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# Kanazawa

The Jewel of Japan

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.



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# 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

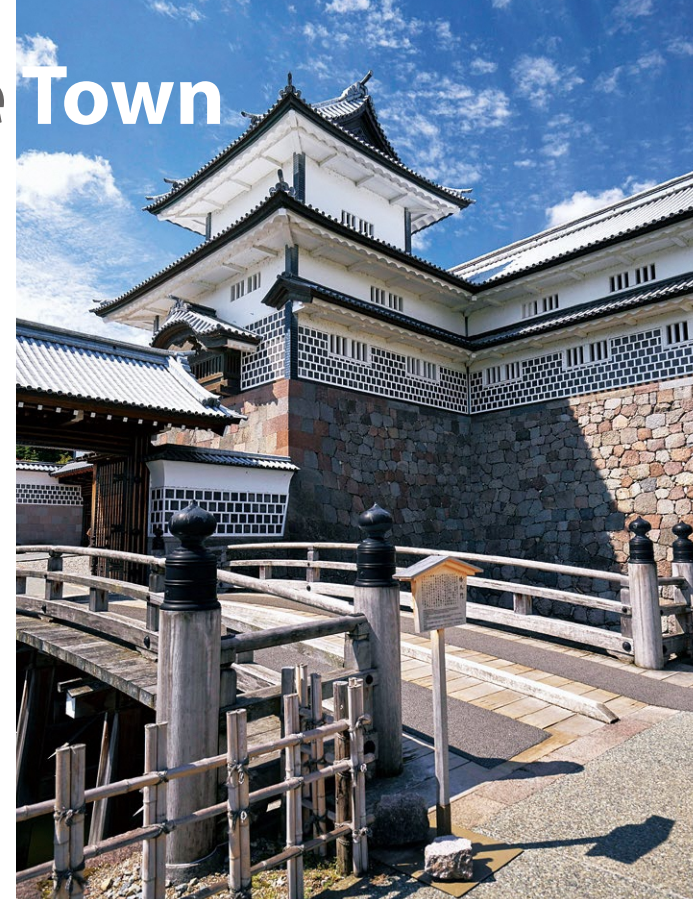
### Kanazawa – Town with a mixture of old traditions and new culture

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.



### Town with real Geisha performers

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.



### 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

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.



### Fresh ingredients and exceptional cooking techniques

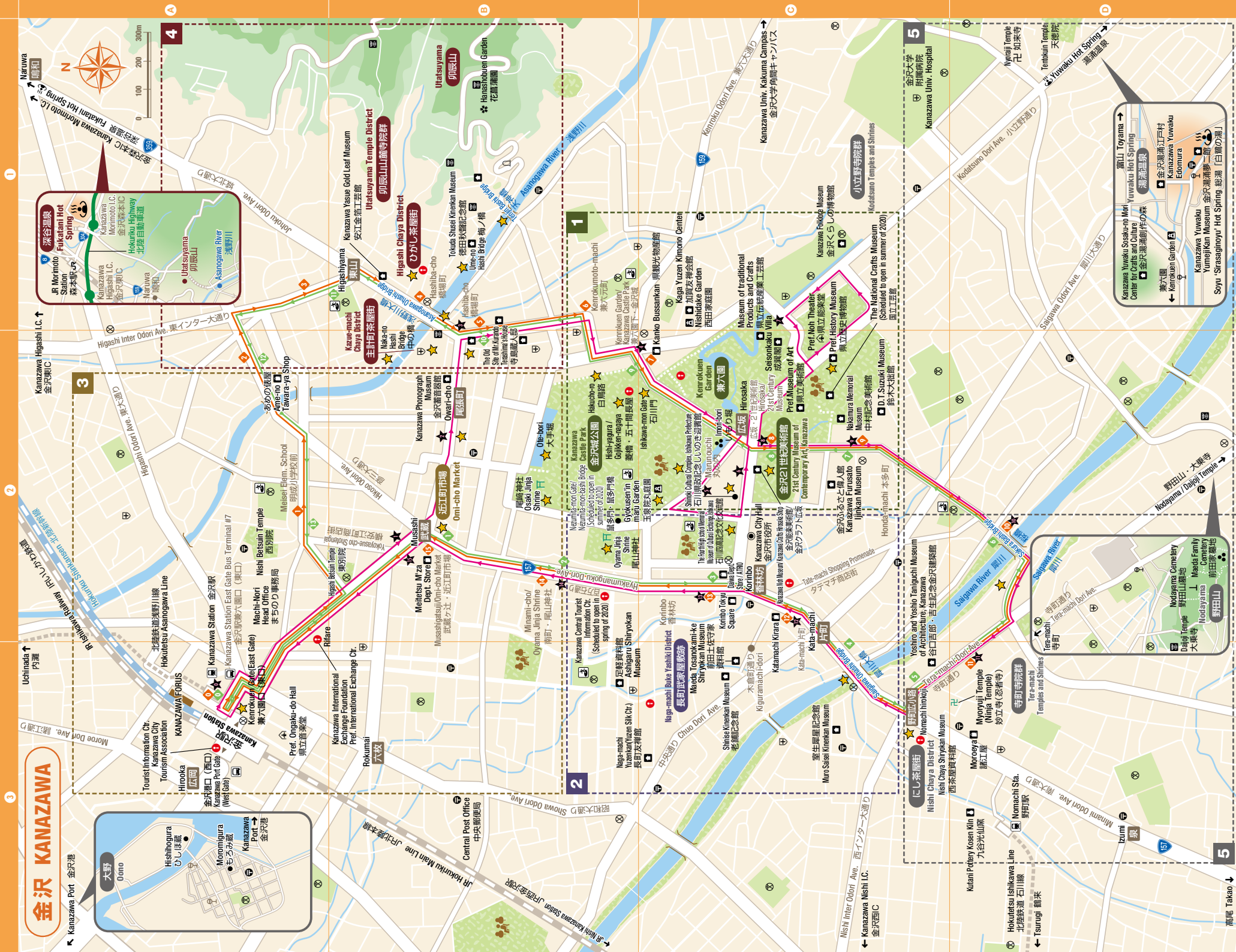
Kanazawa's food culture  
Kanazawa benefits from its location facing both the sea and mountains, with an abundance of fresh ingredients available. These include seafood such as crabs and

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

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.







## Legend

- Information
- Internet access
- Coin lockers
- Currency exchange
- Viewpoint
- Art gallery / Museum etc.
- Traditional crafts
- Shopping
- Restaurant
- Coffee shop
- Nightspot
- Post office
- Library
- Place of scenic or historical interest
- Stone monument / Memorial tablet
- Cemetery
- Temple
- Park
- Police station / Police box
- School
- Hospital
- Hot spring
- City hall
- Bus station
- Taxi stand
- Car rental
- Railway station
- Local bus stop
- Evacuation Sites
- Hall / Theatre
- Shrine
- Accommodation
- Washrooms
- Garden

## Kanazawa Sightseeing Bus

- Right Loop
- Left Loop
- One time: Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100
- One-day pass: Adults ¥600 / Children ¥300

## "Light-up" Bus (Refer to P11)

- Days in service: Saturdays
- Bus stop
- Light-up spot
- One time: Adults ¥300 / Children ¥150
- One-day pass: Adults ¥500 / Children ¥250



## The simplest way to rent a Machi-nori bike

There are two means for payment, and three methods for authentication. Here, we introduce to you the simplest way for international travelers.

<http://www.machi-nori.jp>



## "Light-up" Bus

- Days of operation: Saturdays
- Year-end and New Year's
- Departs Kanazawa Station Kenrokuen Gate(East 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 Hokutetsu Ekimae Ticket Office.

## 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

Spring (approx. 50 minutes)



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

#### 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

Spring (approx. 40 minutes)



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

## Local Area



#### 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

brewing 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 cafés opened in renovated soy sauce warehouses have received lots of attention.

From Nakabashi Bus Stop (follow the elevated road from Kanazawa Station for about 500 meters), board the Hokutetsu Bus to Ono (approx. 40 minutes)

#### Route

- Kanazawa Station Kenrokuen Gate (East Gate)
- 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
- Korinbo
- Minami-cho / Oyama Jinja Shrine
- Musashigatsuji / Omi-cho Market









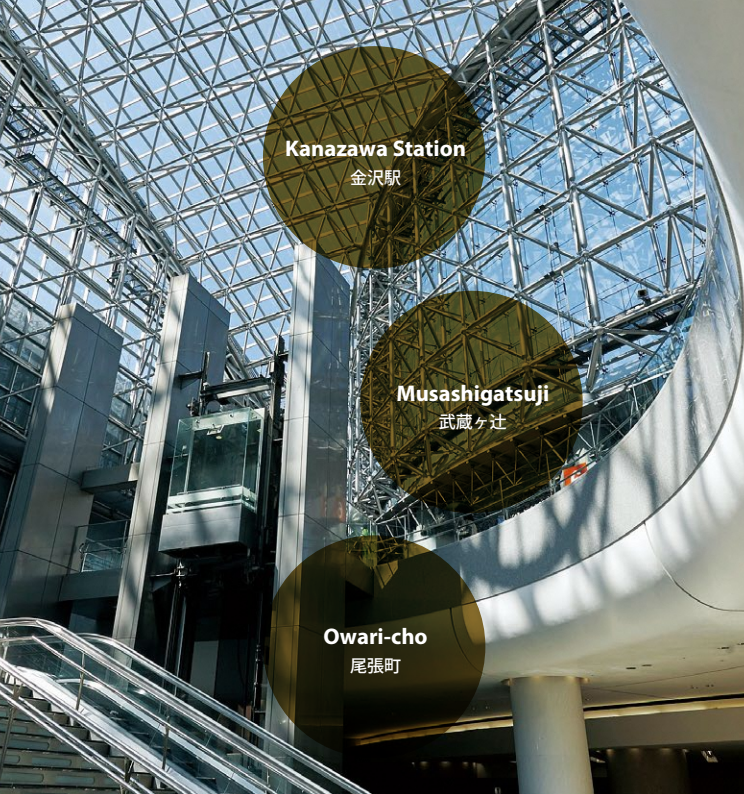
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Kanazawa Station /  
Musashigatsuji / Owari-cho and Vicinity

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 old-fashioned 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 you 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 English.  
🕒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(It 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

**3 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.

The mall includes restaurants and a movie theater as well.  
🕒10:00 am - 9:00 pm 🗓Open year-round (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)  
🗓Varies by Shop 📞076-231-1462

**5 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



**6 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.  
🕒10:00 am - 5:30 pm (last admission 5:00

pm) 🗓Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 🎫Adults ¥310 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥210 / High school students and younger: free  
📞076-232-3066



**7 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



**8 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



**9 Nakashima Men-ya 中島めんや**  
Nakashima Men-ya is a long-established store which creates and sells Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari dolls, Kaga Ningyo dolls, Kaga Shishi Gashira, and Kanazawa traditional toys. You can try your hand at making decorating a Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari doll as well.  
🕒9:00 am - 6:00 pm 🗓Tuesdays  
🕒Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari dolls  
Decoration Trial lesson ¥880 (reservation required) 📞076-232-1818

**10 Yokoyasue-cho Shopping Street 横安江町商店街**  
This historical shopping street is located between Kanazawa Station and Musashigatsuji. The street features an assortment of stores, such as variety stores, coffee shops, and old specialty stores.



**11 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.  
🕒9:30 am - 5:30 pm 🗓Tuesdays  
🕒Making a Kaga fly fishing lure broach: ¥2,000 (reservation required)  
📞076-231-6371

**12 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

Area map | Kanazawa Station / Musashigatsuji / Owari-cho



Access information



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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



### 1 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



### 2 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】

🕒 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 🚫 Sundays and 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)

📞 076-252-3703



### 3 Higashi Chaya District

ひがし茶屋街

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



### 4 Asanogawa River 浅野川

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.



### 5 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!

### 6 The Old Site of Mr. Kurando Terashima's House

寺島藏人邸

The residence of Kurando Terashima,

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. Utatsuyama, 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.



### 8 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.

🕒 9:30 am - 5:00 pm (last admission 4:30 pm)

🚫 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

### 9 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

students ¥500 📞 076-221-2397



### 10 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

year-round

🎫 General (high school students and older)

¥500 / Elementary and junior high school

students ¥300 📞 076-252-5675

### 11 Kaikaro (Geisha House) 懷華樓

Enjoy the beautiful, bright interior decoration of this restored 200-year-old geisha house, which harmonizes tradition and originality. Tea is available.

🕒 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

🚫 Closed irregularly

🎫 Adults ¥750

📞 076-253-0591

## Area map | Higashiyama / Kazue-machi / Utatsuyama

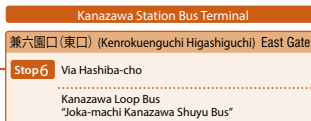


## Access information

🚶 About 4 min. walk from Hashiba-cho bus stop to Higashi Chaya District

🚌 Bus stops

📍 橋場町 Hashiba-cho



## 04 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

🕒 Open hours 🚫 Closed 💰 Admission ☎ Telephone number 🌐 Website

### ❶ 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

### ❷ 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.

### ❸ Kutani 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

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.

### ❹ Saigawa River 扇川

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.

### ❺ Yoshio 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

🚶 From the Hirokoji bus stop  
→ About 3 min. walk to Nishi Geisha District  
→ About 3 min. walk to Myoryuji Temple

🚌 Bus stops

📍 広小路 Hirokoji

Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal			
第六口 (東口) (Kenrokuenguchi Higashiguchi) East Gate			
Stop 6	Kanazawa Loop Bus "Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu Bus"		
Stop 8	Stop 9	Stop 10	Via Korinbo/Kata-machi

## 05 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.

## The Art of Kanazawa Geisha

In Kanazawa, where this tradition has been passed down since the Edo period, there are approximately 50 Kanazawa Geisha 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 Geisha.







## 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

[内灘海水浴場]



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 barbecue 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

[白山比咩神社]

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 Nonoichi-Kodaimae Station

● 3-8-11 Honmachi, Nonoichi

● 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

● Irregular closing days ● Adults ¥400

☎ 076-248-1131

(reservation required)



### 5 Kurikara Fudoji Temple

[倶利伽羅不動寺]

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



• Ishikawa Railway, 20-minute taxi ride from Tsubata Station

• Ri 2 Kurikara, Tsubata-machi, Kahoku-gun

☎ 076-288-1451

## 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 Shirakawago, 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



### Shirakawago [白川郷]

The mountain village lifestyle, rooted in tradition, is still alive at Shirakawago. 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.

• 80 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]

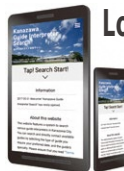
Matsumoto flourished as a castle town in the Edo period. With the grand Northern Alps as a backdrop, Matsumoto Castle is a must-see. If you go a little farther, the abundant nature enveloping some of the most picturesque mountains in Japan is almost overwhelming.

• 2 hours from Takayama by car or bus

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!





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

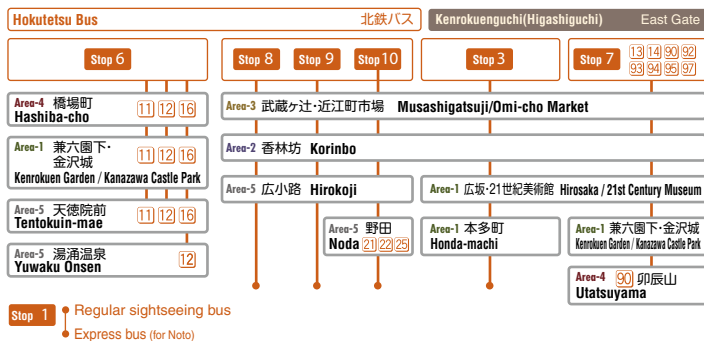


**Taxis**  
Typical taxi fares from the Kenroku Gate (East Gate) of Kanazawa Station to various sightseeing spots:

Area-3 Omicho Market	700 yen
Area-1 Kenroku Garden	1,300 yen
Area-2 Korinbo (ATRIO)	1,100 yen
Area-4 Higashi Geisha District	1,100 yen
Area-5 Nishi Geisha District	1,500 yen
Area-5 Nodayama Cemetery	2,500 yen
Area-5 Yuwaku Hot Spring	5,000 yen

**Bicycle rental**

① Colo Colo Rent a cycle
Opening hours: 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
500 yen for 4 hours
800 yen per 1 day
1,500 yen per 2 days
② Daiwa Anshin Rental Bike Parking Owari-cho
③ Daiwa Anshin Rental Bike Parking Kagekiza
Opening hours: 8:00 am - 8:00 pm (Retrievable 24 hours a day)
¥100 for one hour / ¥100 for every two hours after the first hour / Maximum fee is ¥900 per day (You will pay ¥1,000 in advance and receive your change when leaving)



**KANAZAWA LOOP BUS (Kanazawa Sightseeing Bus)**

This is an ideal bus for sightseeing as it stops at all the major sightseeing locations within Kanazawa.  
Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100

**Stop 6** **0** **0**

☆The Japan Rail Pass cannot be used on Hokutetsu buses.

**KANAZAWA LOOP BUS ONE DAY PASS**

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

**見本**

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

**KANAZAWA LOOP BUS**

**Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu**

**0** 城下まち金沢周遊バス  
**0** 金沢ライトアップバス

**Light up Bus**  
金沢ライトアップバス

**Route**

\* For detailed information, please refer to the first map.  
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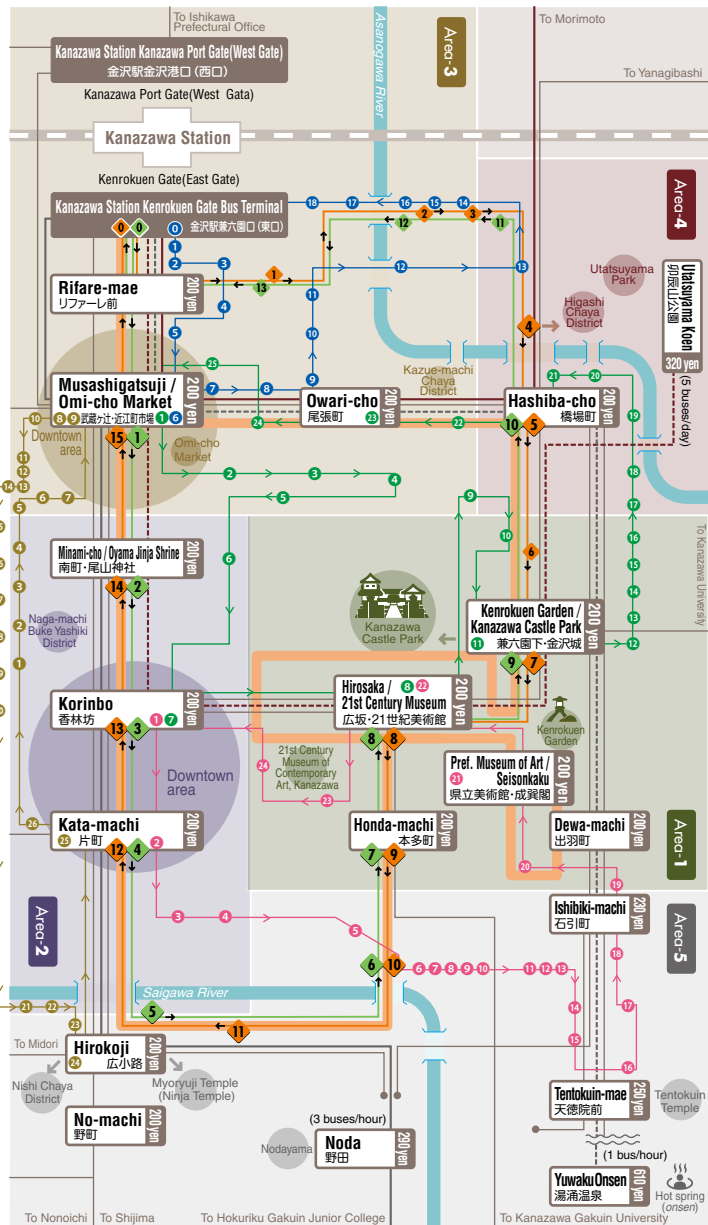
**COMMUNITY BUS**

**Kanazawa Flat Bus**

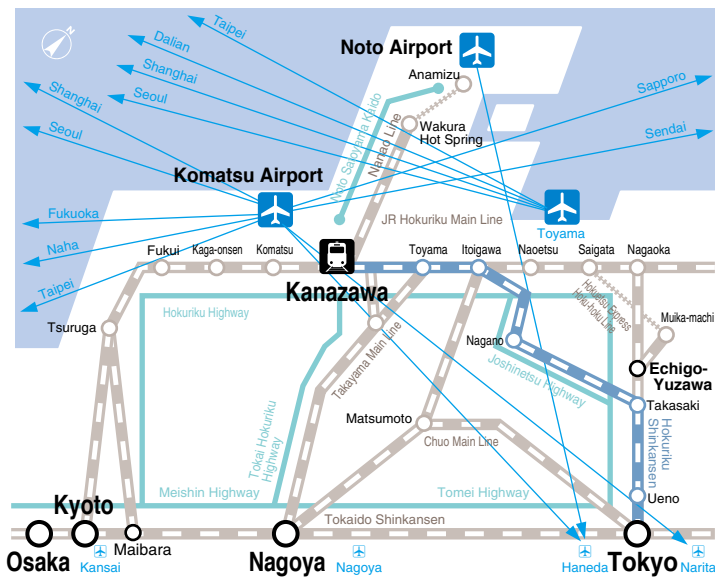
金沢ふらっとバス

**1** Konohana route 此花ルート  
**Stop 11**  
**1** Zaimoku route 材木ルート  
**1** Kikugawa route 菊川ルート  
**0** Nagamachi route 長町ルート

The one-time fare for this minibus is ¥100 for adults and ¥50 for children. It runs at 15-minute intervals on Saturdays and Sundays as well as weekdays.







## Air routes

⌚ Time required

### Flight to and from Komatsu Airport

**Tokyo (Narita) ⇄ Komatsu**  
⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr & 15 min

**Tokyo (Haneda) ⇄ Komatsu**  
⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr & 10 min

### Transportation between Komatsu Airport and Kanazawa Station

#### Komatsu Airport Limousine Bus

Buses run according to arrival and departure times at Komatsu Airport.

⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr, 40min (Super Express)

## JR Routes

⌚ Time required

### Tokyo ⇄ Kanazawa

**Hokuriku Shinkansen**  
⌚ Approx. 2 hrs & 30 min

### Osaka ⇄ Kanazawa

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

### 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

#### Hokuriku Arch Pass

Enjoy economical unlimited travel from Tokyo and Osaka to the Hokuriku area! Experience the nature and traditions of Hokuriku along one of JR's newest routes.  
**URL:** [hokuriku-arch-pass.com/en/](http://hokuriku-arch-pass.com/en/)

#### JAPAN RAIL PASS

Travel and discover! Unlimited rides on all Shinkansen and other JR trains in the "unlimited-ride area". Enjoy a memorable trip with the top value, flexible JAPAN RAIL PASS!  
**URL:** [japanrailpass.net/en/index.html](http://japanrailpass.net/en/index.html)



## Tourist Information Center

Tourist information is available in English at the following tourist information offices:

- **Kanazawa Station Tourist Information Center** / 8:30 am - 8:00 pm
  - **Kanazawa Central Tourist Information Center** (Scheduled to open in spring of 2020)
  - **Information 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**

<http://kggn.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**



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

## Hospitals

Name of hospitals	Address	☎
Ishikawa Prefectural Central Hospital	2-1 Kuratsuki Higashi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	<b>076-237-8211</b>
Kanazawa Municipal Hospital	3-7-3 Heiwa-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	<b>076-245-2600</b>



Fire / Rescue / Ambulance: Dial emergency number (24 hrs/day) ☎ **119**

## Kanazawa Central Post Office

Address	☎
1-1 Sanja-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	<b>076-224-3822</b>

## Services provided in foreign languages

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

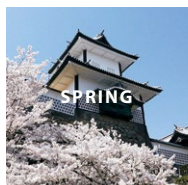




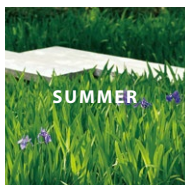
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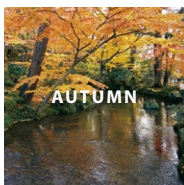
<https://k-jj.kanazawa-kankoukyoukai.or.jp/en/>



SPRING



SUMMER



AUTUMN



WINTER

Four seasons  
of Kanazawa

## Tourism Policy Section, City of Kanazawa

1-1-1 Hirosaka, Kanazawa, Ishikawa 920-8577 JAPAN

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