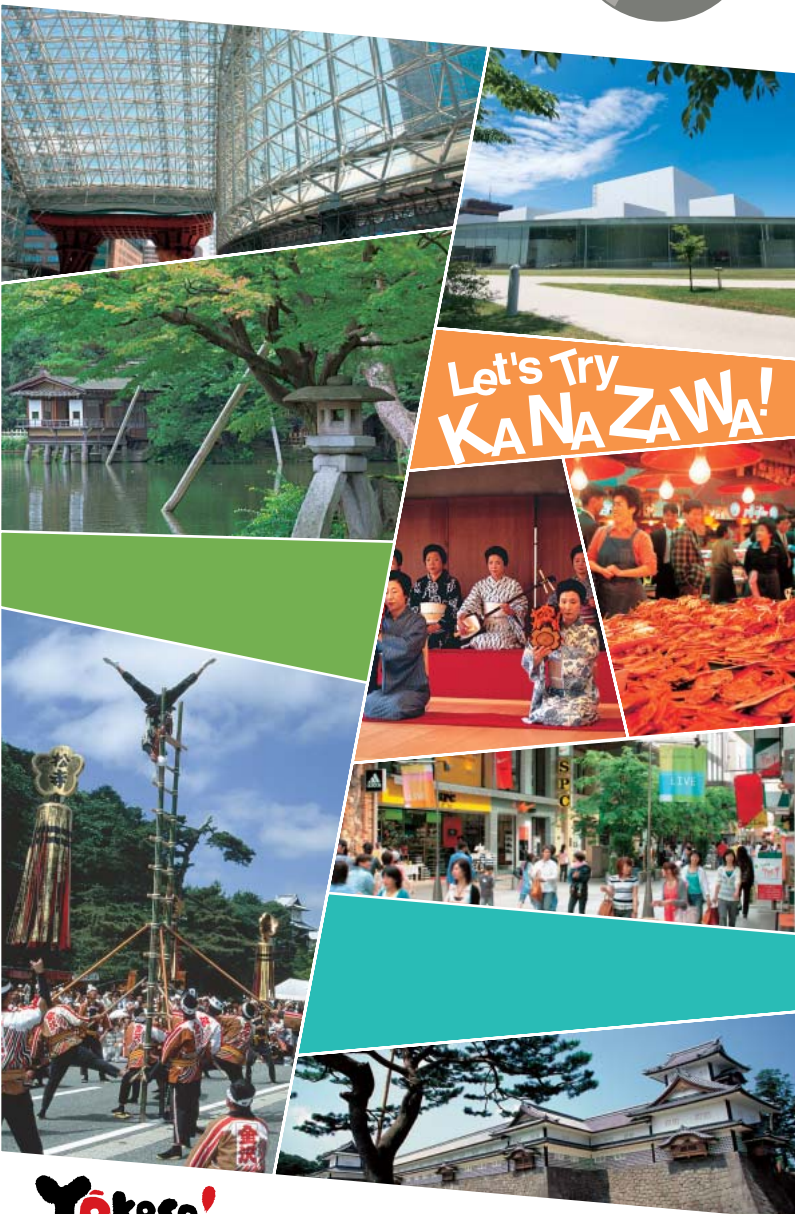


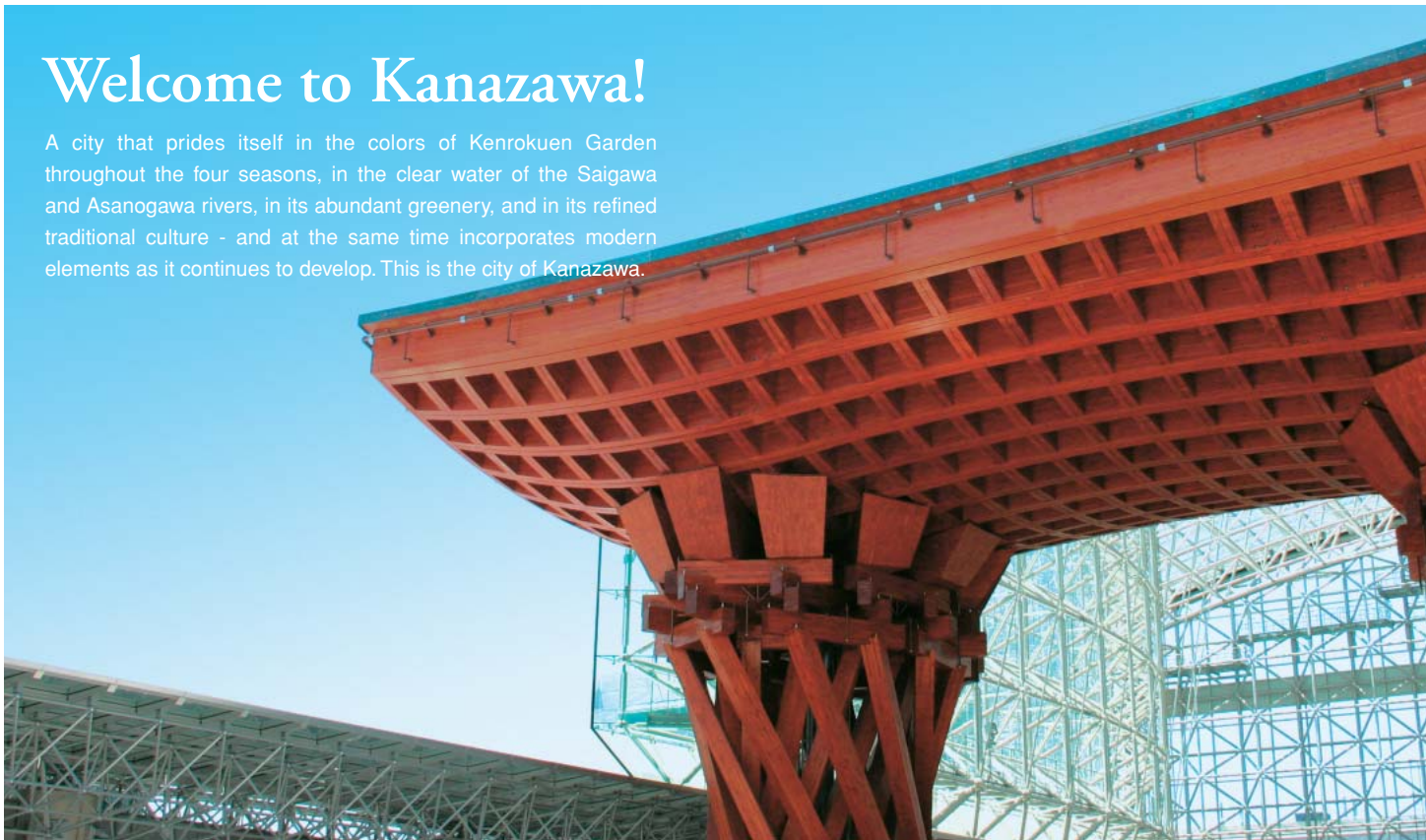
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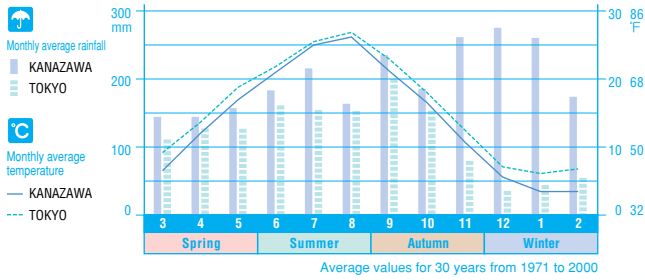


Welcome to Kanazawa!

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.



J A P A N



The weather in Kanazawa is changeable. Since the city gets a relatively large amount of rain, there is a proverb that translates as "Even if you forget your packed lunch, don't forget your umbrella." We recommended that you always be prepared with rain gear such as your umbrella when going out sightseeing.

Average temperature: 14.3°C (for a normal year)
Maximum temperature: 34.9 (2009)
Minimum temperature: -2.0 (2009)
Number of rainy days per year: 178.1 (for a normal year)
Average humidity: 73% (for a normal year)

Experience Kanazawa!

The items that we are featuring here are just one small part of Kanazawa. The city's identity is made up of many characteristics that cannot be found in other Japanese cities. Be sure to experience for yourself all of the various "Kanazawas" that are scattered about the city and are integral parts of it.



Jibuni (boiled duck and vegetable dish)



Steamed sea bream



Goshiki-Namagashi (Five-colored fresh cake)



Gori (Bullhead)



Kabura-zushi (Pickled pumpkin and yellowtail with melted rice)



Local sake



Snow crab



Deep-water shrimp

Dining

In close proximity to both the sea and the mountains, Kanazawa is blessed with geographical conditions that are conducive to an abundance of good food. Moreover, the city's gastronomic culture has been influenced by the delicate and exquisite culture of the feudal period. During all four seasons, many tourists from all over Japan gather here to experience the exquisite flavors of Kanazawa's food.

Sightseeing

Kanazawa is a city that preserves its traditional culture in the everyday life of its citizens, yet at the same time adopts new culture. If you walk just a little way, you will see how the old and the new coexist.



City of Crafts

In June of 2009, Kanazawa was appointed into the "Crafts and Folk Art" category for UNESCO's "Creative Cities Network".



Shopping

If you are thinking of taking home a bit of Kanazawa's traditional culture, there are many items for you to choose from. Even the smallest of Kanazawa's refined traditional crafts are full of the city's distinct character.



Would you like to experience the techniques of Kanazawa's delicate and elegant traditional crafts? There are many crafts to experience from pasting gold leaf, to the stencil dying of Kaga Yuzen, to even making your own Wagashi and much more.

Hands-on-experience

春
Spring

Cherry blossom viewing

Early April

Place: Kenrokuen Garden, Mt. Utatsu, etc.

Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival

Around the 1st Sat. in June

Place: downtown Kanazawa

夏
Summer

Himuro-biraki (opening of "ice room")

June 30

Place: Yuwaku area

Viewing of Kanazawa geisha girls practicing music and dance
Jul.-Aug.

Place: each geisha district association's facilities

Kanazawa JAZZ STREET

September

Location: Throughout the city

Kanazawa Enyukai (garden party)

Late Sept.

Place: various locations around Kanazawa

秋
Autumn

Viewing of autumn foliage

Oct.-Nov.

Place: Kenrokuen Garden area, Mt. Utatsu, etc.

Setting up of Yukitsuri (rope supports to protect trees from snow)
Early November

Place: Kenrokuen Garden

Kaga Firefighters New Year's Event

1st Sun. in Jan. (the following week if it falls on Jan. 1-4)

Place: Kanazawa Castle Park

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Winter

Preparation of "ice room"

Last Sun. in Jan.

Place: Yuwaku area

Foodpia Kanazawa

Feb.

Place: various locations around Kanazawa



🕒 Hours of operation • Period 🚫 Closed • No service 💰 Fee



"Light-up" Bus

Kanazawa by night - Lit-up places to walk

The beautiful lit-up spots in Kanazawa are perfect for an evening stroll.

You can take the "Light-up" Bus to each of these spots.



Higashi Chaya District



Ishikawa-mon Gate of Kanazawa Castle

Bus route

★ Kanazawa Station East Entrance ★ Musashigatsuji
★ Owari-cho ★ Hashiba-cho ★ Kenrokuen Garden
★ Seisonkaku Villa ★ Hirooka ★ Korinbo ★ Minami-cho
★ Musashigatsuji ★ Kanazawa Station East Entrance

Days of operation: Saturdays

🕒 Departs Kanazawa Station East Entrance: Stop 1 every 10 minutes from 7:00 pm to 8:50 pm

👤 Adults: ¥200 / Children: ¥100

*You may also purchase a Kanazawa "Light-up" Bus Pass for ¥300 (adults only) at the Hokutetsu Kanazawa Ekimae Center.



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Here you can find out about 21st-century artistic activities from all over the world. The museum building is characterized by its striking circular glass wall.



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa (full view)

🕒 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (open until 8:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays)

📅 Mondays, year-end and New Year's

👤 Permanent exhibition Adults ¥350 / University students and seniors 65 years and over ¥280 / High school students and younger: free

*A separate entrance fee is charged for special exhibitions.



Kanazawa's hot springs

Yuwaku Hot Spring (Number of inns : 9)

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. It has a particularly strong connection with the painter Takechisa Yumeji, who is famous for his paintings of beautiful women. Also, there is an "ice room" that has been used every year since ancient times to store natural snow until the summer, as well as related events.

Beneficial for

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



"Ice room" event



Kanazawa Yuwaku Yumeji-kan Museum



Coffee-colored medicinal bathwater

Fukatani Hot Spring

(Number of inns : 1)

This hot spring resort is tucked away in a mountain ravine. Each inn has different hot spring water for you to enjoy. If you take a bath in amber or coffee-colored water, your skin will become silky smooth.

Beneficial for

hemorrhoids, fatigue, neuralgia, sore muscles, etc.



Tourist Map of Kanazawa

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

Kanazawa Sightseeing Bus

Kanazawa Loop Bus
One time: Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100
One-day pass: Adults ¥500 / Children ¥250

"Light-up" Bus (Refer to P7)
Days in service: Saturdays
One time: Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100
One-day pass: Adults ¥300

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Konohana route
0 Kanazawa-eki Higashiguchi → 6 Musashigatsuji
→ 7 Omicho Ichiba → 8 Chomin Bunkakan → 12 Kobashi-machi
→ 0 Kanazawa-eki Higashiguchi

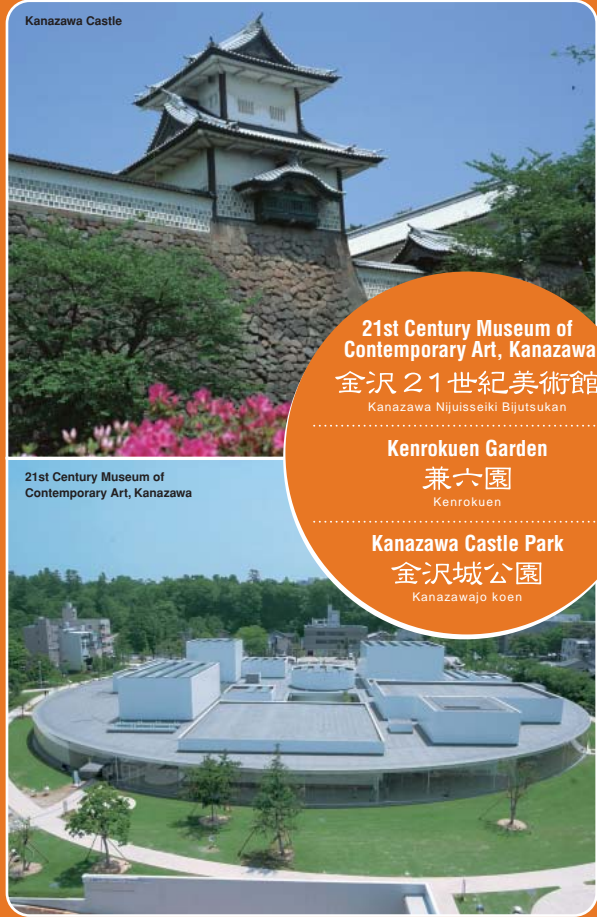
Kanazawa Flat Bus / Kikugawa route
1 Korinbo → 2 Kata-machi → 4 Tate-machi
→ 15 Kodatsuno Geba → 20 Kenritsu Bijutsukan
→ 21 Nijuisseiki Bijutsukan → 1 Korinbo

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Zaimoku route
1 Musashigatsuji / Omicho Ichiba → 7 Korinbo / Sengoku-dori
→ 8 Shiyakusho / Nijuisseiki Bijutsukan → 11 Kenrokuen-shita
→ 21 Asanogawa-ohashi → 1 Musashigatsuji / Omicho Ichiba

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Nagamachi route
1 Shinise Kinenkan → 2 Naga-machi Buke Yashiki-ato
→ 8 Musashigatsuji / Omicho Ichiba → 23 Nishi Chaya-gai
→ 25 Kata-machi → 1 Shinise Kinenkan

One time: Adults/Children ¥100 (One preschooler travels free)

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa Kenrokuen Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park	Korinbo / Kata-machi Naga-machi	Kanazawa Station Musashigatsuji / Omicho-cho Kazue-machi	Higashiyama Utatsuyama	No-machi Tera-machi	Kodatsuno Nodayama	Information
金沢 21 世紀美術館・兼六園・金沢城公園	香林坊・片町・長町	金沢駅・武蔵ヶ辻・尾張町・主計町	東山・卯辰山	野町・寺町	小立野・野田山	インフォメーション



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 street-scape 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 than 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

[Immerse yourself in art]

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. Opened in October 2004, it is the world's most advanced art museum.

🕒 10:00 am - 6:00 pm (until 8:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays)

🗓 Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a holiday), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 🎫 Admission fee for permanent exhibition: Adults ¥350 / University students ¥280 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥280 / High school students and younger: free

☎ 076-220-2800 🌐 <http://www.kanazawa21.jp/>

② Pref. Museum of Art 石川県立美術館 The museum is closed until September 2008.

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.

🕒 9:30 am - 7:00 pm 🎫 Admission fee for permanent exhibition: Adults ¥350 / University students ¥280 / High school students and younger: free

☎ 076-231-7580 🌐 <http://www.ishibi.pref.ishikawa.jp/>

[Stroll in historical parks]

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 🎫 Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over: free (I.D. required) / Children ¥100 ☎ 076-234-3800

🌐 <http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/>

④ Kanazawa Castle Park 金沢城公園

Full-scale construction of Kanazawa Castle began more than 400 years ago. Many of its buildings were burned down in repeated fires, but several structures, such as Ishikawa Gate and Sanjikken Nagaya, are still standing. Recently, Gojikken Nagaya and some other parts of the castle were restored to their original form. Another attraction of the park is its great variety of stone walls, which cannot be found anywhere else in Japan.

🕒 same hours as Kenrokuen 🎫 Admission free of charge *Admission fee for Hishi-yagura, Gojikken-Nagaya and Hashizume-mon Tzuzuki-yagura: Adults ¥300 / Children ¥100 🗓 same as for Kenrokuen

[Get to know Kanazawa culture]

⑤ 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 (¥100).

🕒 9:30 am - 5:00 pm 🗓 Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change

🎫 Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free ☎ 076-221-0751



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Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival takes place in June, with the main events happening on the first Saturday. The highlight is a splendid parade that re-creates the Kanazawa of 400 years ago.



⑥ Seisonkaku Villa 成翼閣

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. 2 🎫 Adults ¥700 / High school and junior high school students ¥300 / Elementary school students ¥250

☎ 076-221-0580 🌐 <http://www.seisonkaku.com/>

[See and shop for traditional crafts]

⑦ 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.

🕒 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

🗓 Thursdays (only the third Thursday of the month from April to November), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change

🎫 Adults ¥250 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / Children 18 years and younger ¥100 ☎ 076-262-2020

⑧ Kanazawa 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.

🕒 10:00 am - 6:00 pm 🗓 Mondays (or the next weekday if Monday is a holiday) periods of exhibit change, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

🎫 Kanazawa Noh Museum Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free (Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop: free) ☎ 076-220-2790

[Have a traditional experience]

⑨ Kaga Yuzen Traditional Industry Ctr.

加賀友禅伝統産業会館

Here you can experience everything related to Kaga yuzen: view exhibits, shop, watch hand-painting demonstrations, try your hand at stencil dyeing (¥1,050), get dressed in a kimono (reservations required / ¥1,500), or go for a stroll wearing a Kaga yuzen kimono (reservations required / ¥3,800 for one hour).

🕒 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

🗓 Wednesdays, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3

🎫 Adults ¥300 / Children ¥200 ☎ 076-224-5511

⑩ Kanko Bussankan (Ishikawa Souvenir Shopping Center)

石川県観光物産館

Here you can find Ishikawa's traditional crafts, Japanese-style confections, local sake, etc. all under one roof. You can also try your hand at making Japanese-style confections or a sand-blasted glasswork with gold coloring: your own original souvenir.

🕒 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

🗓 Tuesdays from December to March

🎫 Free admission. Make-your-own Japanese-style confections: 30 min. between 10:00 am and 3:00 pm on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays ¥1,200. Make-your-own sand-blasted glasswork with gold coloring: 30-50 min. between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm every day ¥1,500. *Not available some days, so please inquire beforehand.

☎ 076-222-7788

Area map

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- 🛕 Temple
- ✝ Church
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- 🎭 Hall/Theater
- 🚔 Police station / Police box
- 🎓 School
- 🏥 Hospital
- 🏙 City hall



Access information

🚶 About 3 min. walk from Kenrokuen-shita bus stop to Kenrokuen Garden

🚌 Bus stops

兼六園下 Kenrokuen-shita

広坂 Hirosaka

Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal	
東口 (Higashiguchi)	East Entrance
Stop 3 Via Kenrokuen-shita	
Stop 3 Kanazawa Loop Bus "Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu Bus"	
Stop 6 All busses pass by "Kenrokuen-shita" and "Hirosaka"	

An interesting contrast between old and new

The recently opened 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art is the most fascinating of all of the art museums that I have visited. Its collection includes two works from my home country of Belgium, and the museum's modern feel, which contrasts with the traditional character of Kanazawa, is alluring. Kenrokuen Garden is a place where you can go to relax any time. Because Japan has distinct seasons, unlike Belgium, you can enjoy different scenery while walking around at different times of the year.

Kanazawa lessons ① 金沢指南





Korinbo
香林坊
Korinbo

Kata-machi
片町
Kata-machi

Naga-machi
長町
Naga-machi

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 Nagamachi, 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

[Get a taste of history and literature]

1 Oyama Jinja Shrine 尾山神社

This shrine is dedicated to the first lord of Kaga, Maeda Toshiie. Inlaid glass in the uppermost section of the three-tiered gate gives it an exotic appearance.
🕒year-round 🎫free of charge ☎076-231-7210

2 Maeda Tosanokami-ke Shiryokan 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.
🕒9:30 am - 5:00 pm 🔄periods of exhibit change 🎫Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free ☎076-233-1561

3 Shinise Kinenkan Museum 老舗記念館

The Nakaya 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.
🕒year-round 9:30 am - 5:00 pm
🎫Adults ¥100 / High school students and younger: free ☎076-220-2524

4 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.
🕒year-round 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 🎫free of charge ☎076-263-1951

5 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) 🔄End of the year 🎫Adults ¥500 / High School students ¥400 / Junior high and Elementary students ¥250 ☎076-221-3553

[Try your hand at traditional crafts]

6 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.
🕒9:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm) 🔄Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of special events 🎫¥350 / Silk coloring ¥4,000 / Wear a kimono ¥1,000 / Kimono rental ¥4,000/day ☎076-264-2811



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Komo-kake, or the work of protecting the mud walls around the Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District from snow, gets under way at the beginning of December. It is one of the seasonal attractions of Kanazawa.



7 Toba Choju (Ceramic Workshop) 陶房長寿

Here you can try your hand at Kutani overglaze decorating in a casual environment. Your completed work will be fired and mailed to you in 2-3 weeks (postage charged separately). Reservations required.
🕒10:00 am - 7:00 pm (sign up for decorating by 5:00 pm)
🔄Wednesdays 🎫Decorating fee: teacup ¥1,260 / mug ¥1,785 (other items available) ☎076-221-1822

[Enjoy the flavors of Kanazawa]

8 Kigura-machi Area 木倉町界隈

Kigura-machi Street is behind LABBRO, the fashion building in Katamachi. Lined with Japanese-style pubs that are popular with the locals, and many eating establishments, it is the perfect place to enjoy the tastes that Kanazawa has to offer.

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 Katamachi.

[Enjoy shopping and eating out]

10 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

11 Tate-machi Shopping Promenade タテマチ商店街

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

12 Prego プレーゴ

This is a European-style shopping mall with cafes, restaurants and boutiques. On weekends you can sometimes watch amateur performances taking place on the central patio.
🔄Wednesdays



1 Tourist Information(LABBRO Kata-machi 3F)

金沢まちなか観光交流サロン

🕒10:00 am - 5:00 pm
🔄12/31 - 1/2, and other undetermined days
☎076-225-8460

Area Map

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Access information

🚶About 3 min. walk from Korinbo bus stop to Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District

🚌Bus stops

📍香林坊 Korinbo

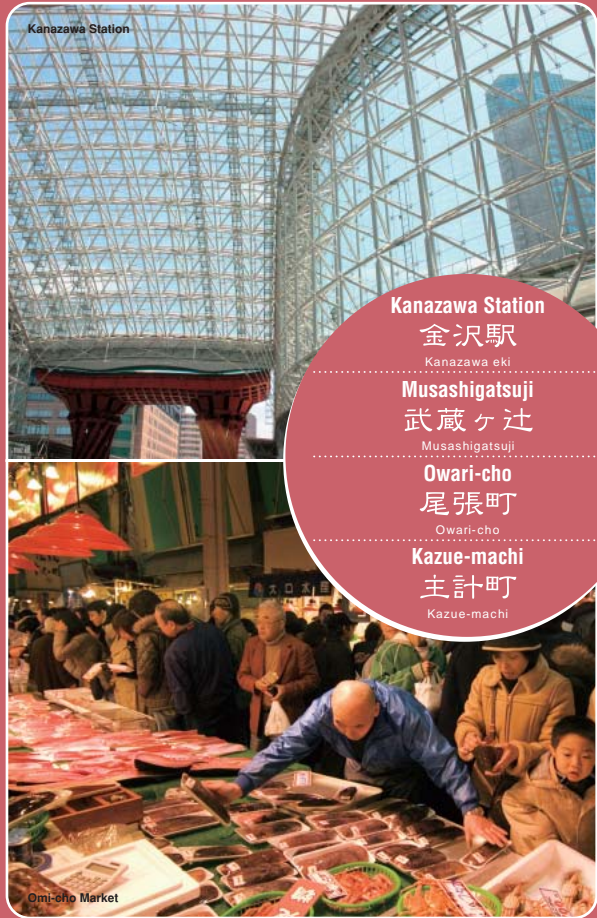
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I recommend Japanese-style pubs.

Korinbo and Kata-machi, both very lively and fun areas, are my favorite places in Kanazawa. As the stores along the main streets are in covered arcades, you can enjoy window shopping without having to worry about rain or snow. For eating out in the evening, I recommend a Japanese-style pub. Eating and drinking in a relaxed atmosphere is conducive to good conversation.





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 280 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

[Obtain travel information]

❶ 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.

[Enjoy a stroll around town]

❷ 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!

❸ Owari-cho area 尾張町界隈
Here you will find many shops that date back to the Edo period, including some with a "one-item mini art museum" display in their storefront.

[Enjoy shopping and eating out]

❹ 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.

🕒Omiyage-kan (souvenir shops): 8:30 am - 7:00 pm / Restaurants: 10:00 am (some 7:00 am) - 10:00 pm 🕒Ajiwai-kan (restaurants): 10:00 am (some 7:00 am) - 10:00 pm 🕒Fureai-kan (various shops/services): 8:30 (some 7:00 am) - 8:00 pm 🕒Torendo-kan (stylish items, clothes, etc.): 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 🕒Kutsurogi-kan (Supermarket, Restaurant, etc) 7:00am-11:00pm (It differs according to the store.) 🕒Jan. 1 only ☎076-260-3700

❺ 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 all year (some individual stores may close) ☎076-265-8111

❻ 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. 8:00 am - approx. 6:00 pm (varies slightly depending on the shop) 🕒Varies by Shop ☎076-231-1462

❼ 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) 10:00 am - 8:00 pm 🕒Varies by shop ☎076-231-1462



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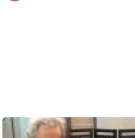
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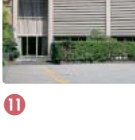
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Every winter, from the end of October to February, 'yukizuri' (ropes for protecting trees from heavy snow) with gold-leaf decoration are set up at the Musashigatsuji intersection. They are lit up from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm, along with the zelkova trees.



[Get to know Kanazawa culture]

❸ Kanazawa Phonograph Museum 金沢蓄音器館
This museum has a collection of 540 phonographs, including Edison models, most of which still work, as well as 20,000 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, periods of exhibit change
🕒Adults and university students ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free ☎076-232-3066

❹ Confectionery Museum
菓子文化会館
Japanese confectionery is sold on the first floor, and the second floor has exhibits of implements related to Japanese confectionery and seasonal confectionery. Confectionery-making classes can be arranged for groups of 20 or more (reservations required).

🕒9:00 am - 5:00 pm (last admission 4:30 pm)
🕒Wednesdays (the next day if Wednesday is a holiday), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
🕒Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free *Dry confectionery included (¥100 for high school students and younger) ☎076-221-8366

❺ Gallery Kyoka ギャラリー鯉花
Gallery Kyoka displays a wide array of high-end traditional crafts from across Ishikawa Prefecture. You can try your hand in Makie (Powder designs on lacquerware) while enjoying the atmosphere of the remodeled tea room interior.

🕒10:00 am - 5:00 pm 🕒undetermined 🕒The Makie sessions are ¥1000 per person ☎076-232-2770

❻ Yasue Kinpaku Kogeikan Museum (Gold Leaf Museum)
安江金箔工芸館
Here you can see exhibits related to gold leaf, an important traditional craft of Kanazawa, and watch the process of transferring gold leaf.

🕒9:30 am - 5:00 pm (last admission 4:30 pm) 🕒Dec. 29 - Jan. 3, periods of exhibit change 🕒Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free *Fee includes tea with gold leaf and dry confectionery (¥100 for high school students and younger) ☎076-233-1502 ●Closed from July, will relocate in autumn (2010).

❼ 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 ☎076-252-2079

Area Map



Access information

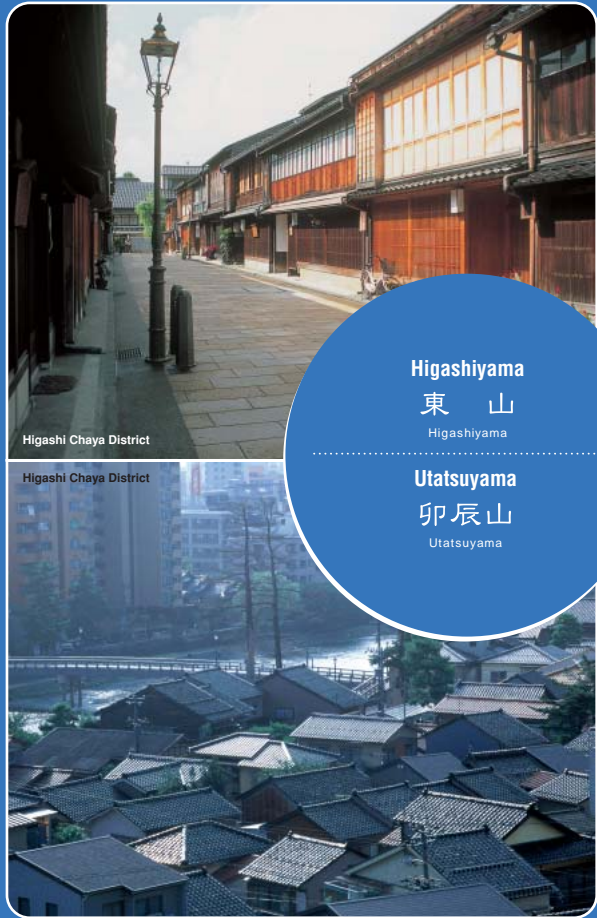
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Via Korinbo	

The glass dome at Kanazawa Station looks just like a shrine.

Kanazawa lessons ❸ 金沢指南

The shape of the glass dome at Kanazawa Station is interesting, because it brings to mind a Japanese shrine. And the "Hyakubangai" shopping area inside the station is the perfect place for buying souvenirs. When I went back to Belgium I bought hand mirrors decorated with gold leaf and Kaga dolls. On my visit to Ishikawa Confectionery Culture Center in Owari-cho, I became totally absorbed in making Japanese confectioneries.





Higashi Chaya District

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Higashi Chaya District / 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

[Have a traditional experience]

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 - 1.5 hours Limit of 20 people (Reservations required)🚫Open year-round🎫¥500/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🎫¥300 (includes shamisen playing, powdered green tea and dry confectionary) ☎076-252-3703

3 Sake brewing

Tour a sake brewery with a history of over 370 years, and enjoy sake tasting. Reservations required.
[Yachiya Breweries Co.] [やちや酒造]
🕒Tour times: 1) 10:00 am ~ 2) 11:00 am ~ 3) 2:30 pm ~ 4) 3:30 pm ~ * The manufacturing process differs according to the time.
* Time required: about 30 min / Limit of six people per tour
🎫¥2,000 (includes consumption tax, shipping fee extra) * You will be given one 720 ml bottle of freshly brewed pure sake to take home.☎076-252-7077

4 Utatsuyama Craft Workshop 卯辰山工芸工房

Visitors can tour the workshop building, looking through glass walls behind which students are busily engaged in five types of crafts: ceramic art, lacquer art, fabric dyeing, metalwork and glass art. In the main building there are many works by master artisans on display.
🕒9:00 am - 4:30 pm🚫Tuesdays (or the next day if Tuesday is a holiday), Dec. 29 - Jan. 3🎫Adults ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free☎076-251-7286

[Experience the local lifestyle]

5 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.



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6 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.

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.

[Get to know Kanazawa culture]

8 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, year-round
🎫General (high school students and older) ¥700 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥500☎076-221-2397

[Get a sense of history]

9 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, year-round🎫General (high school students and older) ¥400 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥300☎076-252-5675

10 Kaikaro (Geisha House) 懷華楼

Enjoy the beautiful, bright interior decoration of this restored 170-year-old geisha house, which harmonizes tradition and originality. Tea is available.
🕒9:00 am - 5:00 pm, year-round🎫Adults ¥700 / High school, junior high school and elementary school students ¥500
☎076-253-0591

11 Temple area at foot of Mt. Utatsuyama 卯辰山山麓寺院群

The winding lanes between the Higashi Chaya District and the foot of Mt. Utatsuyama, along with the mountain temples dotting them, have retained the atmosphere of the feudal period. There are many gravestones of people who have left an imprint on the history and culture of Kanazawa in the area.



Area Map

- 🏠Accommodation 🏪Traditional crafts 🌃Nightspot 🏠Stone monument / Memorial tablet 🌳Park
- 💱Currency exchange 🏪Shopping 📮Post office 🏪Shrine 🚰Police station / Police box
- 📍Viewpoint 🍽Restaurant 🚻Washrooms 🏪Temple 🎓School
- 🎨Art gallery / Museum etc. ☕Coffee shop 🌿Place of historical or scenic interest 🌿Hot spring



Access information

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

🚌Bus stops

- 📍橋場町 Hashiba-cho
- 📍望湖台 Bokodai
- 📍ユースホステル前 Youth Hostel-mae

Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal

東口 (Higashiguchi) East Entrance

- Stop 3 Via Hashiba-cho
 - Kanazawa Loop Bus "Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuuyu Bus"
- Stop 6 90 For Utatsuyama (via Tenjinbashi)

Higashiyama gives you a sense of the Kanazawa of old.

Kanazawa lessons 4 金沢指南

You can experience old Kanazawa in Higashiyama. I especially like Shima (Geisha House). The kitchen and other rooms give you a good idea of what life was like in the Kanazawa of days gone by. At 'Shamisen no Fukushima', I was also excited about having a try at playing the shamisen, one of the traditional instruments of Japan. At dusk, this area's lit-up cityscape is very beautiful.

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Masahiroguchi / Owarai-cho 3
Kanazawa Station Hashiba-cho 4
No-nachi / Kodatsuno 5
Information



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.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

- ☑ Open hours ☒ Closed
- 🎫 Admission
- ☎ Telephone number

A karakuri (mechanical) marionette play featuring Tama-hime, the princess who came to Kaga at the tender age of three to marry into the Maeda family and died at the age of 24, is performed at Tentokuin Temple in Kodatsuno.



[Get a sense of history]

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.)
☒ Buddhist sermon days, Dec. 29 - Jan. 3 ☎ High school students and older ¥500, Junior high school students ¥300, Elementary school students ¥200 (tea ceremony ¥500) ☎ 076-231-4484



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2 Daijōji 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.



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[Admire the view]

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.



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Area Map

🏦 Hokoku Bank (Currencies exchanged for yen: US dollars, euros and Australian dollars only)

- 🏦 Currency exchange
- 📍 Viewpoint
- 🍽 Restaurant
- 📮 Post office
- 🚻 Washrooms
- ♨ Hot spring
- 🏛 Place of historical or scenic interest
- 🏯 Shrine
- 🛕 Temple
- ⚰ Cemetery
- 🎓 School
- 🏥 Hospital



Access information

🚶 About 5 min. walk from Noda bus stop to Nodayama

🚌 Bus stops

📍 天徳院前 **Tentokuin-mae**

📍 野田 **Noda** (2 buses/hour)

COMMUNITY BUS "Kanazawa Flat Bus (Kikugawa route)"	
Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal	
東口 (Higashiguchi)	East Entrance
Stop 3	Via Hashiba-cho
Stop 7	21 22 25

In Kodatsuno you can get to know the everyday life of the citizens of Kanazawa.

Kanazawa lessons 6 金沢指南

The Kodatsuno area is probably the best place to find out about the daily lives of the people of Kanazawa. Because there are a lot of schools in the area, there are many students walking around, and at the bottom of the hill, there is a large shopping center frequented by local residents. If you rent a bicycle, this area can be reached quickly from downtown, so why not make a little side-trip?





Get your fill of the elegance of Japanese culture at a **ryotei** (料亭)

Have you ever been to a *ryotei*, or Japanese-style restaurant?

In addition to authentic Japanese cuisine,
it offers an experience of various elements of Japanese culture.

Here in Kanazawa, there are many *ryotei* with a history
of several hundred years.

A visit to one of them would be sure to delight you.



Kanazawa - a city of *ryotei*

A *ryotei* is a restaurant that serves *kaiseki ryori* - a set of dishes served on an individual tray. There are many such restaurants in Kanazawa. All you need to do to experience the city's traditional culture is make a reservation. The attractions of a *ryotei* can be divided into "cuisine", "architecture" and "performing arts".



The architecture of a *ryotei*



A delicacy presented on a fine plate



Geishas

🌸 Cuisine

Enjoy the essence of Kaga cuisine

The dishes served in Kanazawa's *ryotei* mainly fall into the category of Kaga cuisine. The flavors are exquisite, as indicated by the fact that Kaga cuisine attracts chefs from Kyoto, a city that also has many *ryotei*, and from all over Japan for training.

🌸 Architecture

Admire a Japanese house and a Japanese garden at the same time.

Take your time to look around the building. Kanazawa's *ryotei* are all of an authentic traditional Japanese-style architecture, with a Japanese garden that takes on a new aspect in each of the four seasons.

🌸 Performing arts

Enjoy handicrafts and geisha performances

The food is presented on Kanazawa Kutani ware, the traditional ceramic ware of Ishikawa Prefecture, and Kanazawa lacquerware; all of the dishes are of superb quality. The interior decoration of a *ryotei* includes folding screens and scroll pictures. Guests can invite geishas to perform. Please have your fill of Kanazawa's many forms of art in a *ryotei*.



Sushi


Kanazawa lessons 7

金沢指南



Enjoy superb sushi

Because fresh seafood is readily available in Kanazawa, the sushi is outstanding. Be sure to visit the sushi restaurants dotted around the city.



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Area-5 湯涌温泉 Yuwaku Onsen 12

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Area-2 香林坊 Korinbo

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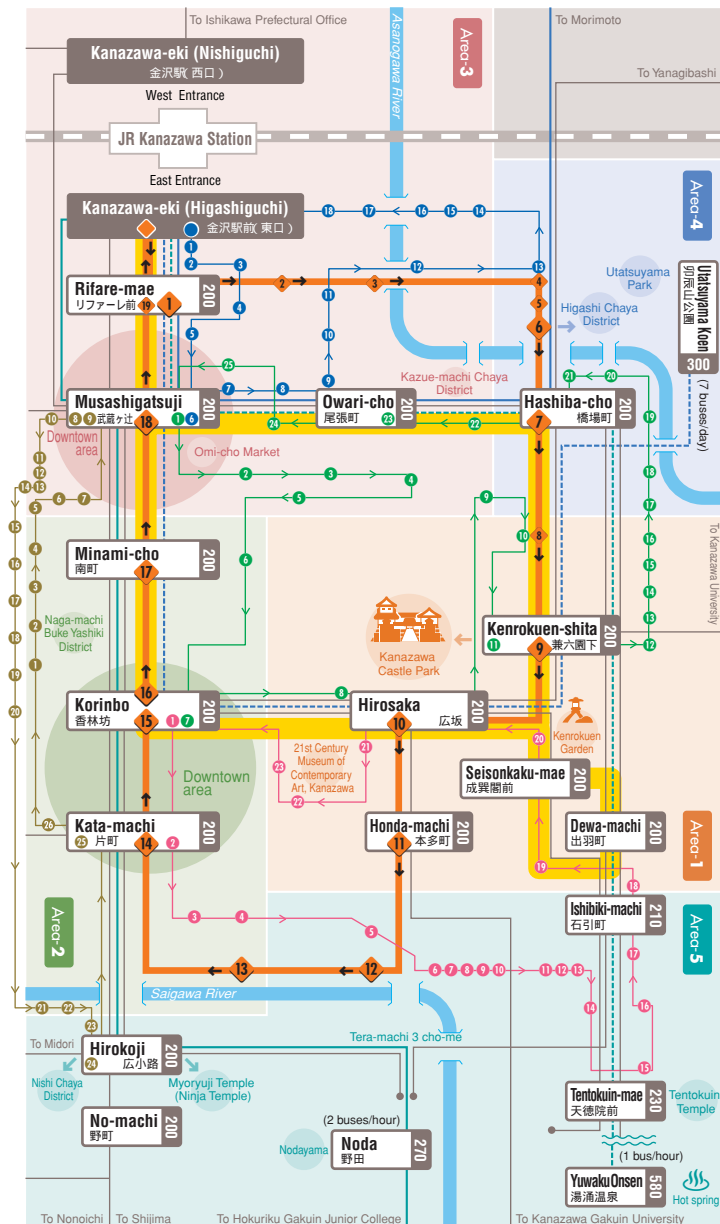
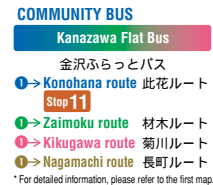
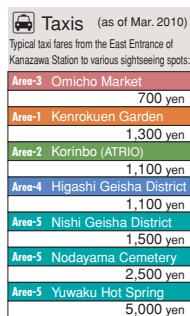
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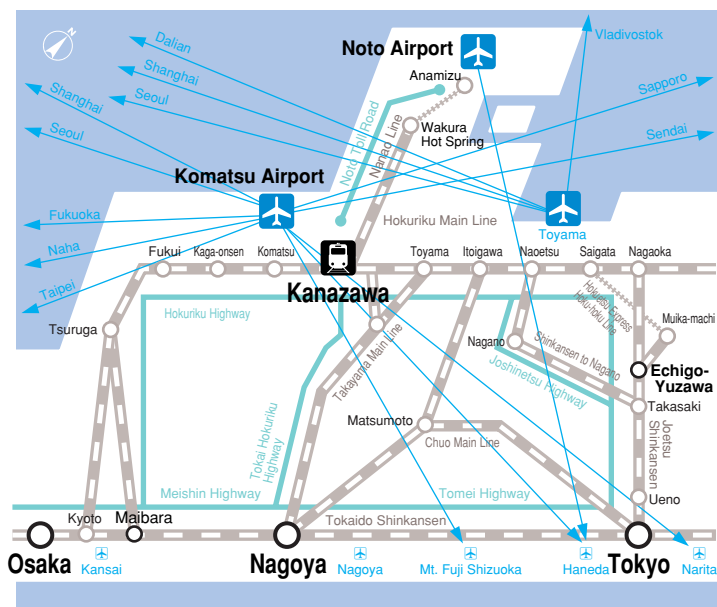
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Area-1 兼六園下 Kenrokuen-shita

Area-4 90 卯辰山 Utsunomiya

Stop 1 Regular sightseeing bus
Express bus (for Noto and Kaga routes)





Air routes

⌚ Time required ⌚ Fare (as of Mar. 2010)

Flight to and from Komatsu Airport

- ✈ **Tokyo (Narita) Komatsu**
- ⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr & 10 min
- 💰 One way: ¥22,000 (for normal periods)
- No. of flights: 1 round-trip/day (ANA)

- ✈ **Tokyo (Haneda) Komatsu**
- ⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr
- 💰 One way: ¥22,000 (for normal periods)
- No. of flights: 11 round-trips/day (ANA, JAL)

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
- 💰 One way: ¥1,100

JR Routes

⌚ Time required ⌚ Fare (as of Mar. 2010)

Tokyo Kanazawa

- ✈ **Joetsu Shinkansen "Toki"** (Change trains at Echigo-Yuzawa) - Limited Express "Hakutaka"
- ⌚ Approx. 3 hrs & 47 min (shortest time)
- 💰 One way: ¥12,710
- No. of trains: 13 round-trips/day

Osaka Kanazawa

- ✈ **Limited Express "Thunderbird" / Limited Express "Raicho"**
- ⌚ Approx. 2 hrs & 31 min (shortest time)
- 💰 One way: ¥7,440
- No. of trains: 23 round-trips/day

Flights to and from Noto Airport

- ✈ **Tokyo (Haneda) Noto**
- ⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr
- 💰 One way: ¥22,000 (for normal periods)
- No. of flights: 2 round-trips/day (ANA)

Transportation between Noto Airport and Kanazawa Station

Express Bus

- ⌚ One way: approx. 1 hr & 45 min
- 💰 One way: ¥2,100
- Kanazawa Noto Airport: 11 buses/day
- Noto Airport Kanazawa: 10 buses/day

Noto Airport Furusato Taxi

(shared with other people)

- ⌚ One way: approx. 2 hrs
- 💰 One way: ¥2,000

Nagoya Kanazawa

- ✈ **Tokaido Shinkansen "Hikari"** (Change trains at Maibara) - Limited Express "Shirasagi"
- ⌚ Approx. 2 hrs & 27 min (shortest time)
- 💰 One way: ¥7,800
- No. of trains: 16 round-trips/day

Limited Express "Shirasagi"

- ⌚ Approx. 2 hrs & 53 min (shortest time)
- 💰 One way: ¥7,130
- No. of trains: 8 round-trips/day

Tourist Information Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network (KGGN)

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.

☎ **076-232-3933** <http://kggn.sakura.ne.jp>

Every day except Dec. 31 - Jan. 2 / 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Service available in English

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). ☎ **110**

Hospitals

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

SOS

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

Kanazawa Central Post Office

Address	☎
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
📞 Legal advice (reservations required)	Ishikawa Foundation for International Exchange Rifare 3rd Floor, 1-5-3 Honmachi, Kanazawa	Third Thursday of every month 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian 076-262-5931
📞 General advice	Kanazawa International Exchange Foundation Rifare 2nd Floor, 1-5-3 Honmachi, Kanazawa	Mon-Fri 9:00 am - 5:45 pm	English 076-220-2522
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📞 Postal service inquiries	Postal Information Service	Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 4:30 pm	English 076-262-2325
📞 JR information	JR East Infoline	Every day except Dec. 30 - Jan. 3 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	English, Chinese, Korean 03-3423-0111



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