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Kanazawa

OFFICIAL GUIDE

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.







Welcome to Kanazawa!

A city that prides itself in the colors of Kenrokuen Garden throughout the four seasons, in the clear water of the Saigawa and Asanogawa rivers, in its abundant

greenery, and in its refined traditional culture - and at the same time incorporates modern elements as it continues to develop. This is the city of Kanazawa.

Kanazawa Castle Town

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

The castle town of 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 townspeople'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.

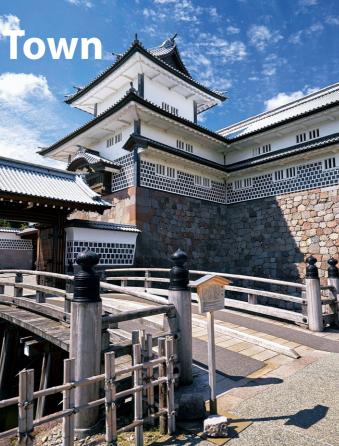
Modern-day Kanazawa is one of the largest castle towns in Japan and retains many streets and cultural elements from the olden days owing to the fact that the city has escaped damage caused by war or major disasters for a period of over 400 years. Kanazawa's unique charms include the tourist spots of 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.

Experience the city of Kanazawa that combines tradition with new culture.



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Kanazawa's traditional arts and crafts

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

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 performing arts There is a saying in Kanazawa that goes "Utai (the chanting of a Noh text) falls down from the sky." Ever since the olden days, Noh plays have been enjoyed by samurai, merchants, and even by gardeners. You would often hear someone humming a verse from a Noh play while walking down the street in Kanazawa, which is where the above saying comes from. The unique Kaga Hosho Noh plays and the Subayashi musical accompaniment have been passed down through the generations, and remain part of citizens' lives to this day. 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.

Town with real Geisha performers



home of a number of art forms.

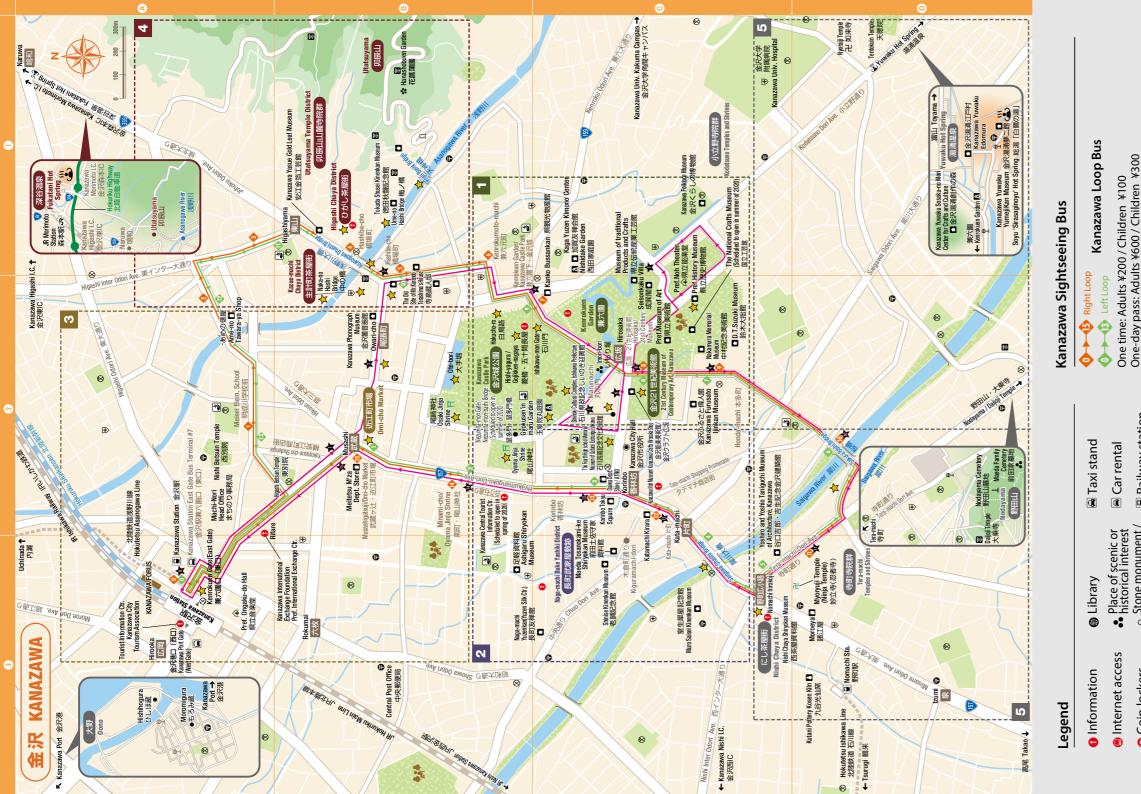


arrangements, serving up dishes and table manners in addition to the ingredients. Kanazawa is also known as the home of Japanese confectionery due to the fact that a number of famous sweets were created in the city, and where the tea ceremony is very popular.

Fresh ingredients and exceptional cooking techniques

Kanazawa's food culture Kanazawa 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





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Guide to Recommended Activities

Kanazawa's hot springs

Yuwaku Hot Spring

With its new greenery 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 7, board the Hokutetsu Bus to Yuwaku Hot

Fukatani Hot Spring

This hot spring resort is tucked away in a mountain ravine. If you take a bath in amber or coffee colored water, your skin will become silky smooth.

From Kanazawa Station East Gate, Stop 4, board the JR Bus to Nakao via Fukatani Hot

Local Area



Beneficial for external wounds, skin diseases, rheumatism, neuralgia, etc.

Spring (approx. 40 minutes)



Beneficial for hemorrhoids, fatigue, neuralgia, sore muscles, etc.



Ono

Facing the Sea of Japan, Ono-machi is a port town with several houses that have passed down businesses such as fishing and soy sauce

"Light-up" Bus

Days of operation: Saturdays year-end and New Year's Departs Kanazawa Station Kenrokuen

Gate(Éast Gate)Stop 7 every 15 minutes from 7:00 pm to 9:45 pm

Adults: ¥300 / Children: ¥150 *You may also purchase a Kanazawa "Light-up" Bus Pass for ¥500 at the Jokutetsu Ekimae Ticket Office



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Route
 Arazawa Station Kenrokuen Gate (East Gate)

From Nakabashi Bus Stop (follow the

elevated road from Kanazawa Station

for about 500 meters), board the

Hokutetsu Bus to Ono (approx. 40

- ★ Musashigatsuji / Omi-cho Market
- ★Owari-cho
- ★ Hashiba-cho
- Kenrokuen Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park
- ★ Marunouchi
- Hirosaka / 21st Century Museum
- ★ Pref.Museum of Art / Seisonkaku
- Hirosaka / 21st Century Museum
- ★ Honda-machi
- 🏚 Sakurabashi
- 🏚 Hirokoji
- Kata-machi
- 1 Korinbo
- 🟚 Minami-cho / Oyama Jinja Shrine
- Musashigatsuji / Omi-cho Market



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa 金沢21世紀美術館 Kenrokuen Garden 兼六園 Kanazawa **Castle Park** 金沢城公園

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa / Kenrokuen Garden and Vicinity

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 Kenrokuen Garden was created as the castle garden by successive generations of lords, beginning more that 300 years ago. As 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. **Recommended Sightseeing Spots**

Open hours Closed Admission Telephone number Website



1 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa 金沢21世紀美術館

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.

Fridays and Saturdays) Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a holiday), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 Admission fee for permanent exhibition: free **@**076-220-2800

http://www.kanazawa21.jp/

Pref. Museum of Art 石川県立美術館 Exhibits a wide range of art, including antique art related to Ishikawa Prefecture, crafts and paintings by artisans with a connection to Ishikawa. Please take your time and look around at many of the most superb works in Japan - some of which have been designated as national treasures and important cultural assets.

periods of exhibit change Admission fee for permanent exhibition: Adults ¥370 / University students ¥290 / High school students and younger: free

(076-231-7580 Ohttp://www.ishibi.pref.ishikawa.jp/



③ Kenrokuen Garden 兼六園

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.

7:00 am - 6:00 pm from Mar. 1 to Oct. 15, and 8:00 am - 5:00 pm the rest of the year Open year-round Adults ¥320 / Children ¥100 @076-234-3800

Ohttp://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/



A Kanazawa Castle Park / Gyokusen'inmaru Garden 金沢城公園/玉泉院丸庭園

Kanazawa Castle Park is a park established by the Maeda family of the Kaga Domain. Full-scale construction of the castle began more than 400 years ago. Many of its buildings were burned down in repeated fires, but several structures, such as Ishikawa-mon Gate and Sanjikken Nagaya, are still standing; others are being restored with historical accuracy. Gyokusen'inmaru Garden existed until the abolition of the feudal domain system. and was restored in March 2015. Same as Kenrokuen Garden Open year-round @Admission for Hishi-yagura Gojikken-Nagaya, Hashizume-mon

Tsuzuki-yagura, and Hashizume-mon: Adults ¥320 / Children ¥100 **G**Same as Kenrokuen Garden

Nakamura Memorial Museum 中村記念美術館

The museum has a collection of about 600 pieces, including excellent tea-ceremony works of art and interior furnishings. The collection mainly consists of art/craft objects donated by the Nakamura family, who run a sake brewing company. Some pieces have been designated as important cultural assets. Visitors can enjoy a bowl of powdered green tea while admiring the garden.

9:30 am - 5:00 pm &Dec. 29 - Jan. 3,

periods of exhibit change Adults ¥310 Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free **@**076-221-0751

⑥ Seisonkaku Villa 成巽閣

This villa was built about 140 years ago by the 13th lord of Kaga, 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.

9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesdays (or the next day if Wednesday is a holiday), Dec. 29 Jan. 3 🛱 Adults ¥700 / High school and junior high school students ¥300 / Elementary school students ¥250 **(**076-221-0580 http://www.seisonkaku.com/

Museum for Traditional Products and Crafts 石川県立伝統産業工芸館

With its many traditional crafts, such as Kaga yuzen dyed silk, Wajima lacquerware and Kutani ceramic ware, Ishikawa is said to be a treasure house of crafts. Here you will see displays of these crafts and the tools used to make them, as well as manufacturing processes. Section 2000 am - 5:00 pm Section 2:00 pm Section 2:00 am - 5:00 pm Section 2:00 pm Sectio

third Thursday of the month from April to November), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 PAdults ¥260 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / Children 17 years and younger ¥100 **(0**76-262-2020)

Sanazawa Noh Museum/ Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop 金沢能楽美術館/金沢クラフト広坂

This museum, you can see valuable material about Kanazawa's traditional Noh. The Shop, you can see unusual traditional crafts such as Kaga inlay, Kaga mizuhiki (ribbon-like paper decorations) and Kaga fly fishing hooks.

next weekday if Monday is a holiday) periods of exhibit change, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger:free(Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop:free) @Tel.076-220-2790

Saga Yuzen Kimono center 加賀友禅会館

Here you can experience everything related to Kaga yuzen: view exhibits, shop, watch hand-painting demonstrations, try your hand at stencil dveing, get dressed in a kimono (reservations required), or go for a stroll wearing a Kaga vuzen kimono (reservations required). 9:00 am - 5:00 pm Wednesdays(A holidav is removed), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 Adults ¥310 / Children ¥210 **@**076-224-5511

D National Crafts Museum(Scheduled to open in summer of 2020) 国立工芸館

National Crafts Museum (officially, the Crafts Gallery of the National Museum of Modern Art, Tokyo) will be relocated to Kanazawa, and will be the first national museum of art along the west coast of Japan. National Crafts Museum is Japan's only national art museum specializing in crafts, and over 1,900 art and craft items (or about 70% of the collection of the current Crafts Gallery in Tokyo), including ceramics, lacquerware, textiles, and metalwork, will be relocated.

The Nishidake Family Garden "Gyokusen-en Garden" 西田家庭園「玉泉園」

This strolling garden featuring a pond is 120 years older than Kenrokuen Garden. Here vou can eniov a matcha tea ceremony in Kanazawa's oldest tea room. (Reservation required at least three days in advance.)

♥9:00 am - 5:00 pm(9:00 am - 4:00 pm from Nov.21-Dec.24) Wednesdays (or the next day if Wednesday is a holiday), closed from Dec.25 to Feb.28
Adults ¥700 / High school students ¥600 / Elementary and middle school students ¥500. Matcha tea ¥800 (no reservation required) / Tea ceremony ¥2,300 (reservation required) @076-221-0181









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Bus stops



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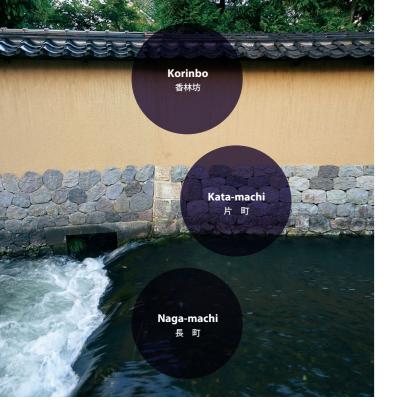


The World of Tea

Tea ceremony, part of traditional Japanese culture. is not simply making matcha tea, but rather a comprehensive art uniting the architecture of the tea room, tea utensils that are works of art in themselves, and a connection to Zen. Through Japanese tea ceremony, one can learn etiquette and spirituality. As the art of tea ceremony was required learning for samurai, Kanazawa actively conducts Japanese tea ceremonies, and even today matcha tea is readily available to be enjoyed.

At the Nishidake Family's Gyokusen-en 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

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Korinbo / Kata-machi / Naga-machi and Vicinity

The area that comprises Ishikawa Prefecture, where Kanazawa is located, Toyama Prefecture to the east, and Fukui Prefecture to the west is called Hokuriku. Korinbo/Katamachi is the largest commercial area in Hokuriku. With its concentration of various kinds of people and shops, it is the most important center for both people and products in this area. If you are walking around looking for a place to have lunch or dinner, or to have tea, this is probably the area where you can enjoy yourself the most. People looking for typical Kanazawa dishes, or those who miss the tastes of their home country can probably find the type of restaurant they are looking for here. Of course, this area is also recommended for shopping, and for people who want to spend an evening in Kanazawa enjoying some good drinks. If you go a little beyond the commercial district, you can walk through Naga-machi, an area that brings to mind the streetscape of samurai days. In this area there are also samurai residences and museums that evoke the lifestyle of the feudal period, so if you are interested in samurais and their culture, you should definitely go and have a look.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

Open hours Closed Admission Telephone number Website



① Oyama Jinja Shrine 尾山神社

This shrine is dedicated to the first lord of Kaga, Maeda Toshije, Inlaid glass in the uppermost section of the three-tiered gate gives it an exotic appearance.

Syear-round Open year-round €free of charge @076-231-7210

2 Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District 長町武家屋敷跡

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

Maeda Tosanokami-ke Shirvokan Museum 前田土佐守家資料館

This museum displays weapons, art and craft items, letters, etc. belonging to the Tosanokami family, chief vassals of the Kaga clan. Visitors have free access to a lounge facing the small garden, conveniently located for resting after a stroll.

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Adults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free @076-233-1561

O Shinise Kinenkan Museum 老舗記念館

The Nakava pharmacy, which was established in 1579, was moved to this location and reconstructed as a museum. It contains furnishings from when the old shop was in business, as well as items that show the merchants' culture of the time. €9:30 am - 5:00 pm Operiods of exhibit change Adults ¥100 / High school students and younger: free @076-220-2524

S Naga-machi Buke Yashiki Kyukeikan Rest House 長町武家屋敷休憩館

This facility was built as a base for sightseeing in the Nagamachi area. Everybody is welcome to come in and use the lounge and washrooms, view the exhibits, and obtain tourist information.

am - 5:00 pm (Dec. - Mar.15) Open year-round €free of charge **(**076-263-1951



⑥ Nomura Samurai House 野村家

This is the former mansion site of the Nomura family. For successive generations they were 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 Bayberry trees and a meandering stream surrounded by magnificent stones.

♥8:30 am - 5:30 pm (From October to March closing time is 4:30 pm) Dec. 26 - 27, Jan.1-2 Adults ¥550 / Hiah School students ¥400 / Junior hiah and Elementary students ¥250 **@**076-221-3553



⑦ D.T. Suzuki Museum 鈴木大拙館 The D.T.SUZUKI MUSEUM is an idea place for visitors both inside and outside Japan to deepen their understanding of the ideas and

achievements of Daisetz Suzuki, a prominent Buddhist philosopher best known as D.T.Suzuki, and is also a place for self-reflection. 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Mondays. (or the next day if Monday is a holiday) periods of exhibit change, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 PAdults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free **@**076-221-8011



O Naga-machi Yuzenkan (Yuzen Silk) Ctr.) 長町友禅館

Here you can tour a Kaga yuzen workshop, or try your hand at coloring silk. You can also have your picture taken wearing a kimono, or rent a kimono. Reservations required. Wednesdays and during winter (Dec. to Feb.) ¥350 / Silk coloring ¥4,400 / Wear a kimono ¥1,300 / Kimono rental ¥4,400/dav **@**076-264-2811

⑨ Kata-machi Area 片町界隈

With its many bars and Japanese-style pubs including "shot bars" specializing in local sake, this is the busiest downtown area in Hokuriku. To fully enjoy a night in Kanazawa, spend it in Kata-machi.



Daiwa Dept. Store / Atrio 香林坊大和・アトリオ

This is a long-established department store that has all kind of shops in it. from well-known local sake and craft

stores to high-end shops. There is a restaurant mall on the eighth floor. ♥10:00 am - 7:00 pm (8th-floor restaurants) open until 9:00 pm) Wednesdays @076-220-1111

Tate-machi Shopping Promenade タテマチ商店街

With about 400 meters of fashion and sundry goods shops, cafes, etc., Tate-machi is Kanazawa's trend-setting area, bustling with fashionable young people.

Ashigaru Shiryokan Museum 金沢市足軽資料館

Two ashigaru (foot soldiers, the lowest rank of samurai) residences from the Edo period were relocated and reconstructed in this museum The stones placed on the roof recreate the atmosphere of the era. 9:30 am - 5:00 pm Open vear-round ∯free of charge **@**076-263-3640

B Remains of the Takada Family House 旧加賀藩士高田家跡

Open to the public, here you can see the restored Nagaya-mon Gate from the Edo period. Inside the residence are a strolling garden and pond, vestiges of the Edo period. 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

Open year-round €free of charge **@**076-263-3640



Seseragi-dori Street せせらぎ通り

This street is lined with cafés and general stores. With the Kuratsuki Canal flowing along the side, you can enjoy the sounds of the stream as well as the beautiful scenery



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Nishi Chava District



Access information

About 3 min. walk from Korinbo bus stop to Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District 兼六園□(東□) (Kenrokuenguchi Higas) Stop 6 Kanazawa Loop Bus "Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuvu Bu ● 香林坊 Korinbo •••• Stop10 All busses pass by "Korinbo" and "Katamachi" ♀片町 Kata-machi

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Japanese-style Pubs *"Izakayas"*

"Izakavas," restaurants that serve alcohol and food, are very common in Japan. There are many izakavas around Korinbo and Kata-machi, and after work or on weekend nights, the 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.



Kanazawa Station / Musashigatsuii / Owari-cho and Vicinity

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 the citizens of Kanazawa, who 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 years old, it is crammed with rows of seafood and vegetable shops. Looking around at all of the produce, you will get a sense of the market's unique vitality. Owari-cho, which was once inhabited by merchants and craftsmen, has many old shops that are still in business. You can enjoy the taste of such treats as oldfashioned confections and tsukudani (various foods boiled down in soy sauce). The atmospheric street that goes from Owari-cho to the Kazue-machi Chaya District by the Asanogawa River is the perfect place for a stroll.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

Open hours
Closed
Admission
Telephone number Website



① Kanazawa Station 金沢駅

The design of 'Motenashi Dome', the symbol of the station's East Plaza, represents an umbrella proffered to visitors to Kanazawa. In front, there is a wooden gate that represents a hand drum. The underground plaza is equipped with Internet terminals, and a large multivision sign that displays a variety of images. This is the place to gather information before going on a trip.



2 Kanazawa Hyakubangai 金沢百番街

This is the shopping and restaurant section of JR Kanazawa Station. Here vou will find all kinds of souvenir items, including traditional crafts and Japanese confectionery. There is also a post office and a tourist information center that can provide service in Enalish.

ANTO (souvenir shops): 8:30 am - 8:00 pm / Restaurants: 11:00 am (some 10:00 am) - 10:00 pm

♥ANTO Nishi(Supermarket, Restaurant.etc)7:00am-11:00pm(lt differs

according to the store.) Rinto (stylish items, clothes, etc.): 10:00 am - 8:00 pm(varies slightly depending on the shop) 🕲 Jan. 1 only 🕜 076-260-3700

Kanazawa Forus 金沢フォーラス

A large, indoor shopping mall located right beside Kanazawa Station. Enjoy your time shopping indoors with stores lined with the newest trends.

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The mall includes restaurants and a movie theater as well. Solution 2010:00 am - 9:00 pm Solution 2010:00 am - 9:00 pm (some individual stores may close) **@**076-265-8111



④ Omi-cho Market 近江町市場

A favorite place for food shopping among Kanazawa residents, this market consists of about 170 shops selling fresh fish, vegetables, etc. There are also sushi bars and restaurants that serve lunch.

♥approx. 9:00 am - approx. 5:00 pm (varies slightly depending on the shop) Waries by Shop @076-231-1462

Omi-cho Ichibakan Market Plaza 近江町いちば館

Adjacent to the Omi-cho Market, this building houses 37 shops including restaurants and fresh produce stores. ♥1F 9:00 am - 5:00 pm (Varies by shop), 2F (Restaurant floor) 11:00 am - 11:00 pm, B1F (produce and daily commodities floor) 9:00 am - 8:00 pm 🙆 Open year-round

@076-231-3323



G Kanazawa Phonograph Museum 金沢蓄音器館

This museum has a collection of 600 phonographs, including Edison models, most of which still work, as well as 30,000 SP records. There are three demonstrations a day that you can listen to and compare sounds. pm) 🕲 Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 🗳 Adults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free €076-232-3066



Ame-no Tawara-ya Shop あめの俵屋

This shop sells a healthy kind of candy made from rice and barley, with no additives whatsoever. The nutritious Jiro-ame (soft honey-like candy) is the most popular.

9:00 am - 6:00 pm (5:00 pm on Sundays) Irregular closing days, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 **(**076-252-2079



Try your hand at playing the koto This shop manufactures and sells

kotos. From January to March, visitors can make a reservation to try playing the koto free of charge (no fixed time limit).

Koto Sangen Nodaya [琴三弦野田屋]

€10:00 am - 6:00 pm Sundays, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 **@**076-221-2870



Nakashima Men-ya 中島めんや

Nakashima Men-va is a long-established store which creates and sells Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari dolls, Kaga Ningvo dolls, Kaga Shishi Gashira, and Kanazawa traditional toys. You can try vour hand at making decorating a Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari doll as well. Saga Hachiman Oki-agari dolls Decoration Trial lesson ¥880 (reservation required) **@**076-232-1818

Yokoyasue-cho Shopping Street 横安江町商店街

This historical shopping street is located between Kanazawa Station and Musashigatsuii. The street features an assortment of stores, such as variety stores, coffee shops, and old specialty stores.



Meboso Hachirobei Company 目細八郎兵衛商店

This long-established store has been in business since 1575. Using the delicate art of Kaga fly fishing lures originating from the Edo period, this shop today produces feather accessories made from fishing lures.

Making a Kaga fly fishing lure broach: ¥2.000 (reservation required) **(**076-231-6371

Chomin Bunkakan Community Center 町民文化館

This cultural center was built as a bank in 1907. 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Weekdays, 12/29 - 1/3 €free of charge €076-222-7670









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Owari-cho, the Merchant Town

In the Edo period, Owari-cho, made up of merchants and artisans, was the main section of Jokamachi Kanazawa. The old townscape from the past still remains today. There are several stores that have been in business since the Edo period, and from the outside, you can see handmade displays of "merchant culture" passed down from previous generations in a few show windows.



Higashi Chaya District / Kazue-machi / Utatsuyama and Vicinity

Higashi means "east", utatsu means "east-southeast"; the names of the Higashi Chaya District and Mt. Utatsu (Utatsu-yama) derive from the fact that they are located in an easterly and east-southeasterly direction, respectively, as seen from Kanazawa Castle.

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. Utatsu 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.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

Open hours
Closed
Admission
Telephone number Website



Gold leaf application

Ninety-nine percent of Japanese gold leaf is high-quality leaf produced in Kanazawa. Here you can watch the process of making gold leaf of a thickness of only 0.0001 mm, and try your hand at gold leaf application. Reservations required. [Sakuda Gold Leaf Shop]

「金銀箔工芸さくだ] Times for do-it-yourself gold leaf application: 1) 9:00 am ~ 2) 10:30 am ~ 3) 1:00 pm ~ 4) 3:00 pm ~* Time required: 1 hours Limit of 50 people (Reservations required) 🕲 Open year-round From ¥600/person for one time (includes)

cost of materials) + shipping cost **@**076-251-6777



O Shamisen playing

The shamisen is an indispensable instrument in the geisha district. You are offered a chance to play one in this time-honored shop. [Shamisen no Fukushima] 「三味線の福嶋]

holidays. 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. year-end and New Year's, Obon holiday €¥500 (includes shamisen playing, powdered green tea and dry confectionary) Ø076-252-3703

The Old Site of Mr. Kurando Terashima's House 寺島蔵人邸

The residence of Kurando Terashima

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a middle-ranking samurai of the Kaga Domain.

The outstanding works of Kurando, who was also an artist, are on display. You can also walk through the garden. 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (last admission 4:30 pm) Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change Adults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free **@**076-224-2789



⑦ Utatsuyama Park 卯辰山公園

This park, which extends along the base of Mt. Utatsuvama, affords a good view of Kanazawa. From the lookout point on the summit, called 'Bokodai', one can see the whole city, and on clear days there is a view of the Japan Sea. The park is also popular for its night view.



O Yasue Gold Leaf Museum 安江金箔工芸館

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.

Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change Adults ¥310 / High school students and younger: free / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 @076-251-8950

Ohi Family Ceramics Studio, Kiln of the Tenth Heir Ohi Chozaemon and Ohi Gallery 大樋焼本家窯元・十代大樋長左衛門窯・大樋美術館 Ohi ceramics were made for successive generations of the Kaga clan, and have a history of about 330 years. The museum exhibits pieces ranging from superb works made by the first Ohi master to contemporary masterpieces. ♥9:00 am - 5:00 pm Periods of exhibit change General (high school students and older) ¥700 / Elementary and junior high school



① Shima (Geisha House) 志摩

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 enjoy a cup of powdered green tea in 'Kanson-an', a tearoom inside the building (fee charged).

9:00 am - 6:00 pm Closes at 5:00 pm during winter (Dec. to Feb.) 🙆 Open vear-round

General (high school students and older) ¥500 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥300 @076-252-5675

① Kaikaro (Geisha House) 懐華樓

Enjoy the beautiful, bright interior decoration of this restored 200year-old geisha house, which harmonizes tradition and originality. Tea is available. №10:00 am - 5:00 pm

- Closed irregularly Adults ¥750
- Ø076-253-0591



Kazue-machi Chava District

主計町茶屋街

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Higashi Chaya District

④ Asanogawa River 浅野川

There is something delicate about the

Walking on the street along the river,

you will notice the close relationship

that local residents have with it.

scenery around Asanogawa River.

This popular tourist area beside the

Kanazawa was like in bygone days.

Asanogawa River features rows of old

geisha houses that give a feel for what

ひがし茶屋街

G Kazue-machi Chaya District 主計町茶屋街

This area near Asanogawa River features a cobblestone street lined with old buildings: high-end Japanese restaurants, bars and inns. Be sure to check out the beautiful glass bench at the nearby Hashiba-cho bus stop!





Kanazawa lessons



Walk Through the Utatsuyama Temple Area

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 this mountain 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



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

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.

Weekdays: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Weekends & national holidays: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (9:00 am - 4:00 pm from Dec to Feb) 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 Nishi Chaya District にし茶屋街

In addition to a historical streetscape and geisha girls, 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.

Sutani Kosen-gama (Kutani Kosen) Pottery Kiln) [九谷光仙窯]

♥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 €from ¥1,300 (Choice of over 20 types, reservations required) @076-241-0902

Open hours Oclosed Open hours **@** Telephone number **@** Website

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.

4 Saigawa River 犀川

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.

O Yoshiro and Yoshio Taniguchi Museum of Architecture, Kanazawa 谷口吉郎・吉生記念金沢建築館

An architecture and urban development-themed museum, the facility contains a faithful replica of the Japanese Style Annex, "Yushintei" of the State Guest House, Akasaka Palace in Tokyo. The replica is displayed as a permanent exhibition in the museum, and is the first ever to be displayed in any facility in Japan. The building was designed by international architect, Yoshio Taniguchi.

9:30 am - 5:00 pm (last admission 4:30 pm) Mondays (or the next day if Monday is a holiday), New Year's Holiday period Adults ¥310, High school students and younger: free, Seniors 65 years and older ¥210 @076-247-3031

Area map No-machi / Tera-machi



Access information



The Art of

Kanazawa Geisha

the three Chava Districts.

passed down today.

In Kanazawa, where this tradition has been

passed down since the Edo period, there are

approximately 50 Kanazawa Geisha active in

invitation of a regular customer to attend a

Although it is normally not possible to meet

the geiko, depending on the season, the

the dance of the Kanazawa Geisha.

general public may have the chance to see

dinner party in a tatami room is still being

The old custom where you need the

Kanazawa lessons



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 Kenrokuen 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.



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.

9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Mar. - Nov.), 9:00 am -4:00 pm (Dec. - Feb.) 🕲 Wednesday (Dec. -Feb.), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 😫 High school students and older ¥500, Junior high school students ¥300, Elementary school students

Recommended Sightseeing Spots Open hours Closed Admission Telephone number Owebsite

¥200 (tea ceremony ¥500) 6076-231-4484

2 Daijoji Temple 大乗寺

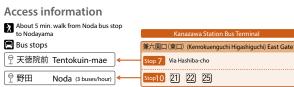
This temple, used for training monks, was founded about 700 years ago and moved to its present location about 300 years ago. Here you can experience Zen meditation - the seeking of enlightenment through detachment and silence, by sitting guietly and concentrating. The building has been designated as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

O 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.

Area map Kodatsuno / Nodayama









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

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around map

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

 Uchinada Beach [内灘海水浴場]



At this beach located approximately 200 meters from the

water's edge, young people eniov surfing and iet 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 Jinia Shrine** [白山比咩神社]

Along with Mt. Fuji and Mt.



times.

as a sacred place for mountain worship since ancient

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Tsurugi Station

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



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 Mondays (or the next day if Monday is a holiday), year-end and New Year's holiday (Dec. 29 – Jan. 3) (Adults ¥300 **6**076-283-6600 JR Nanao

4 Kita Family Residence

[喜多記念館] 6 Kurikara This townhouse. relocated from A 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 Nonoichi-Kodaimae Station 3-8-11 Honmachi, Nonoichi

€9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Irregular closing days 😫 Adults ¥400 **6**076-248-1131 (reservation required)

6 Kurikara Fudoji Temple [俱利伽羅不動寺]

With roughly 1,300 years of history, this temple is known as one of Japan's three most famous Fudoson temples. Ishikawa Railway,



20-minute taxi ride from Tsubata Station Ri 2 Kurikara. Tsubata-machi, Kahoku-qun **@**076-288-1451

Gokayama / Shirakawago / Takayama / Matsumoto



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



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



Shirakawa-go [自川郷]

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 vou can encounter the nostalgic. original landscape of Japan.

• 80 minutes 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 overwhelmina.

 2 hours from Takayama by car or bus



For more information : https://mitsuboshi-kaidou.com/en

Looking for a Kanazawa Guide and Interpreter?

Please take advantage of the Kanazawa Guide Interpreter Search site (https://kanazawaguide.jp).

There, you can search for Interpreters/Kanazawa guides based on availability as well as areas of expertise and inquire with them directly. The registered guides are all Kanazawa residents, so they can provide an even deeper and more meaningful experience than the standard travel guides!

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🖨 Taxis Tvoical taxi fares from the Kenrokuen Gate(East Gate Stop 1 of Kanazawa Station to various sightseeing spots: Area-3 Omicho Market Stop 2 700 yen For Komatsu Stop 3 en Gardei Airport 1.300 ven Stop 4 Taxi stand 1.100 yen Stop 5 Area-4 Higashi (isha Distric Stop 8 1.100 ven Stop 6 Stop 7 ha District 金沢港口(西口) 1.500 yen ණ 1 anazawa Port Gate (West Entrance) Cemetery 2.500 yen Hot Spring Kanazawa sta. Kenrokuen Gate 5.000 ven (East Entrance) 兼六園口 観光案内所 金沢駅 Bicvcle rental 東口 JR Highway Bus Colo Colo Rent a cvcle Taxi stand Opening hours: Stop 5 Stop 4 **KANAZAWA LOOP BUS** 10:00 am - 6:00 pm $\mathbf{0}$ Stop 6 Stop 3 500 yen for 4 hours Pref Bus information center Kenrokuer 800 yen per 1 day Ongaku-do Hall Hokutetsu Ston 2 Stop 7 ighway 1,500 yen per 2 days Stop 8 Daiwa Anshin Rental Bike Ston 1 Parking Owari-cho Stop 9 Obaiwa Anshin Rental Bike Stop 10 Parking Kagekiza 8 Opening hours: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm itop 11 0 (Retrievable 24 hours a day) Hokutetsu Ekimae Center ¥100 for one hour / ¥100 for Bus arrival area (Bus Ticket Office) Kanazawa Flat Bus (Konohana route) every two hours after the first hour / Maximum fee is ¥900 per day (You will pay ¥1,000 in the main buses advance and receive your that operate in change when leaving) Kanazawa Hokutetsu Bus 北鉄バス Kenrokuenguchi(Higashiguchi Stop 6 Stop 8 Stop 9 Ston 10 Area-4 橋場町 Area-3 武蔵ヶ辻・近江町市場 Musashigatsuji/Omi-cho Market Hashiba-cho Area-1 兼六園下 Area-2 香林坊 Korinbo 11 12 16 金沢城 Kenrokuen Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park Area-5 広小路 Hirokoji Area-1 広坂·21世紀美術館 Hirosaka / 21st Century Museum Area-5 天徳院前 Tentokuin-mae Area-5 野田 Area-1 本多町 Area-1 兼六園下·金沢城 Noda Kenrokuen Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park Honda-mach Area-5 湯涌温泉 Yuwaku Onsen 12 90 卯辰山 Area-4 Utatsuvama Regular sightseeing bus Stop 1 Express bus (for Noto)



it stops at all the major sightseeing

locations within Kanazawa

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Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100

KANAZAWA LOOP BUS ONE DAY PASS

The One Day Pass is convenient as you can use it for both the Kanazawa Loop Bus, the Kenrokuen Shuttle and also on all other bus routes within Kanazawa up to a ¥250. Adults ¥600 / Children ¥300

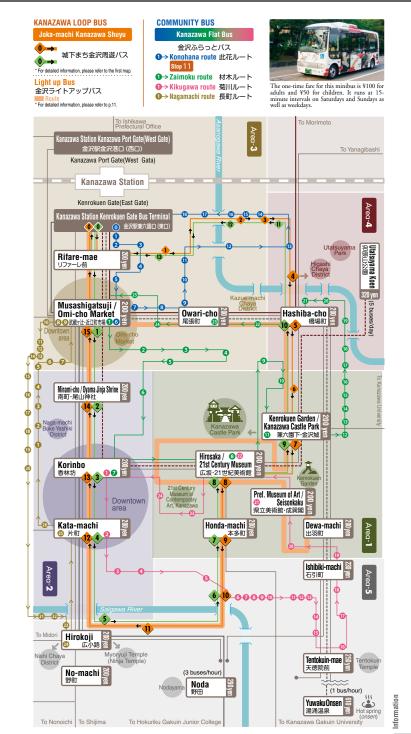
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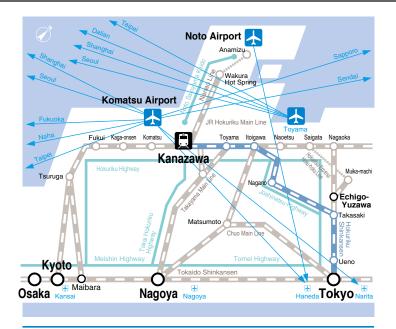
- >> Hokutetsu Ekimae Center (Kanazawa Kenrokuen Gate(East Entrance)
- >> Kata-machi Center (In front of the Kata-machi Bus stop)
- >> Musashi Service Center (MEITETSU M'za)

🔲 Map of main Kanazawa bus routes

Some bus stops are not shown, and times and numbers of buses may vary. Please use the map only as a rough guide.



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🛧 Air routes	Time required	
Flight to and from Komatsu Airport	Flights to and from Noto Airport	
I Tokyo (Narita) ⇔ Komatsu Sone way: approx. 1 hr & 15 min	⊡Tokyo (Haneda) ⇔ Noto Sone way: approx. 1 hr	
▲Tokyo (Haneda) ⇔ Komatsu	Transportation between Noto Airport and Kanazawa Station	
One way: approx. 1 hr & 10 min	Express Bus	
Transportation between Komatsu Airport and Kanazawa Station	Some way: approx. 1 hr & 55 min	
Komatsu Airport Limousine Bus		

Buses run according to arrival and departure times at Komatsu Airport. One way: approx. 1 hr, 40min (Super Express)

보 JR Routes

Tokyo ⇔ Kanazawa

Hokuriku Shinkansen
 Approx. 2 hrs & 30 min

Osaka ⇔ Kanazawa

Limited Express "Thunderbird"Approx. 2 hrs & 40 min

Hokuriku Arch Pass

Information

Enjoy economical unlimited travel from Tokyo and Osaka to the Hokuriku areal Experience the nature and traditions of Hokuriku along one of JR's newest routes. URL: hokuriku-arch-pass.com/en/

Time required

- Nagoya ⇔ Kanazawa
- Tokaido Shinkansen "Hikari" (Change trains at Maibara) -Limited Express "Shirasagi"
 Approx. 2 hrs & 30 min
- Limited Express "Shirasagi"
 Approx. 3 hrs

Kyoto ⇔ Kanazawa

Limited Express "Thunderbird"
 Approx. 2 hrs & 15 min

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Tourist Information Center

Tourist information is available in English at the following tourist information offices: OKanazawa Station Tourist Information Center/ 8:30 am - 8:00 pm OKanazawa Central Tourist Information Center (Scheduled to open in spring of 2020)

OInformation Booth in Kanazawa Castle Park (Offers guided tours of Kenrokuen Garden and Kanazawa Castle Park) Every day except Dec.29 - Jan.3/ 9:30 am - 3:30 pm

★Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network (KGGN) Volunteer Guide Group If you contact KGGN two weeks in advance, you can reserve a guide to accompany you sightseeing in Kanazawa and the surrounding area.

@ 076-232-3933

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

http://kggn.jp

sos To report an incident or accident to the police, dial the emergency number (24 hrs/day). 🕜 110

Hospitals

O Police

Name of hospitals	Address	Ø		
Ishikawa Prefectural Central Hospital	2-1 Kuratsuki Higashi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	076-237-8211		
Kanazawa Municipal Hospital	3-7-3 Heiwa-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa 076-245-260			
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G Kanazawa Central Post Office

Address	Ø
1-1 Sanja-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	076-224-3822

Services provided in foreign languages

Subject of inquiry Name & address of organization	Days and hours of service	🕜 Languages available
OLegal advice (reservations required)	Third Thursday of every month	English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian
Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange Rifare 3rd Floor, 1-5-3 Honmachi, Kanazawa	1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	076-262-5931
Of General advice	Mon-Fri	English
Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation Rifare 2nd Floor, 1-5-3 Honmachi, Kanazawa	9:00 am - 5:45 pm	076-220-2522
Procedures for foreigners related to disembarkation and residence	Mon-Fri	English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish, Tagalog (Chinese- and Korean-speaking staff members are sometimes not available.)
General Information Center for Foreign Residents	9:00 am - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	052-223-7336 052-223-7337
Postal service inquiries	Mon-Fri	English
Postal Information Service	9:30 am - 4:30 pm	076-262-2325
O JR information	Every day except Dec. 30 - Jan. 3	English, Chinese, Korean
JR East Infoline	10:00 am - 6:00 pm	050-2016-1603



https://k-jj.kanazawakankoukyoukai.or.jp/en/





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