fact that a number of famous sweets were created in the city, and where the tea ceremony is very popular.

Fresh ingredients and exceptional cooking techniques

Town with real Geisha performers

Kanazawa is also known as one of Japan’s leading cities for Geisha performers. The tea ceremony, an essential part of samurai culture, has also grown in popularity as a way to casually enjoy tea.
Guide to Recommended Activities

Kanazawa’s hot springs

Yuwaku Hot Spring
With its new nursery in the spring, crimson leaves in the fall, and snowy winter scenery, this hot spring has been visited by many of Japan’s well-known people.
From Kanazawa Station East Gate Stop, 4, board the Hokutetsu Bus to Yuwaku Hot Spring (approx. 39 minutes)

Fukutani Hot Spring
This hot spring resort is tucked away in a mountain valley. If you take a bath in amber or coffee colored water, your skin will become silky smooth.
From Kanazawa Station East Gate Stop A, board the JR Bus to Fukutani via Fukutani Hot Spring (approx. 45 minutes)

Local Area

Ono
Facing the Sea of Japan, Onomichi is a port town with several houses that have passed down businesses such as fishing and soy sauce production for generations.
Even today, because of the fame of "Ono soy sauce" it is widely known as a place for soy sauce brewing. Recently, galleries and cafes opened in renovated soy sauce warehouses have received lots of attention.
From Nakabashi Bus Stop (below the elevated road from Kanazawa Station for about 500 meters), board the Hokutetsu Bus to Ono (approx. 48 minutes)

“Light-up” Bus
This bus has become a popular transportation method for tourists. From the bus, you can enjoy the beautiful night lights of the city.
Kanazawa Sightseeing Bus

Place of scenic or historical interest
School
Hospital
Hot spring
City hall
Post office
Nightspot
Sports facility
Restaurant
Cafe
Bar
Shops
Bank
Bicycle rental
Accommodation
Washrooms
Garden

There are two means for payment, and three methods for authentication. Here, we introduce to you the simplest way for international travelers.
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

This museum allows you not only to look at modern art from all over the world, but also to experience it, thereby deepening your understanding.

Open: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (Last Admission 5:30 pm)
Closed: Mondays (or the day following)
Admission fee for permanent exhibition:
Free for students (with ID)
Adults ¥310 / Children ¥200 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200

Admission fee for special exhibitions:
Free for students (with ID)
Adults ¥310 / Children ¥200 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200

Website: http://www.kanazawa21.jp/

One can summarize the attraction of present-day Kanazawa as “coexistence of modernity and tradition”. For example, by simply venturing a little distance away from the downtown area that bustles with young people, you can come across a streetscape dating back several centuries. This is the area that symbolizes the attraction of present-day Kanazawa. The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa exhibits a wide range of modern art by artists from all over the world; you can spend a long time there without tiring of the exhibits. Kanazawa Castle Park is a symbol of Kanazawa’s traditional culture, and Kanekunen Garden was created as the castle garden by successive generations of lords, beginning more than 300 years ago. One of the three most famous gardens of Japan, it attracts many tourists. This area, in which newness and traditional culture coexist, is truly representative of modern-day Kanazawa.

Kanazawa Castle Park

Gojikken-Nagaya, Hashizume-mon, Nagaya, and other old remains such as Ishikawa-mon Gate and Sanjikken Nagaya, are still standing; others are being restored with historical accuracy.

Kanekunen Garden

This garden originated more than 300 years ago as the garden of the secondary residence of the feudal lord of that time.

It is one of the best daimyo gardens, and one of the three most famous gardens in Japan. You can enjoy the Japanese atmosphere of its beautiful landscaping at any time of year.

Adults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger free

Website: http://www.kanazawa21.jp/

Kenrokuen Garden

This was built about 140 years after the 13th lord of Kanazawa, as a retirement residence for his mother. It incorporates two different styles of architecture. As there are very few daimyo family residences that have remained intact, this villa is highly unusual.

Adults ¥500 - 600 pm (Wednesday to the next day), December to March
Admission fee for special exhibitions:

Kanazawa Noh Museum

This museum is open to the public year-round.

Adults ¥260 / Children ¥210

Kanazawa Noh Museum is located near Kenrokuen Garden.

Katakura Villa

This villa was built about 140 years after the 13th lord of Kanazawa, as a retirement residence for his mother. It incorporates two different styles of architecture. As there are very few daimyo family residences that have remained intact, this villa is highly unusual.

Adults ¥500 - 600 pm (Wednesday to the next day), December to March

Kanazawa Castle Park

Gojikken-Nemuri Garden

This full-scale construction of the castle began by the Maeda family of the Kaga Domain. Many of its buildings were burned down more than 400 years ago.

Admission fee for special exhibitions:

The Nishidake Family Garden

If you make a reservation at least three days in advance, you can drink matcha tea while watching a Japanese tea ceremony with an English explanation.

Admission fee for special exhibitions:

01 Kanazawa lessons

Tea ceremony, part of traditional Japanese culture, is taught at many institutions, but lacks comprehensive instruction or the architecture of the tea room, so one must learn it on their own. Though Japanese tea ceremony, one can learn echigoya实际上, As the art of tea ceremony was closely related to the tea ceremony, visitors can experience the unique atmosphere of the tea room.

02 Kanazawa Noh Museum

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The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Stop 9

**Yourself the most. People looking for typical Kanazawa dishes, walking around looking for a place to have lunch or dinner, or probably find the type of restaurant they are looking for here.**

During the Edo period, the middle-class samurai of the Kaga Domain resided here. The narrow alleys, earthy walls, and Nagaya-mon Gate all retain the appearance of ancient times.

**Maeda Tosa-mon Museum**

This museum displays weapons, art and craft items, letters, etc. belonging to the Maeda family. The collection includes weapons, armor, and documents from the Edo period were relocated here. Visitors have access to a lounge facing the small garden, conveniently located for resting after a stroll.

**Nomura Samurai House**

This is the former mansion site of the Nomura family. Visitors can take a tour of the mansion, which is open for the public.

**Naga-machi Buke Yashiki Kyukeikan**

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**Naga-machi Buke Yashiki Kyukeikan**

This facility was built as a base for the residence of the Nomura family. For successive generations they had high ranking officials under the Maeda family. Inside the building you can see a ceiling made completely from cypress, along with painted sliding doors, and a garden with both 400-year-old trees. Babywearing and a meandering stream surrounded by magnificent stones.

**Kata-machi Area**

With its many bars and Japanese-style pubs including “Shot bars” specialising in local sake, this is the busiest downtown area in Kanazawa. To fully enjoy a night in Kanazawa, spend it in Kata-machi.

**Kata-machi Shopping Promenade**

This is the trend-setting area, bustling with fashionable young people.

**Ashigaru Shiryokan Museum**

This is a long-established department store with co-workers and friends. There are many izakaya around Korinbo and Kata-machi, and after work or on weekends in this area is brimming with people going out to drink with co-workers and friends. Be sure to experience these Japanese-style pubs, where you can pair Japanese cuisine such as fresh sashimi with sake and beer, all at a reasonable price.
The glass dome of Kanazawa Station has the nickname of "Motenashi Dome". Motenashi means "welcoming" or "entertainment"; it is a word that indicates good treatment of guests. The dome expresses the hospitality of Kanazawa, which kindly greet and send off people who come to visit the rainy city, in the hope that they will not get wet when starting their journey. Omi-cho Market, said to be the "kitchen of the citizens of Kanazawa", is located in Musashigatsuji. About 300 stores lined with the newest trends. You can enjoy the taste of such treats as old-fashioned confections and tsukudani (various foods made with umeboshi) here. The nutritious Ame-no Tawara-ya Shop sells honey-like candy free of charge (no fixed time). Jiro-ame (soft honey-like candy) is the most popular.

Try your hand at playing the koto at Information KodatsunoNodayama. This free lesson can be enjoyed in 1-hour increments. This long-established store has been in business since 1575. Using the delicate art of Kaga fly fishing, a specialty originating from the Edo period, this shop today produces feather accessories made from fishing drags. You can listen to and compare sounds.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots
- Omi-cho Market 1F (street bazaar), which functions as a large multivision sign that displays a post office and a tourist information center that can provide service in various languages.
- Kanazawa Station 1F (street bazaar) - a large multivision sign that displays a large multivision sign that displays a post office and a tourist information center that can provide service in various languages.
- Kanazawa Hyakubangai 1F (street bazaar), which is a post office and a tourist information center that can provide service in various languages.
- Kanazawa Phonomograph Museum Kanazawa Phonomograph Museum offers an introduction to the development of the phonograph and phonograph records from the times when Edison models were still in common use, as well as 10,000 SP records. There are three demonstrations a day that you can listen to and compare sounds.

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The 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa is one of the sights of modern Kanazawa that have remained throughout the city’s long history. The Higashi Chaya District, which has maintained a strong feudal-period atmosphere, is still throbbing with life.

Utatsuyama

Utatsuyama and Vicinity

Higashiyama / Kazue-machi / Utatsuyama

Visitors can tour the workshop building, looking through glass walls behind which students are busyly engaged in five types of crafts: ceramic art, lacquer art, fabric dying, metalwork, and glass art. In the main building there are many works by master artisans on display. 300-150 pm (Monday for the 1st, Tuesday for the 4th Tuesday of the month). Open year-round. 1,000 yen / Seniors: 500 yen / High school students and younger free. 076-251-7786.

Higashiyama Chaya District

This popular tourist area beside Higashiyama River features rows of old geisha houses that give a feel for what Kanazawa was like in bygone days.

Utatsuyama Park

This park, which extends along the base of Mt. Utatsuyama, offers a good view of Kanazawa. From the lookout point on the summit, called ‘Bokudo’, one can see the whole city, and on clear days there is a view of the Japan Sea. The parks is also popular for its night view.

Asanogawa River

There is something delicate about the scenery around Asanogawa River. Walking on the street along the river, you will notice the close relationship that local residents have with it.

Yusei Gold Leaf Museum

Explanation of the process on how gold leaf is made and which tools are used to create it. Through art and craft works you can experience the world of 0.0001 mm thin gold leaf. 10:00 am - 15:00 pm (last admission 14:30 pm) Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change. Adults ¥300 / High school students and older ¥200 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥100. 076-224-2789.

Utatsu-yama

Utatsuyama derives from the fact that they are located in east-southeast in Kanazawa. Its streetscape, which has maintained a strong feudal-period atmosphere, is still throbbing with life. The Higashi Chaya District is one of three chaya districts in Kanazawa. Its streetscape, which has maintained a strong feudal-period atmosphere, is still throbbing with life. For example, in the evening, under the lights of the houses, you might be lucky enough to meet a group of geisha girls. These are not meant as an attraction for tourists; they are definitely one of the sights of modern Kanazawa that have remained throughout the city’s long history. The Higashi Geisha District is an area where you can see and experience for yourself the traditional culture of Kanazawa. Mt. Utatsuyama is a mountain that Kanazawa citizens are familiar with as a place to relax that is close to the downtown area. You can go there in the spring to enjoy its cherry blossoms, and in the fall to enjoy its crimson foliage.

Higashiyama Chaya District / Kazue-machi / Utatsuyama and Vicinity

Higashi means “east”, utatsu means “east-southeast”; the names of the Higashiyama District and Mt. Utatsuyama (Utatsu-yama) as seen from Kanazawa Castle.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

Area map 04 Kazue-machi lessons

One of three temple areas in Kanazawa. With several small, winding paths designed to protect against enemy invasions, the atmosphere of the Edo period still lingers at the temple. Away from the hustle and bustle, the peaceful view of the small paths and roofs covered with black tiles is especially beautiful in the evening. This is one of Kanazawa’s little-known travel locations.

About 4 min. walk from Hashiba-cho station. 049-252-5675.

Area map

Access information

Shima (Geisha House)

This typical geisha house, constructed differently from other houses, has been perfectly preserved, and is open to the public as a cultural asset of national importance. You can always see a group of poindexter green tea in ‘Kanazawa-ri’, a tearoom inside the building (fee charged). 10:00 am - 15:00 pm (last admission 14:30 pm) General (high school students and older): ¥300 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥100. 076-224-2789.

Kakaro (Geisha House)

Enjoy the beautiful, bright interior decoration of the restored 170-year-old geisha house, which harmonizes tradition and originality. Tea available. 10:00 am - 15:00 pm (last admission 14:30 pm) General (high school students and older): ¥300 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥100. 076-224-2789.
No-machi / Tera-machi and Vicinity

Tera means "temple". As the name indicates, there are about 70 temples in Teramachi. About 400 years ago, temples that were dotted around the city were moved to Teramachi and the base of Mt. Utatsu. Myoryuji Temple, known by its nickname of Ninja Temple, will probably surprise you with its various contraptions. The sound of bells at dusk also makes a deep impression on visitors.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

1. Myoryuji Temple (Ninja Temple) 妙立寺（忍者寺）
   Famous for its nickname, this temple has many contraptions such as hidden staircases and floor traps to defeat attacking enemies.
   - 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:00 pm from the end of November to the end of February)
   - New Year’s, Buddhist sermon days
   - General (junior high school students and older) ¥1,000 Elementary school students ¥700 (telephone reservations required)
   - 076-241-0888

2. Kutani Kosen-gama (Kutani Kosen Pottery Klin) 九谷光仙窯
   This area has a museum and geisha houses, one of which offers visitors the rare opportunity of going inside for powdered green tea or coffee.
   - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm * Visitors wanting to decorate a piece or watch the production process must arrive by 4:30 pm. (10:00 am - 3:00 pm from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3)
   - Jan. 1 only
   - ¥1,300 (Choice of over 20 types, reservations required) 076-241-0902
   - Here, in addition to purchasing and trying your hand at decorating Kutani ware, one of Kanazawa’s traditional crafts, you can watch its production process.

3. Saigawa River 塩川
   The Saigawa River is called the “male river” because of its powerful current. It is also known as a famous place to see cherry blossoms.

4. Nishi Chaya District にし茶屋街
   In addition to a historical streetscape

Access information

- From Hirokoji bus stop
  - About 3 min. walk to Nishi Chaya District
  - About 3 min. walk to Myoryuji Temple
- Bus stops
  - 広小路 Hirokoji

05 Kanazawa lessons

The Art of Kanazawa Geiko

In Kanazawa, where this tradition has been passed down since the Edo period, there are approximately 50 Kanazawa geiko (geisha girls) active in the three Chaya Districts. The old custom where you need the invitation of a regular customer to attend a dinner party in a tatami room is still being passed down today.

Although it is normally not possible to meet the geiko, depending on the season, the general public may have the chance to see the dance of the Kanazawa geiko.

If you walk the streets of the Chaya District, you might hear the sounds of the shamisen or taiko drums flowing from the tea rooms.
Kodatsuno / Nodayama and Vicinity

Kodatsuno is southeast of Kenroku-en Garden. There are many temples here too, as well as residential neighborhoods, schools and hospitals; it is a good place for getting a close-up look at the Kanazawa way of life. Nodayama is an immense cemetery where many figures of historical importance to Kanazawa, such as members of the Maeda family, have been laid to rest. It is said that there are more than 50 thousand gravestones in the cemetery, and many people go there to pay their respects.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

1. Tentokuin Temple 天徳院
   This is the family temple of Tama-hime, the princess who came to Kaga in 1601 to marry into the Maeda family. Even now, a wind-up-doll play about the 24-year-long life of Kanazawa’s beloved Tama-hime is performed at the temple every day.

2. Daijoji Temple 大乗寺
   This temple, used for training monks, was founded about 700 years ago and moved to its present location about 300 years ago. Here you can experience Zen meditation - the seeking of enlightenment through detachment and silence, by sitting quietly and concentrating. The building has been designated as a cultural asset of national importance.

3. View from Nodayama 野田山からの景観
   From Nodayama, a hill located in the southwestern part of the urban area of Kanazawa, you can see the whole urban area. It is popular as a spot from which to see the city at night; if you have a car, the view is well worth the drive.

Access information

About 5 min. walk from Noda bus stop to Nodayama

076-231-4484

High school students and older ¥500, Junior high school students ¥300, Elementary school students ¥200 (tea ceremony ¥500)

The World of Zen

Kanazawa, the birthplace of the Buddhist philosopher Daisetz Suzuki, who made Zen culture known around the world, has been a flourishing place for Buddhism since ancient times. At Daijoji Temple, Zen meditation starts at 4:15 AM and continues for the entire day without a pause, and in the morning you can join the monks for their ascetic practices. In addition, at the Zen meditation sessions held every Sunday from 1:30 PM, or the temple stays, you have the chance to quietly collect yourself.
A Bit Farther From Kanazawa

Why not board a local train and relax at the spots familiar to locals and not normally found in guidebooks?

1 Uchinada Beach
[內灘海水浴場]
At this beach located approximately 200 meters from the water’s edge, young people enjoy surfing and jet skiing all year round, and in the summer it is busy with families. You can enjoy barbeque at the beach huts, and the beautiful sunset is a must-see.
- Hokuriku Railroad Asanogawa Line, 20-minute walk from Uchinada Station

2 Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine
[白山咩咩神社]
Along with Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama, Mt. Hakusan has been regarded as a sacred place for mountain worship since ancient times. Mt. Hakusan is the object of worship at this shrine, the head shrine of roughly 3,000 Hakusan Shrines across the country.
- Hokuriku Railroad Ishikawa Line, 30-minute walk from Tsurugi Station

3 Ishikawa NISHIDA KITARO Museum of Philosophy
[石川県西田幾多郎記念哲学館]
At this museum that introduces the achievements and belongings of the philosopher Kitaro Nishida, you will not only learn about philosophy, but also have the chance to philosophize. The building was designed by Tadao Ando.
- JR Nanao Line, 25-minute walk from Unoke Station
  - 9:00 am – 5:30 pm (last admission 5:00 pm)
  - Mondays (or the next day if Monday is a holiday), year-end and New Year’s holiday (Dec. 29 – Jan. 3)
  - Adults ¥300
  - 076-283-6600

4 Kita Family Residence
[喜多記念館]
This townhouse, relocated from Kanazawa in the early 19th century, is a nationally designated Important Cultural Property. From the tatami room and the tea room, lined with old furnishings, you can see the garden outside.
- Hokuriku Railroad Ishikawa Line, 10-minute walk from Nonoi-Kodai-Mae Station
  - 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
  - Irregular closing days
  - Adults ¥400
  - 076-248-1131
  - (reservation required)

5 Kurikara Fudoji Temple
[倉原八木不動寺]
With roughly 1,300 years of history, this temple is known as one of Japan’s three most famous Fudoson temples.
- JR Ishikawa Line, 20-minute walk from Kurikara Station

Gokayama / Shirakawago / Takayama / Matsumoto

Hokuriku Hida Shinsyu Mitsuboshi Kaidou
Slightly removed from Kanazawa is an area full of traditional culture that has been carefully preserved, bountiful nature, hot springs, and food culture – the “real Japan” that fascinates those who visit.

Gokayama
[五箇山]
Along with Shirakawa-go, Ainokura and Suganuma Gassho-Zukuri Villages are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The traditional washi (Japanese paper) industry and folk songs are being passed down.
- 60 minutes from Kanazawa by car or bus

Shirakawa-go
[白川郷]
The mountain village lifestyle, rooted in tradition, is still alive at Shirakawa-go. Protected as an Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings, it is known as a place where you can encounter the nostalgic, original landscape of Japan.
- 60 minutes from Kanazawa by car or bus

Takayama
[高山]
The merchant center that was once the heart of this castle town still flaunts its elegant appearance today. At the Takayama Festival, held in spring and autumn and one of Japan’s three major beautiful festivals, you can watch a parade with gorgeous, dazzling floats.
- 2 hours from Kanazawa by car or bus

Matsumoto
[松本]
Matsumoto flourished as a castle town in the Edo period. With the grand Northern Alps as a backdrop, Matsumoto Castle is a must-see. If you go a little farther, the abundant nature enveloping some of the most picturesque mountains in Japan is almost overwhelming.
- 2 hours from Takayama by car or bus

Kanazawa Tourist Information
for Smartphones and Tablets

When you come to Kanazawa, please use the Kanazawa City Tourist Association’s foreign language website for smartphones. You can obtain lots of useful information, such as details about tourism and transportation, as well as information on accommodations, shopping, and restaurants. On the same site, you can find the English website for the Michelin Guide for Toyama and Kanazawa 2016. Be sure to get information on Kanazawa’s rich gourmet food culture!
Transportation Information

Tourist Information

Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network (KGGN)

Tourist Information Center in JR Kanazawa Station
Provides information in English on sightseeing and transportation in Kanazawa. If you contact KGGN two weeks in advance, you can reserve a guide to accompany you sightseeing in Kanazawa and the surrounding area.
Every day except Dec.31 - Jan. 2 / 9:30 am - 6:30 pm Service available in English

Information Booth in Kanazawa Castle Park
Provides guided tours of Kenrokuen Garden and Kanazawa Castle Park free of charge without reservations.
Every day except Dec.29 - Jan. 3 / 9:30 am - 3:30 pm Service available in English, Chinese and Korean

076-232-3933 http://kggn.sakura.ne.jp

Police

Service available in: English, Portuguese, Spanish

Police Help Line Mon-Fri / 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
* Please feel free to call if you are the victim of a crime or need assistance from the police.

076-225-0555

SOS

To report an incident or accident to the police, dial the emergency number (24 hrs/day).

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SOS

Fire / Rescue / Ambulance: Dial emergency number (24 hrs/day)

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Go deeper into Kanazawa's fascinating past and vibrant present through the city's remarkable artisanal crafts and unparalleled culture. Replete with dozens of museums, preserved houses and shops, thriving geisha districts, and of course, Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa offers something for everyone.