

# KANAZAWA JAPAN

## GUIDEBOOK



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**KANAZAWA!**

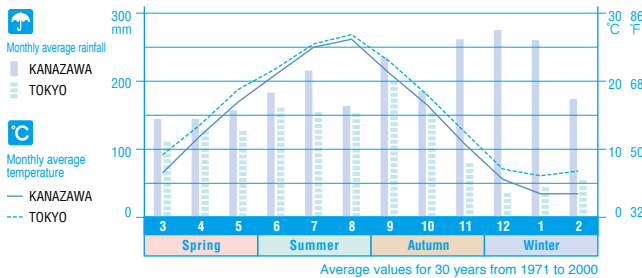
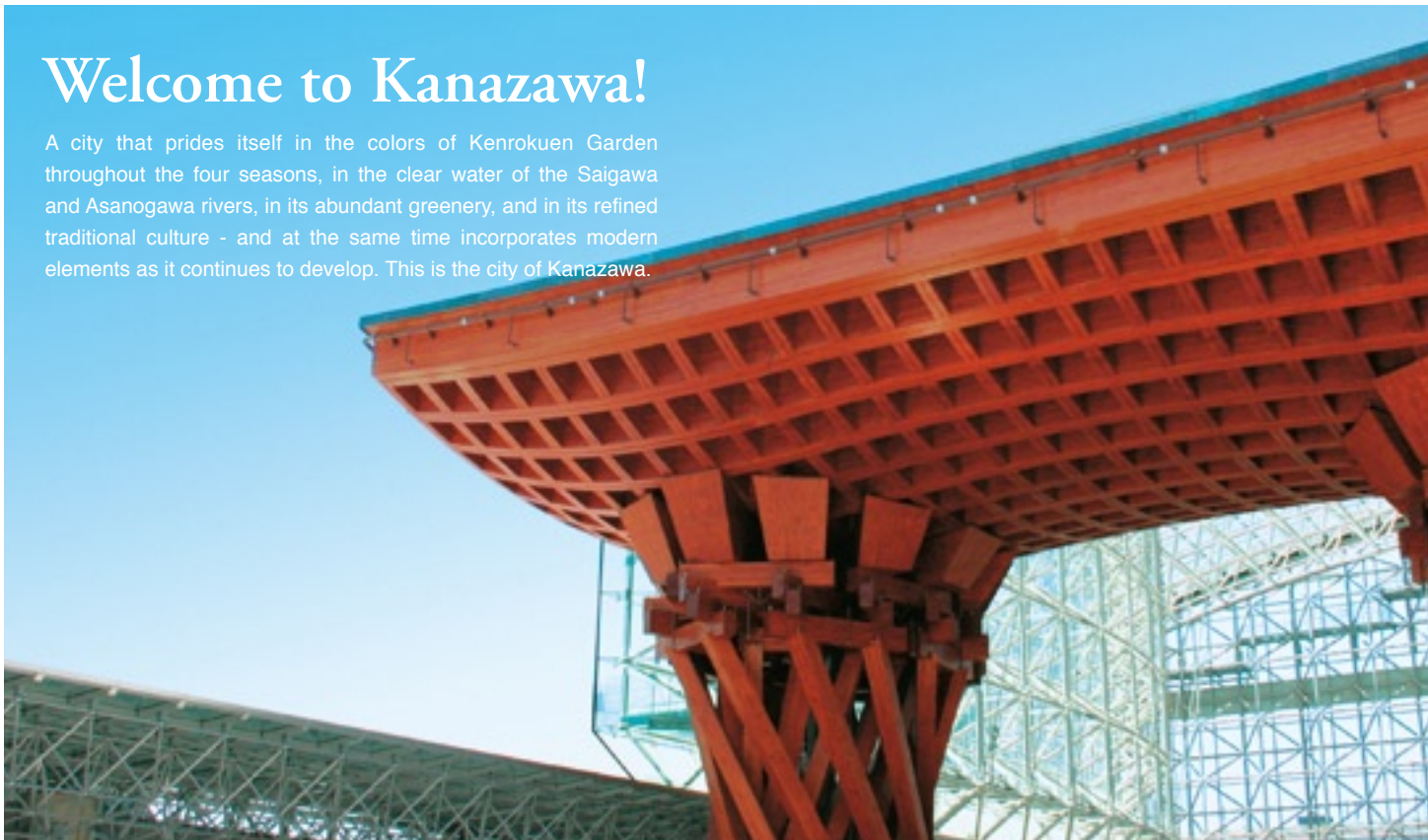


**Japan.**  
Endless  
Discovery.



# 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.



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: 35.8 (2011)
- Minimum temperature: -4.0 (2011)
- 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 turnip and yellowtail with malted 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.



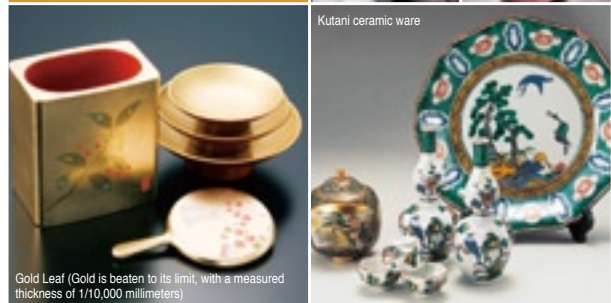
## City of Crafts

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.



夏  
Summer

- **Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival**  
**Around the 1st Sat. in June**  
Place: downtown Kanazawa



- **Himuro-biraki (opening of "ice room")**  
**Last Sun. in June**  
Place: Yuwaku area



- **Viewing of Kanazawa geisha girls practicing music and dance**  
**Jul.-Aug.**  
Place: each geisha district association's facilities



- **Kanazawa Acapella Town**  
**August**  
Place: Throughout the city



- **Kanazawa JAZZ STREET**  
**September**  
Location: Throughout the city



- **Kanazawa Enyukai (garden party)**  
**Late Sept.**  
Place: various locations around Kanazawa



- **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 fall on Jan. 1-4)**  
Place: Kanazawa Castle Park



- **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  
🎆year-end and New Year's

🕒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 Takehisa 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.

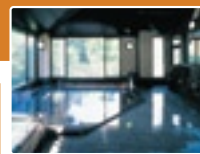
**Beneficial for**  
external wounds, skin diseases, rheumatism, neuralgia, etc.



"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.

冬  
Winter





# Tourist Map of Kanazawa

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

School

Hospital

Hot spring

City hall

Prefectural office

Bus station

Taxi stand

Car rental

Bicycle rental

Railway station

Local bus stop

Evacuation Sites

Kanazawa Sightseeing Bus

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Kanazawa Loop Bus

One time: Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100

One-day pass: Adults ¥500 / Children ¥250

★→★

"Light-up" Bus (Refer to P7)

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Days in service: Saturdays

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Bus stop

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Light-up spot

One time: Adults ¥200 / Children ¥100

One-day pass: Adults ¥300

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Konohana route

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Kanazawa-eki Higashiguchi

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Musashigatsuji

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Omicho Ichiba

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Chomin Bunkakan

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Kobashi-machi

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Kanazawa-eki Higashiguchi

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Kikugawa route

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Korinbo

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Kata-machi

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Tate-machi

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Kodatsuno Geba

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Kenritsu Bijutsukan

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Nijuisseiki Bijutsukan

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Korinbo

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Zaimoku route

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Musashigatsuji

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Korinbo / Sengoku-dori

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Shiyakusho / Nijuisseiki Bijutsukan

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Kenrokuen-shita

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Asanogawa-ohashi

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Musashigatsuji / Omicho Ichiba

Kanazawa Flat Bus / Nagamachi route

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Shinise Kinenkan

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Naga-machi Buke Yashiki-ato

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Musashigatsuji / Omicho Ichiba

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Nishi Chaya-gai

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Kata-machi

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Shinise Kinenkan

One time: Adults ¥100 / Children ¥50 (One preschooler travels free)

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Kenroku-en Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park

金沢21世紀美術館・兼六園 金沢城公園

Korinbo / Kata-machi

Naga-machi

Musashigatsuji / Owaricho

Kazue-machi

Higashiyama

Utatsuyama

No-machi

Tera-machi

Kodatsuno

Nodayama

Information

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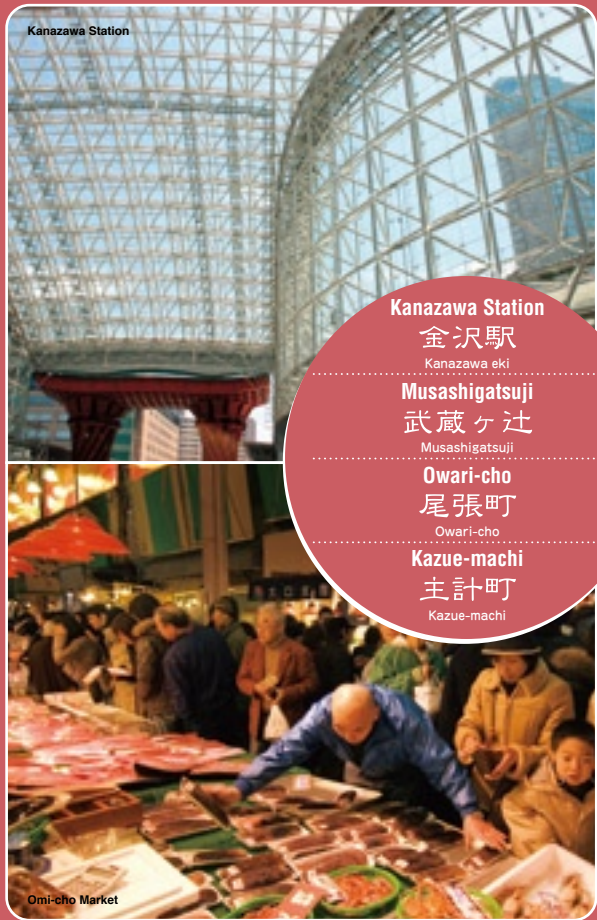












## Kanazawa Station / Musashigatsuji / Owari-cho and Vicinity

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 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]

#### 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.

### [Enjoy a stroll around town]

#### ② 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!

#### ③ 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]

#### ④ 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 9:30 am) - 10:00 pm 🍷 Fureai-kan (various shops/services): 8:30 (some 7:00 am) - 10:00 pm 🍷 Kutsurogi kan (Supermarket, Restaurant, etc): 7:00 am - 11:00 pm (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

#### ⑤ Kanazawa Forum 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

#### ⑥ 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

#### ⑦ 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 🕒 Varies by shop 📞 076-231-1462



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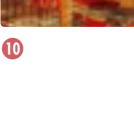
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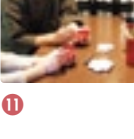
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Every winter, from the end of October to February, 'yukizuri' (ropes for protecting trees from heavy snow) with gold-leaf decoration are set up at the Musashigatsuji intersection. They are lit up from 4:30 pm to 10:00 pm, along with the zelkova trees.

### [Get to know Kanazawa culture]

#### ⑧ 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, periods of exhibit change

💰 Adults and university students ¥300 / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free 📞 076-232-3066

#### ⑨ 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

### [Have a traditional experience]

#### ⑩ 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 (琴三味線野田屋)

🕒 11:00 am - 6:00 pm

🗓 Sundays

📞 076-221-2870

#### ⑪ Gallery Kyoka ギャラリー鏡花

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

#### ⑫ 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 🗓 Tuesday

💰 Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari dolls Decoration Trial lesson ¥400

📞 076-232-1818

## Area Map

- 📍 Hokoku Bank (Currencies exchanged for yen: US dollars, euros and Australian dollars only)
- 📍 Post Office inside Kanazawa Station (Currencies exchanged for yen: US dollars, Australian dollars and euros only)
- 📍 Information
- 📍 Internet access
- 📍 Coin lockers
- 📍 Currency exchange
- 📍 Accommodation
- 📍 Art gallery / Museum etc.
- 📍 Traditional crafts
- 📍 Shopping
- 📍 Bookstore
- 📍 Viewpoint
- 📍 Restaurant
- ☕ Coffee shop
- 📍 Nightspot
- 📍 Police station / Police box
- 📍 Library
- 🚿 Washrooms
- 📍 Shrine
- 📍 Temple
- 📍 Hall/Theater
- 📍 School
- 📍 Hospital
- 📍 Bus station
- 📍 Taxi stand
- 📍 Car rental
- 📍 Bicycle rental
- 📍 Railway station



## Access information

🚶 About 2 min. walk from Musashigatsuji bus stop to Omicho Market

🚌 Bus stops

📍 尾張町 Owari-cho

📍 武蔵ヶ辻 Musashigatsuji

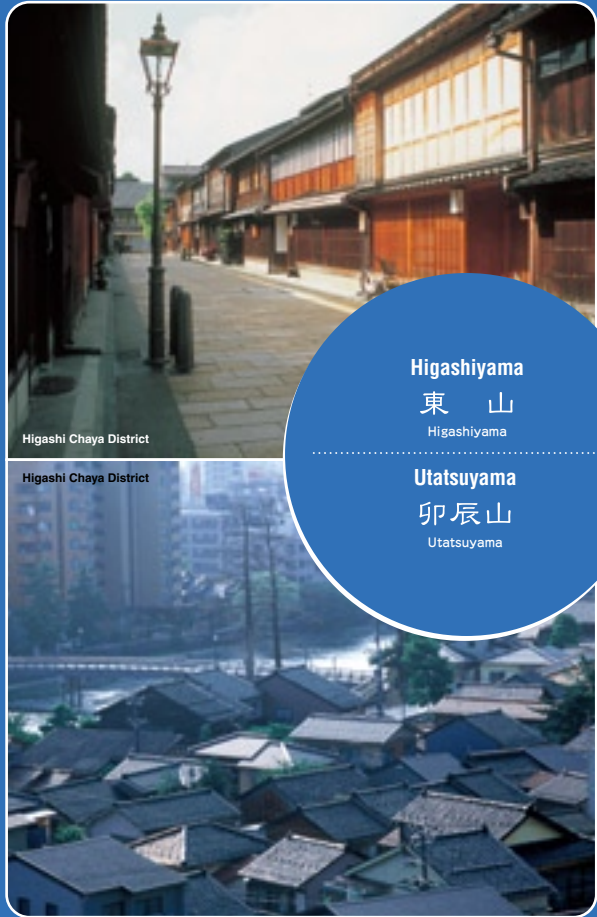
Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal	
東口 (Higashiguchi)	East Entrance
Stop 3 Via Hashiba-cho	
Stop 11 COMMUNITY BUS "Kanazawa Flat Bus (Konohana route)"	
Stop 7 Stop 8 Stop 9 Stop 10 Via Korinbo	

## Kanazawa lessons ③

Kanazawa Station has a spectacular sophisticated and modern design. It was selected as one of the world's most beautiful train stations by a prominent American travel magazine. Located nearby is Omi-cho Market, famous for its fresh seafood and sushi. In the market, you can hear all the shop owners' boisterous voices welcome you to their storefronts, and just by walking in the market, you can have a great time experiencing "real Japan."







Higashiyama  
東山  
Higashiyama

Utatsuyama  
卯辰山  
Utatsuyama

### 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 - 5:00 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.

#### ⑥ Asanogawa River 浅野川

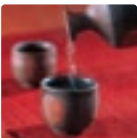
There is something delicate about the scenery around Asanogawa River. Walking on the street along the river, you will notice the close relationship that local residents have with it.



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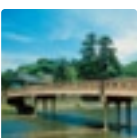
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#### ⑦ Utatsuyama Park 卯辰山公園

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 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 ¥300 / High school students and younger: free / Seniors 65 years and over ¥200 📞 076-251-8950

#### ⑨ Ohi Family Ceramics Studio, Kiln of the Tenth Heir Ohi Chozemon and Ohi Gallery

大樋焼本家薫元・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🚫 Periods of exhibit change  
💰 General (high school students and older) ¥700 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥500📞 076-221-2397

[Get a sense of history]

#### 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, year-round💰 General (high school students and older) ¥400 / Elementary and junior high school students ¥300📞 076-252-5675

#### ⑪ 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

#### ⑫ 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 🏪 Shopping 🏨 Nightspot 🏠 Stone monument / Memorial tablet 🏞 Park  
💱 Currency exchange 🏪 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		Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal	
🚌 Bus stops		東口 (Higashiguchi)	East Entrance
🚏 橋場町 Hashiba-cho	6	Stop 3	Via Hashiba-cho
🚏 望湖台 Bokodai		Kanazawa Loop Bus "Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu Bus"	
🚏 ユースホステル前 Youth Hostel-mae		Stop 6 90	For Utatsuyama (via Tenjinbashi)
		(5 buses/day)	

### Kanazawa lessons ④

The Higashi Chaya District contains many tea houses with long histories, which have been more recently used as Japanese-style cafes. If you need a quick rest from sight-seeing, stopping by one of these cafes for some Japanese confectionaries and matcha tea is the perfect fix. In addition to cafes, the Higashi Chaya District boosts a myriad of souvenir shops and opportunities to try traditional crafts hands-on. It is truly an essential tourist stop if you visit Kanazawa.







## 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

At 6:00 pm every Saturday in Tera-machi, the bells of six temples ring. The atmospheric sound that they produce has been selected as one of the "one hundred best soundscapes in Japan".



### [Get a taste of history]

#### ① Myoryuji Temple (Ninja Temple) 妙立寺 (忍術寺)

Famous for its nickname, this temple has many contraptions such as hidden staircases and floor traps to defeat attacking enemies.

9:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:00 pm from the end of November to the end of February) 10:00 am - 3:00 pm from Dec. 30 to Jan. 3  
Year-end and New Year's, Buddhist sermon days, during annual events ¥800 (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 (from ¥300).

### [Have a traditional experience]

#### ③ 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 100 yen from ¥1,050 (Choice of over 20 types) 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.

#### ④ Kanazawa Kutani Shineido [金澤九谷真栄堂]

In this shop you can decorate a piece of Kutani ware, or choose from a wide selection of souvenirs.

9:00 am - 5:30 pm (5:00 pm from the end of November to the end of February) Irregular closing days (same days as Myoryuji Temple)

100 yen from ¥420 076-244-6221

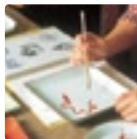
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## Area Map

- Accommodation
- Currency exchange
- Art gallery / Museum etc.
- Traditional crafts
- Shopping
- Restaurant
- Coffee shop
- Nightspot
- Railway station
- Post office
- Washrooms
- Place of historical or scenic interest
- Stone monument / Memorial tablet
- Shrine
- Temple
- Park
- Police station / Police box
- School



## Access information

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

### Bus stop

広小路 Hirokoji

COMMUNITY BUS  
"Kanazawa Flat Bus (Nagamachi route)"

Kanazawa Station Bus Terminal

東口 (Higashiguchi)

East Entrance

Stop 7 Stop 8 Stop 9 Via Korinbo/Kata-machi

## Kanazawa lessons 5

The Nishi Chaya District is one of Kanazawa's three tea house districts, along with the Higashi Chaya District, and the Kazue-machi Chaya District. At night, you can hear the sounds of the shamisen



being played, and you can get a true sense of the chic side of Kanazawa's nightlife. The Nishi Chaya District is famous for having the most geikos of all three tea house districts, so if you are lucky, you must just be able to meet one!





## 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.

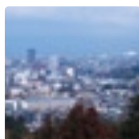


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### [Admire the view]

#### 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
- ☑ Post office
- ☑ Place of historical or scenic interest
- ☑ Cemetery
- ☑ Viewpoint
- ☑ Washrooms
- ☑ Shrine
- ☑ School
- ☑ Restaurant
- ☑ Hot spring
- ☑ Temple
- ☑ Hospital



## Access information

- ☑ About 5 min. walk from Noda bus stop to Nodayama

### Bus stops

- ☑ 天徳院前 Tentokuin-mae
- ☑ 野田 Noda (3 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

## Kanazawa lessons 6

Toshiie Maeda, whose body rests in Mt. Nodayama, was the man who built the foundation for the castle town of Kanazawa. His great accomplishments are remembered every year at the beginning of June, in which the Hyakumangoku Festival is held. The festival is widely attended, and with its realistic promenade of heroic warriors, you can experience a taste of the past as if you had time travelled back to the Warring States period.







## 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*

### ❀ 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.



A delicacy presented on a fine plate

### ❀ 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*.



Geishas



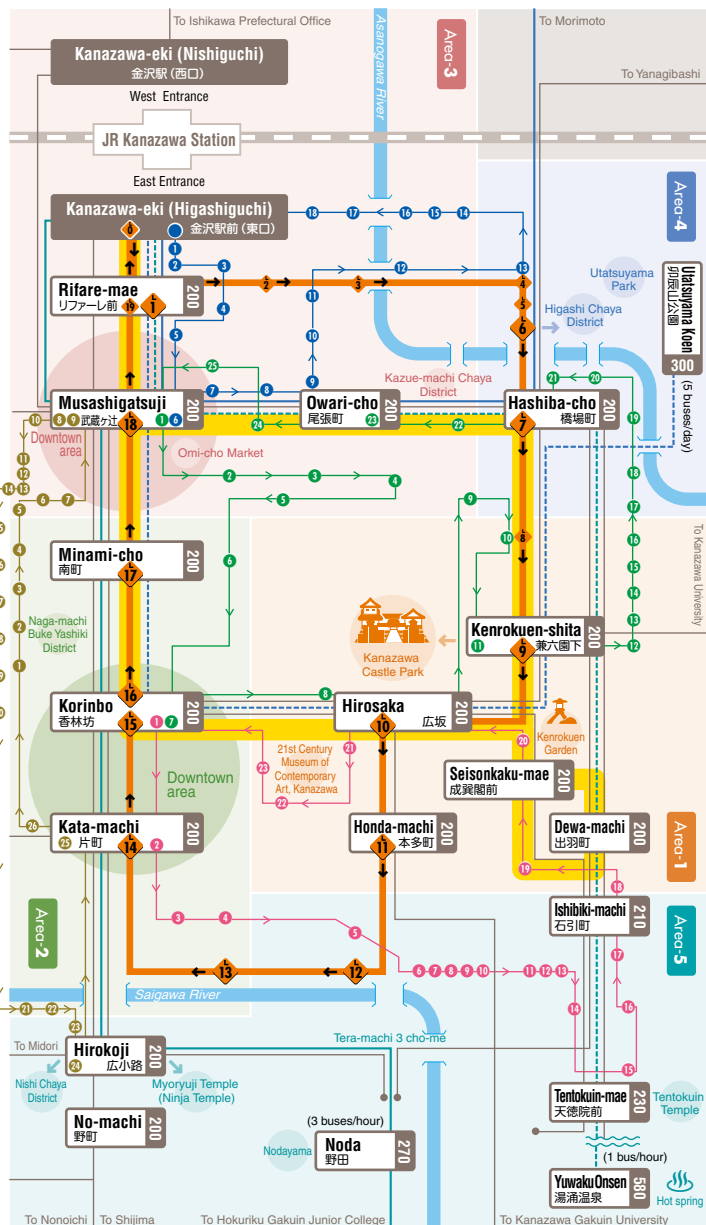
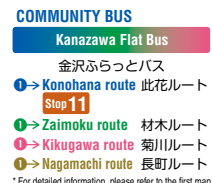
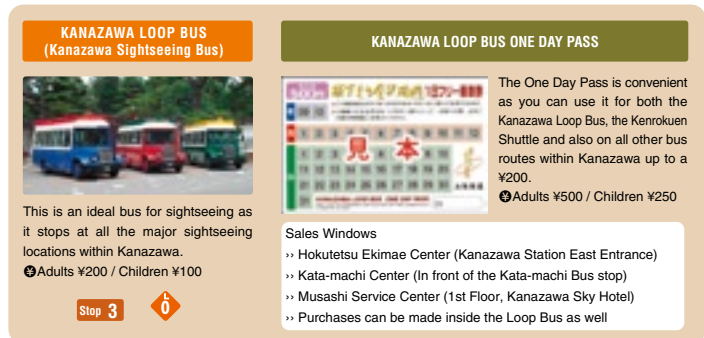
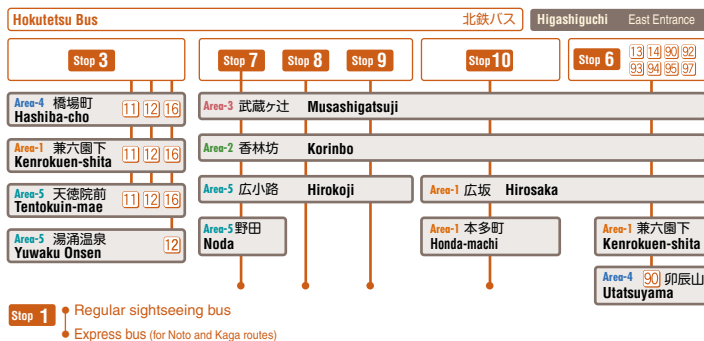
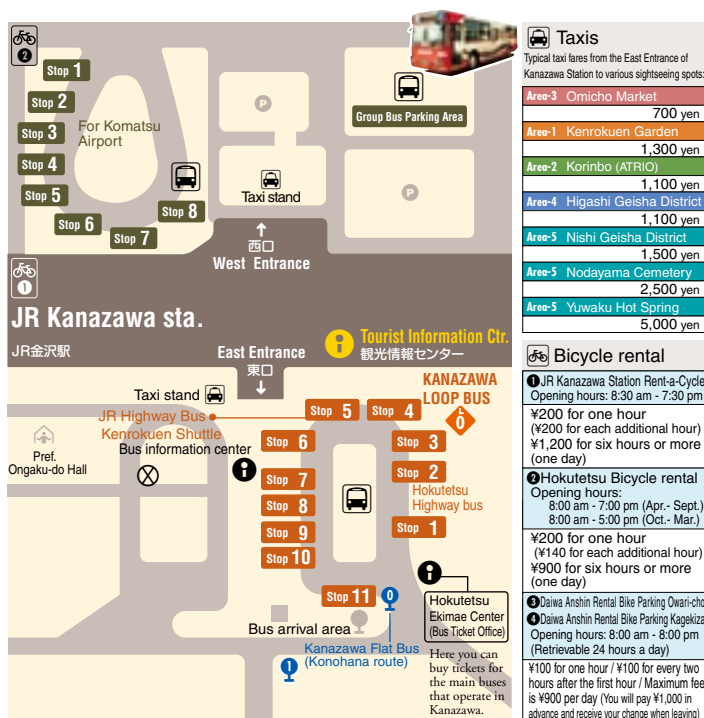
## Sushi



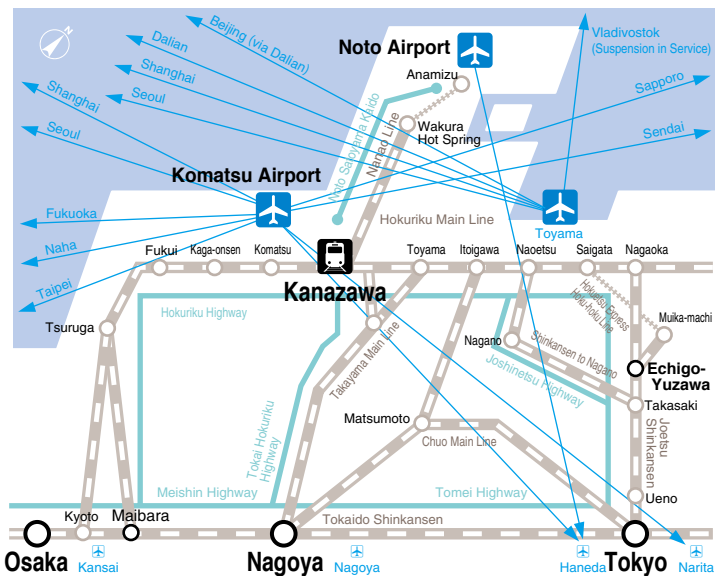
### Enjoy superb sushi

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











## Air routes

### Flight to and from Komatsu Airport

-  **Tokyo (Narita) ⇄ Komatsu**
- ✓ One way: approx. 1 hr & 15 min
- ✂ One way: ¥21,950 (for normal periods)
- No. of flights: 2 round-trips/day (ANA)

-  **Tokyo (Haneda) ⇄ Komatsu**
- ✓ One way: approx. 1 hr & 10 min
- ✂ 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, 40min (Super Express)
- ✂ One way: ¥1,100

## JR Routes


### Tokyo ⇄ Kanazawa

-  Joetsu Shinkansen "Toki" (Change trains at Echigo-Yuzawa) - Limited Express "Hakutaka"
- ✓ Approx. 4 hrs
- ✂ One way: ¥11,840
- No. of trains: 13 round-trips/day

### Osaka ⇄ Kanazawa

-  Limited Express "Thunderbird"
- ✓ Approx. 2 hrs & 40 min
- ✂ One way: ¥6,930
- No. of trains: 23 round-trips/day

### Flights to and from Noto Airport


-  **Tokyo (Haneda) ⇄ Noto**
- ✓ One way: approx. 1 hr
- ✂ One way: ¥22,120 (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: 10 buses/day
- Noto Airport → Kanazawa: 11 buses/day

### Nagoya ⇄ Kanazawa

-  Tokaido Shinkansen "Hikari" (Change trains at Maibara) - Limited Express "Shirasagi"
- ✓ Approx. 2 hrs & 30 min
- ✂ One way: ¥7,040
- No. of trains: 16 round-trips/day


#### Limited Express "Shirasagi"

- ✓ Approx. 3 hrs
- ✂ One way: ¥6,620
- 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).

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## 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>

**SOS**







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

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## 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
 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 <b>076-262-5931</b>
 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>
 Procedures for foreigners related to disembarkation and residence	General Information Center for Foreign Residents	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>
 Postal service inquiries	Postal Information Service	Mon-Fri 9:30 am - 4:30 pm	English <b>076-262-2325</b>
 JR information	JR East Infoline	Every day except Dec. 30 - Jan. 3 10:00 am - 6:00 pm	English, Chinese, Korean <b>03-3423-0111</b>





Summer



Spring



Autumn



Winter



## Kanazawa Craft Tourism

Tourism Promotion Section, City of Kanazawa

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

Tel:076-220-2194 Fax:076-260-7191

### [Tourist Information Websites]

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