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.

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.

City of Crafts

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

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.

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.

Shopping

Kutani ceramic ware

Gold Leaf (Gold is beaten to its limit, with a measured thickness of 1/10,000 millimeters)

Kaga Yuzen (Distinguished by its realistic floral design)

Craft Tourism

Kanazawa Lacquerware (Ones decorated with gold or silver designs are called Kaga Makie)

Wagashi - traditional Japanese confectionery (Along with Kyoto, Kanazawa is known as one of the Three Great Wagashi locations in Japan)

Sightseeing

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Kanazawa Castle (Gojikken-Nagaya)

Kenrokuen Garden Kanazawa Sculptures in the city

Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival

Kaga-tobi (Firefighters of Kaga Clan)

Cock Pheasant Incense Burner

National treasure /

Collection of Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art

Noh

Steamed sea bream

Deep-water shrimp

Local sake

Kabura-zushi (Pickled turnip and yellowtail with malted rice)

Snow crab

Gori (Bullhead)

Goshiki-Namagashi (Five-colored fresh cake)

Jibuni (boiled duck and vegetable dish)

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 indigo dying of Kaga Yuzen, to even making your own Wagashi, and much more.

Hands-on-experience

Kanazawa Lacquerware


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.

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.
Seasonal events in Kanazawa

Spring

- Cherry blossom viewing
  Early April
  Place: Kenrokuen Garden, Mt. Utsutsu, etc.

- 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. Utsutsu, etc.

- Setting up of Yukitsuri (rope supports to protect trees from snow)
  Early November
  Place: Kenrokuen Garden

Summer

- Kaga Firefighters New Year’s Event
  1st Sun. in Jan. (the following week if it falls on Jan. 1-4)
  Place: Kanazawa Castle Park

- Preparation of “ice room”
  Last Sun. in Jan.
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- Foodpia Kanazawa
  Feb.
  Place: various locations around Kanazawa

Autumn

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Winter

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"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.

Bus route
- Kanazawa Station East Entrance
- Musashigatsuji
- Owari-cho
- Hashiba-cho
- Kenrokuen Garden
- Seisonkaku Villa
- Hisazuki
- Kanto
- Vimbo
- Korinbo
- Korinbo
- Minami-cho
- Higashi Chaya District
- Ishikawa-mon
- Gate of Kanazawa Castle

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

Cost: 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.

Fee
- 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.

Fukutani 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.
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

This museum allows you not only to look at modern art from all over the world, but also to experience it, therebyuplifting your worldly wisdom. Opened in October 2004, it is the world’s advanced art museum.

Admission fee: ¥350 / ¥280 for students and seniors over 65 years old.
Closed: Jan 3 - Jan 31, April 15 - Apr 30, and Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
Tel: 076-234-3800
http://www.kanazawa21.jp/

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa / Kanazawa Castle Park

One can sense the atmosphere of present-day Kanazawa as “Resonance of modern-day Kanazawa.” For example, by simply strolling a little distance away from the museum you will find walking paths and young people. This is a city steeped in tea ceremony, where you can easily experience the world of Kanazawa.

Kanazawa

Sightseeing Spots

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa / Kanazawa Castle Park

Garden

Kanazawa Castle Park

Kanazawa Castle Park is a park in the center of Kanazawa. The park is full of historical and cultural landmarks.

Castle ruins: In 1582, Ishitsuka Ieyasu, a samurai warrior, began construction of Ishitsuka Castle. He later destroyed it and started on Kanazawa Castle. In 1611, Kanazawa Castle was completed. The castle was restored to its original form in 1980. Many of its buildings were burned down in repeated fires, but the castle were restored to their original form. Another attraction of the castle is its great variety of stone walls, which cannot be found anywhere else in Japan.

Hirosaka Shop: Free admission

Kanazawa Noh Museum

This museum, which is famous for its exhibition of Noh drama and other traditional arts, is located in the historic castle area of Kanazawa.

Admission fee: Adults ¥700 / High school and college students ¥350 / Seniors 65 and over ¥280
Closed: Jan 31 - Feb. 15, Nov. 30 - Dec. 11, April 14 - Apr 30, and Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
Tel: 076-262-2020
http://www.kanazawa-noh.jp/

Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop

Here you will find crafts such as Ishikawa lacquerware and Kutani ceramic ware, Ishikawa is said to be a treasure house of crafts. Here you will see displays of these crafts and materials used to make them. You can also buy crafts here.

Admission fee: Free
Closed: From Jan. 31 to Feb. 15, Nov. 30 to Dec. 11, April 14 to April 30, and Dec. 29 to Jan. 3
Tel: 076-262-2020
http://www.kanazawa-noh.jp/

Kanazawa Medical Center

This network of hospitals, which includes kanazawa Medical Center, is located in the heart of Kanazawa. It is a state-of-the-art hospital that is equipped with the latest medical facilities and technology.

10-10-200, Kanazawa 200-8000
Tel: 076-234-3800
http://www.kaitech.ac.jp/

Access Information

Kanazawa

Kanazawa is a city steeped in tea ceremony, where you can easily experience the world of Kanazawa. In particular, it is possible to have tea at the Shigetori tea house in Kanazawa Castle on a winter's day.

By giving the same recognition to your eating and confectionary traditions, you can experience the Japanese washi (traditional paper) industry.
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**Tobu Choyu (Ceramic Workshop)**

Do you have a try your hand at Kutani overglaze decorating in a casual environment. Your completed work will be finished and mailed to you in 2-5 weeks ( postage charged separately). Reservations required: 076-220-1111. 

- **Wednesday** Decorating: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (reservations required) 076-220-1111
- **Monday** Decorating: 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (reservations required)
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**Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop**

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**Kanazawa Bunka Hall**

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**Nakamura Samurai House Showa Bldg**

This is the former mansion site of the Nakamura family. For successive generations they were high ranking officials under the Maeda Family. Inside the building you can see a ceiling made entirely 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. 

- **Adults ¥100 / High school students and younger: free**
- **Wednesdays 10:00 am - 7:00 pm (8th-floor restaurants open until 9:00 pm)**
- **Daily 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**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 Hekiken. Korinbo/Kata-machi is the largest commercial area in Hakone. With its concentration of various kinds of people and shops, it is the most important center for both people and producers in this area. If you are walking around looking for a place to have lunch or dinner, or visit a museum, then it is probably somewhere there that you will enjoy all the more. People looking for typical Kanazawan 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 get a little beyond the commercial district, you can walk through Naga-machi, an area that brings to mind the streetscape of samurai days. In this area there are many fun places that are always lively and “Katamachi” is an area that brings to mind the streetscape of samurai days. In this area there are many fun places that are always lively. In the case of a Mikiyama, the ork of predicting the most vital spots around the Nagano Basin Yorokobi District from now, gets under way at the beginning of December. It is one of the seasonal attractions of Kanazawa.

**Recommended Sightseeing Spots**

- **21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa**
- **Stop 9**
- **Stop 8**
- **The Kanazawa Theatre**
- **Korinbo / Kata-machi / Naga-machi**
- **Koriho / Kata-machi / Naga-machi**
- **Tsubozan-Kannon / Owari-cho**
- **Ashigaru Shiryokan Museum**
- **Mikage-ohashi / Owari-cho**
- **Shrine Kinokuni / Kata-machi**
- **TOYAMA Prefectural Museum of Art**
- **Kodatsuno / Higashiyama**
- **Nishi Chaya Shiryokan Museum**
- **Kanazawa Station / Nishi Inter Odori Ave.**
- **Hokuriku Bank (Currencies exchanged for yen: US dollars and euros only)**
- **Kanazawa Naka Police Station**
- **Kanazawa City Hall**
- **Tourist Information (LABBRO Kata-machi 3F)**
- **Tate-machi Shopping Promenade**
- **Motoguruma**
- **Hishi-yagura / Motoguruma**
- **Mikage-ohashi / Owari-cho**
- **Shinise Kinenkan Museum**
- **Buke Yashiki District / Popolo**
- **Naga-machi Buke Yashiki Kyukeikan Rest House**
- **Kata-machi Area**
- **Ko-kake, or the work of protecting the mud walls around the Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District**
- **Musashigatsuji / Owari-cho**
- **Himonyo / Higashiyama**
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- **Kato-machi**
- **TSK / Toyo Aquasport**
- **Jokamachi Kanazawa Shuyu Bus”**
- **Korinbo / Kata-machi / Naga-machi**
- **Kanazawa Bunka Hall**
- **Stop 9**
- **Stop 8**
- **The Kanazawa Theatre**
- **Korinbo / Kata-machi / Naga-machi**

**Kanazawa lessons**

The Korinbo and Koriho areas are fun places that are always lively with activity. The entrances to the many shops that line the main drag are covered with awnings, so you can enjoy shopping regardless of rain or snow. There are fun places that are always lively and “Katamachi” is an area that brings to mind the streetscape of samurai days. In this area there are many fun places that are always lively. In the case of a Mikiyama, the ork of predicting the most vital spots around the Nagano Basin Yorokobi District from now, gets under way at the beginning of December. It is one of the seasonal attractions of Kanazawa.
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
Stop 8

atmospheric street that goes from Owari-cho to the Kazue-machi Chaya District

fashioned confections and tsukudani (various foods boiled down in soy sauce). The
shops that are still in business. You can enjoy the taste of such treats as old-
market's unique vitality.

vegetable shops. Looking around at all of the produce, you will get a sense of the
in Musashigatsuji. About 280 years old, it is crammed with rows of seafood and
in the hope that they will not get wet when starting their journey.

good treatment of guests. The dome expresses the hospitality of the citizens of
Motenashi means “welcoming” or “entertainment”; it is a word that indicates

Kanazawa Station / Musashigatsuji / Owari-cho and Vicinity

[GET to know Kanazawa culture]

Kanazawa Phonograph Museum

This museum has a collection of 400 phonographs, including Edison models, one of which still works. It is open 10:00 am - 5:30 pm (last admission 5:00 pm).

Adults and university students ¥300 / 70 yrs and over ¥200 / High school students and younger: free

076-252-3066

Kanazawa Forus

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

10:00 am - 6:00 pm (5:00 pm on Sundays)

076-252-2079

Nakamura Mon-ya

Nakamura Mon-ya is a long-established store which creates and sells Kaga Hachiman Oku-agi dolls, Kaga Yurei dolls, Kaga Shiki dolls, and Kaga Traditional toys. You can try your hand at making a Kaga Hachiman Oku-agi doll all by yourself.

11:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday - Saturday

Kaga Hachiman Oku-agi dolls Decoration Trial lessons ¥400

076-252-1818

[Kanazawa Station]

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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] (桜田光葉堂)
Tours for do-it-yourself gold leaf application: 9:30 am - 2:30 pm / 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm (3 tours per day) *Limit required: 1 - 1.5 hours Limit of 20 people (Reservations required) Open year-round
Reservation fee for one person (includes cost of materials) shipping cost ¥750-251-6777

Shiramae playing
The shiramae is an indispensable instrument in the gizoku district. You are offered a chance to play one in this time-based shop.

[Shiramae no Fukushima] (白面の福島会)
Opening hours 5:00 pm-4:30 pm Weddays and holidays 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, and New Year's Day, Other days: 9:00 am-5:00 pm (includes shiramae playing, powdered green tea and dry confectionary) ¥1,250-252-3765

Sake brewing
Taste a sake brewery with a history of over 370 years, and enjoy sake tasting. Reservations required.

[Takigawa Brewery Co., Ltd] (滝川酒造株式会社)
Opening hours 10:00 am-2:00 pm / 2:30 pm 4:30 pm *The manufacturing process differs according to the time. *Time required: about 30 min / Limit of six people per tour
Tour times: 1) 10:00 am ~ 2) 11:00 am ~ 3) 2:30 pm ~ 4) 3:30 pm ~ *Time required: about 30 min / Limit of six people per tour
Tasting. Reservations required.

Ohi-machi Sake Brewery with a history of over 370 years, and enjoy sake tasting. Reservations required.

[Ohi-machi Shuzo Co., Ltd] (保名町酒造株式会社)
Opening hours 10:00 am-5:00 pm, year-round Periods of exhibit change *Periods of exhibit change: Oct. 9:00 am - 8:00 pm / Nov, Dec.: 9:00 am - 8:00 pm / Jan.: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Feb.-Dec.: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm / Mirrors including glass, and have a history of about 350 years. The museum exhibits pieces ranging from samples made during the first Ohi-Ohana to contemporary masterpieces.

Ohi ceramics were made for successive generations of the Kaga clan, and have been more recently used by one of these cafes for some

Get a sense of history

Shira (Gashira House) (島頭)
This typical gashira 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 ‘Kanazawa-an’, a souvenir made in the building (for charged).

Kakurakawa (Kakura House) (掛楽川) Enjoy the beautiful, historic architecture of this restored 170-year-old gashira house, which harmonizes tradition and originality. You can visit.

Temple areas at foot of Mt. Utatsuyama (上之山諷谷) The winding lanes between the Higashi Chaya District and the foot of Mt. Utatsuyama, along with the mountain temple towering there, 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.

Sakuda Gold Leaf Shop
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 watarase. The park is also popular for its night view.

Kenrokuen Garden / Kanazawa Castle Park
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Ohi ceramic art, lacquer art, fabric dyeing, metalwork and glass art. In the studio belts which students are busily engaged in five types of crafts:

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.

Higashi Chaya District Craft Workshop (東照家町遊芸場)
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.

Higashi Chaya District (東照家町)
This popular tourist area beside the Asanogawa River features rows of old gashira houses that give a feel for what Kanazawa was like in bygone days.

Asanogawa River (阿鼻川) There is something delightful 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.

Recommended Sightseeing Spots

[Area Map]

Access information

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

[Get a taste of history]
1 Myoryuji Temple (Ninja Temple) 妙立寺 (忍者寺)
Famous for its nickname, this temple has many contraptions such as hidden staircases and floor traps to defeat attacking enemies.  
$\n$9:00 am - 4:30 pm (4:00 pm from the end of November to the end of February)  
Feb. 1 - 28 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]
1 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 ¥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.
2 Kanazawa Kutani Shineido 金沢九谷真栄堂
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)  
from ¥420  
076-244-6221
You will be unable to take home your work on that day. You may either come pick it up in the future or we can ship it domestically.

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

1. Tentokuin Temple
   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.
   - Open hours: 9:00 am - 4:30 pm (Mar. - Nov.), 9:00 am - 4:00 pm (Dec. - Feb.)
   - Admission: Buddha sermons Dec. 29 - Jan. 3
   - High school students and older ¥500, Junior high school students ¥300, Elementary school students ¥200 (tea ceremony ¥500)

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

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

Access information

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

Kanazawa lessons

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.

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**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*.

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**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.

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**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".

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### KANAZAWA LOOP BUS

#### Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu
- 金沢ふらっとバス

#### Light up Bus
- ライトアップバス

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

### Community Bus
- Kanazawa Flat Bus

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.

### Bicycle rental
- JR Kanazawa Station Rent-a-Cycle
- Hokutetsu Bicycle rental
- JR Ateh Bicycle rental Base Parking Oiwari-cho

### Taxis
- Typical taxi fares from the East Entrance of Kanazawa Station to various sightseeing spots:
  - Area 1: Omi-cho Market 700 yen
  - Area 3: Keirinoka Garden 1,360 yen
  - Area 4: Korinbo (ATB) 1,300 yen
  - Area 5: Higashiyama District 1,100 yen
  - Area 6: Nishi Geisai District 1,500 yen
  - Area 7: Noda Cemetery 2,560 yen
  - Area 8: Yuhaku Hot Spring 5,000 yen

### KANAZAWA LOOP BUS ONE DAY PASS

The One Day Pass is convenient as you can use it for both the Kanazawa Loop Bus, the Kenrokuen Shuttle and also on all other bus routes within Kanazawa up to a ¥2000.

- Adults ¥500 / Children ¥250

****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

### Sales Windows
- Hokutetsu Ekimae Center (Kanazawa Station East Entrance)
- Kata-machi Center (In front of the Kata-machi Bus stop)
- Musashi Service Center (1st Floor, Kanazawa Sky Hotel)
- Purchases can be made inside the Loop Bus as well

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Map of main Kanazawa bus routes

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

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

Fire / Rescue / Ambulance: Dial emergency number (24 hrs/day)  110

Kanazawa Central Post Office

Address

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

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