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Ishikawa Access Guide

Ishikawa is located on the side of Japanese Sea and almost exactly in the center of Honshu Island. Ishikawa has a slender elongated shape running north to south and a total area of approximately 4185 sq. km. and a population of 1166507 (as of 1st April, 2009). The main Prefectural Office of Ishikawa is located in Kanazawa; Kanazawa is the administrative and economic center of Hokuriku region, since a number of vital functions are centralized here in the form of local branch offices of government agencies, as well as financial institutes and industrial corporations. Ishikawa also provides an easy access to the 3 major Japanese metropolitan cities of Tokyo, Osaka and Nagoya.



The main transport routes from Ishikawa Prefecture

※ As of March 2014

● Kyoto

By Train Kanazawa - Kyoto (Approx. 2 hrs 3 min)
By Express Bus Kyoto Route (5 round trips per day) (Approx. 4 hrs 20 min)
By Car Kanazawa - Kyoto (Approx. 2 hrs 43 min)
 Kanazawa Nishi (Hokuriku Expressway) - Maibara JCT (Meishin Expressway) - Kyoto Higashi

● Takayama / Shirakawa-go

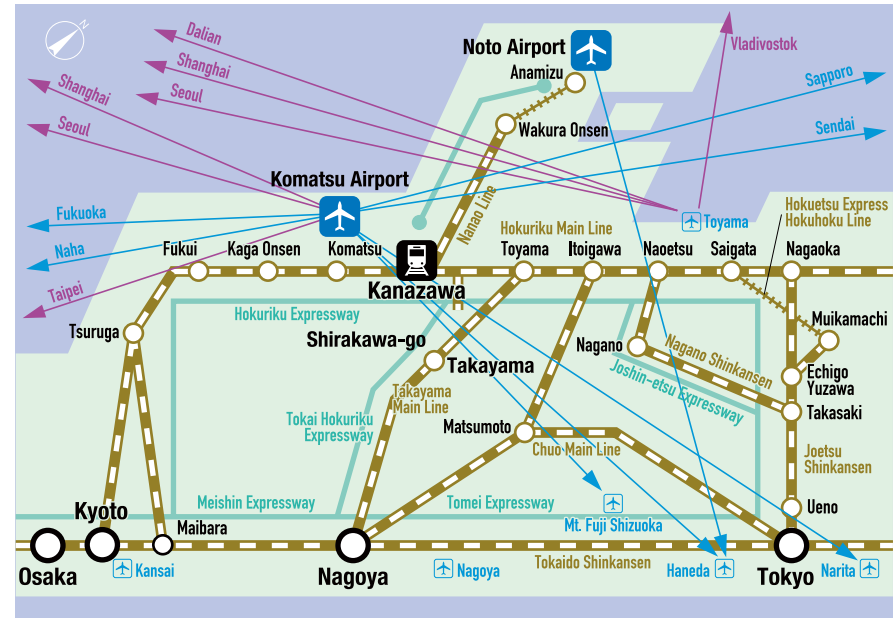
By Train Kanazawa-Toyama-Takayama (Approx. 2 hrs 15 min)
By Express Bus Kanazawa - Shirakawa-go - Takayama (3 round trips per day)
 (To Shirakawa-go: Approx. 1 hr 15 min. To Takayama: 2 hrs 10 min)
By Car Kanazawa - Shirakawa-go (Approx. 53 min)
 Kanazawa Nishi (Hokuriku Expressway) - Oyabe Tonami JCT (Tokai Hokuriku Expressway) - Shirakawa-go

By Airplane

■ Komatsu Airport

※ Flight cancellation due to snow is a rare case.
 ※ There can be changes in the number of flights depending upon the season.

To Tokyo (12 round trips/day)	To Sapporo (1 round trip/day)
To Fukuoka (4 round trips/day)	To Shizuoka (2 round trips/day)
To Sendai (1 round trip / day)	To Naha (1 round trip / day)
To Narita (1 round trip / day)	
To Seoul (4 round trips/week. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Sunday)	
To Shanghai (4 round trips / week. Monday, Thursday, Friday, Sunday)	
To Taipei (daily)	



● Komatsu Airport - Kanazawa Station

Connecting Bus (Super Express: 40 min / Via Kanazawa city route: 60 min)
Train + Bus Train + Bus (Approx. 17 min OR 30 min + 12 min)
By Car (Approx. 40 min)

■ Noto Airport ※ Flight cancellation due to snow is a rare case.

To Tokyo (2 round trips / day)

By Train

Kanazawa - Echigo Yuzawa - Tokyo	(Approx. 3 hrs 47 min)
Kanazawa - Maibara - Tokyo	(Approx. 4 hrs 12 min)
Kanazawa - Osaka	(Approx. 2 hrs 30 min)
Kanazawa - Shin Osaka - Kansai Airport	(Approx. 3 hrs 43 min)
Kanazawa - Maibara - Nagoya	(Approx. 2 hrs 25 min)
Kanazawa - Tokyo (Hokuriku Shinkansen)	(Approx. 2 hrs 30 min)

By Express Bus

■ Kanto Area

Tokyo (Ikebukuro, Shinjuku) (6 round trips / day) (Approx. 8 hrs)
 Tokyo (Tokyo Station, Yaesu Exit) (1 round trip/day) (Approx. 8 hrs) etc.

■ Chukyo Area

Nagoya Route (11 round trips/day) (Approx. 4 hrs)

■ Kansai Area

Osaka Route (7 round trips/day) (Approx. 4 hrs 40 min)

■ Tohoku Area

Sendai Route (1 round trip/day) (Approx. 8 hrs 30 min)

■ Others

Niigata Route (2 round trips/day) (Approx. 4 hrs 50 min)
 Toyama Route (16 round trips/day) (Approx. 1 hr 20 min)

For Inquiry

■ Hokuriku Railway Reservation Center TEL (076) 234-0123
 ■ JR West Bus Telephone Reservation Center TEL (076) 234-0111
 ■ JR West Bus Kanazawa Bus Ticket Center TEL (076) 234-0123
 ■ JR West Bus (Kyoto) TEL (075) 661-8200
 ■ JR West Bus Bus Ticket Center (Kyoto) TEL (075) 341-0489
 ■ Nohi Bus (Takayama/Shirakawa-go) TEL (0577) 32-1688

By Car

Kanazawa - Tokyo (Approx. 6 hrs 5 min)
 Kanazawa Nishi (Hokuriku Expressway) - Joetsu JCT (Joshin-etsu Expressway) - Fujioka JCT (Kan-etsu Expressway) - Nerima (Loop Line No.8/Sasame-dori) (Tomei - Kan-etsu) - Tokyo

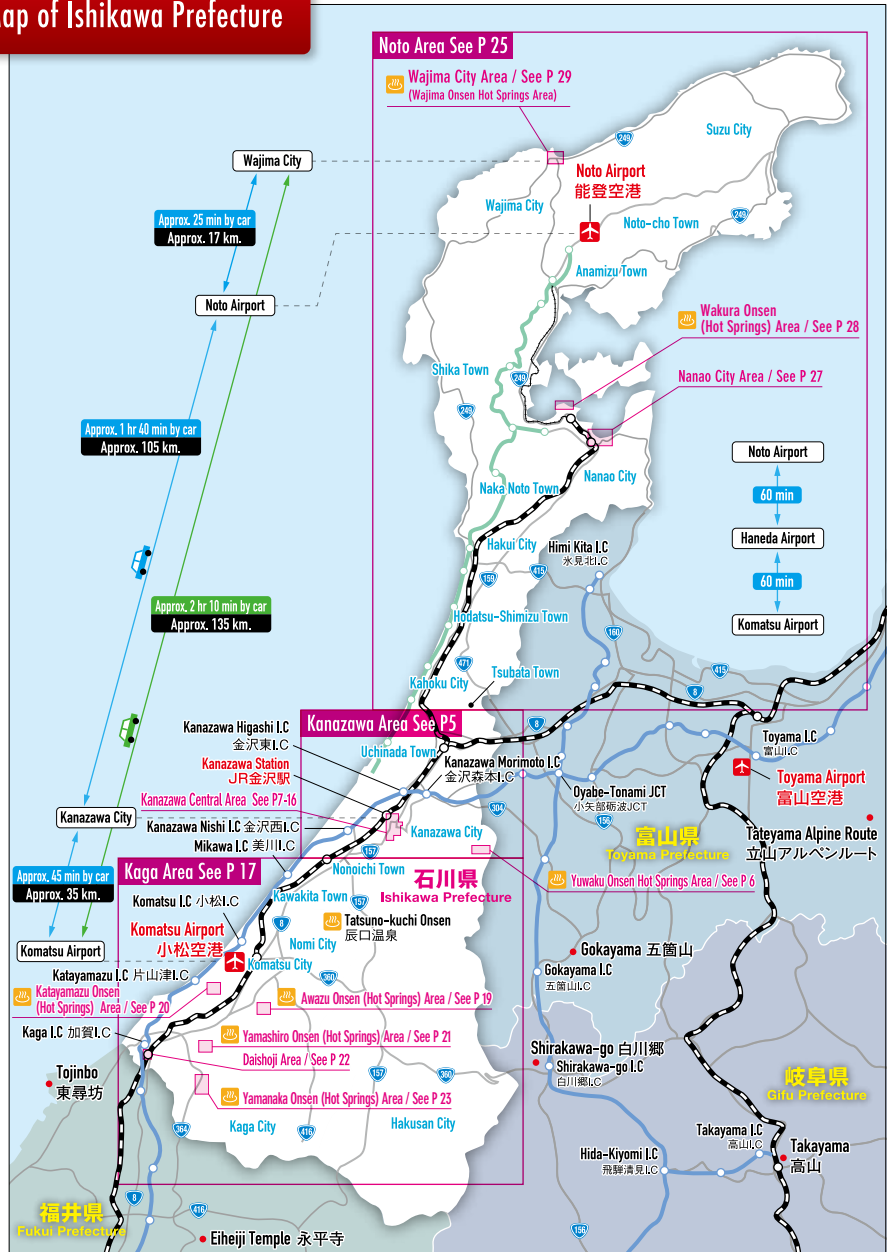
Kanazawa - Osaka (Approx. 3 hrs 25 min)

Kanazawa Nishi (Hokuriku Expressway) - Maibara JCT (Meishin Expressway) - Toyonaka

Kanazawa - Nagoya (Approx. 2 hrs 50 min)

Kanazawa Nishi (Hokuriku Expressway) - Maibara JCT (Meishin Expressway) - Komaki (Tomei Expressway) - Nagoya

Map of Ishikawa Prefecture



Kanazawa Area P5

In Edo Period, Kanazawa prospered as one of Japan's leading cultural and economic cities. The charm and glory of those times continue to live on in the form of buildings, streets, stone walls, handicrafts and culture.



Kaga Area P17

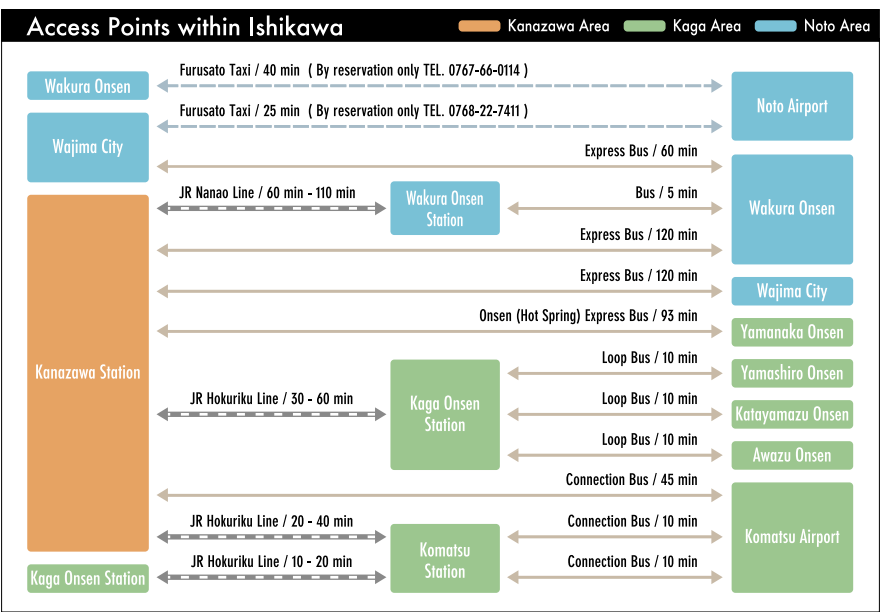
Kaga is a place located at Mt. Hakusan and blessed by its Nature. Kaga City has a number of hot springs and the landscape with Mt. Hakusan as a backdrop is magnificent.



Noto Area P25

Noto has many small fishing port towns and traditional houses with black tiled roofs and black coloured wooden walls which are reminiscent of old Japan.





① Kanazawa Station & Omi-cho Market

The area around Kanazawa station is a convenient starting point. It is also convenient for shopping.

- The main access point to sites in Kanazawa
- Souvenirs are available on the 1F
- Relish the food delicacies at Omi-cho Market

Notes

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A Tsuzumi-Mon Gate 鼓門
This wooden gate-like structure has become a symbol of Kanazawa Station. The gate is shaped like a Tsuzumi drum which is used in traditional performing arts.



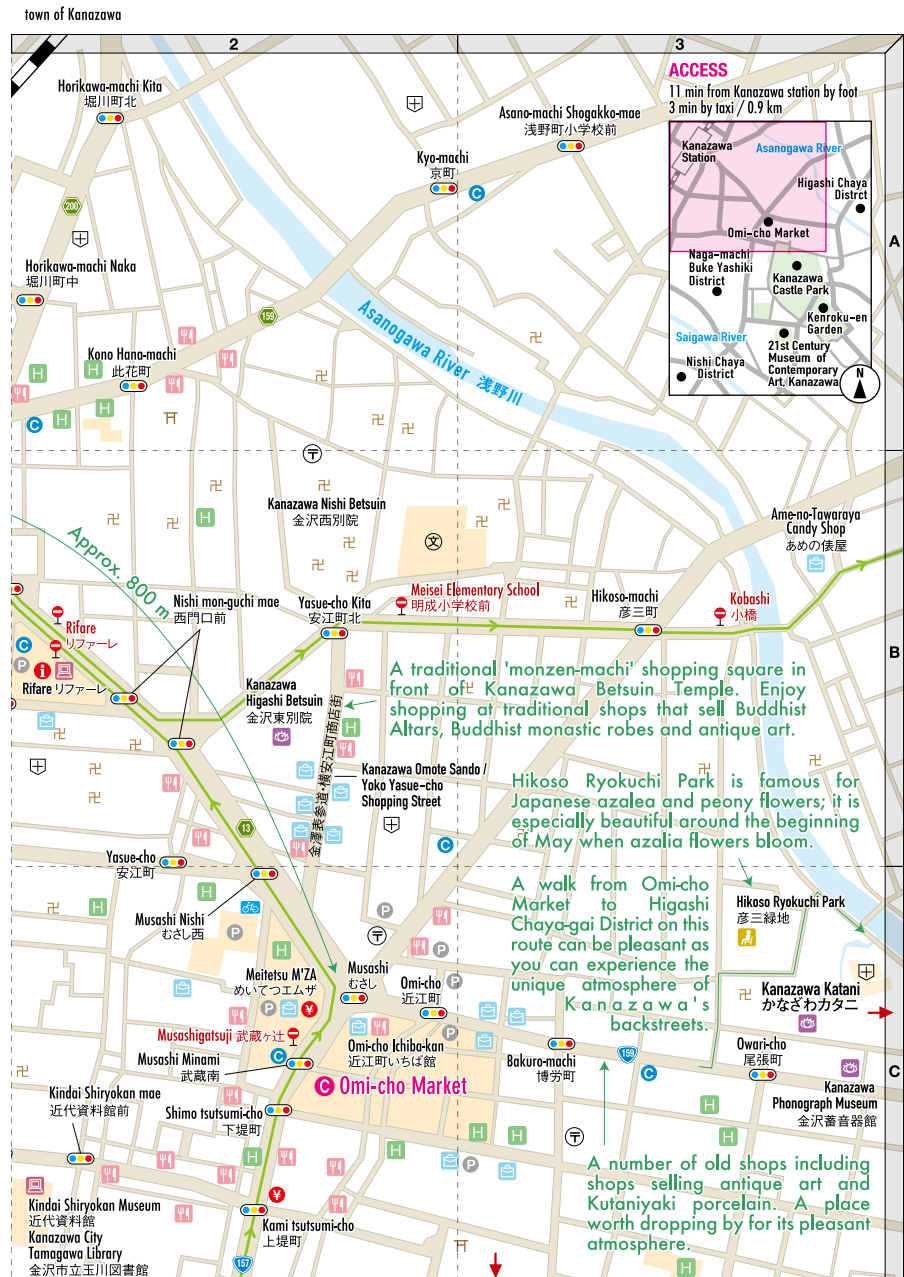
B Kanazawa Hyakubangai
A shopping center with more than 140 shops selling famous local products, general goods as well as restaurants. Don't miss out on the specialty shops when you buy your souvenirs.
08:30-19:00 (Omiyage-kan)



C Omi-cho Market 近江町市場
This market used to supply exclusive food ingredients to the ruling Maeda clan besides being a 'kitchen' for common citizens and this 280 year old market continues to play an important role in the lives of people from Kanazawa.
Early morning onwards
TEL 076-231-1462 URL <http://ohmicho-ichiba.com/>



④ Korinbo & Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District / See P13



③ Kenroku-en Garden & 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa / See P11

② Higashi Chaya District

A popular tourist spot filled with Japan's historical charm.

- Take a leisurely stroll (walk around the teahouse street and explore the area around)
- Enjoy a cup of tea in a Japanese style café.
- Shopping (traditional handicrafts, Japanese sweets)

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A Kaikaro 懷華楼
Kaikaro is located in the center of teahouse street and is the biggest teahouse in Kanazawa. Kaikaro is also a 'Designated Conservation Structure' of Kanazawa city and is open to everyone.

09:00 - 17:00
No Holidays ¥750

TEL 076-253-0591 URL www.kaikaro.jp



B Shima 志摩
This teahouse was built in 1820 and is now designated as Japan's Important Cultural Property.

09:00 - 18:00
No Holidays ¥400

TEL 076-252-5675 URL ochaya-shima.com/index.html

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茶座ひかり蔵
The shop has an atmosphere of a tea ceremony room and it offers many original products that cannot be bought anywhere else. 2nd floor has a 'hands-on' activity workshop.

09:30 - 18:00 (Winter season 09:30 - 17:30) No Holidays Free Admission

TEL 076-251-8930 URL www.hakuza.co.jp/company/shop02.html

D Sakuda Gold & Silver Leaf Store

金銀箔工芸さくだ
You can observe the process of making gold leaf as well as try your hands on gold leaf decoration.

09:00 - 18:00 No Holidays Free Tour, Hands-on Activity: 600 Yen

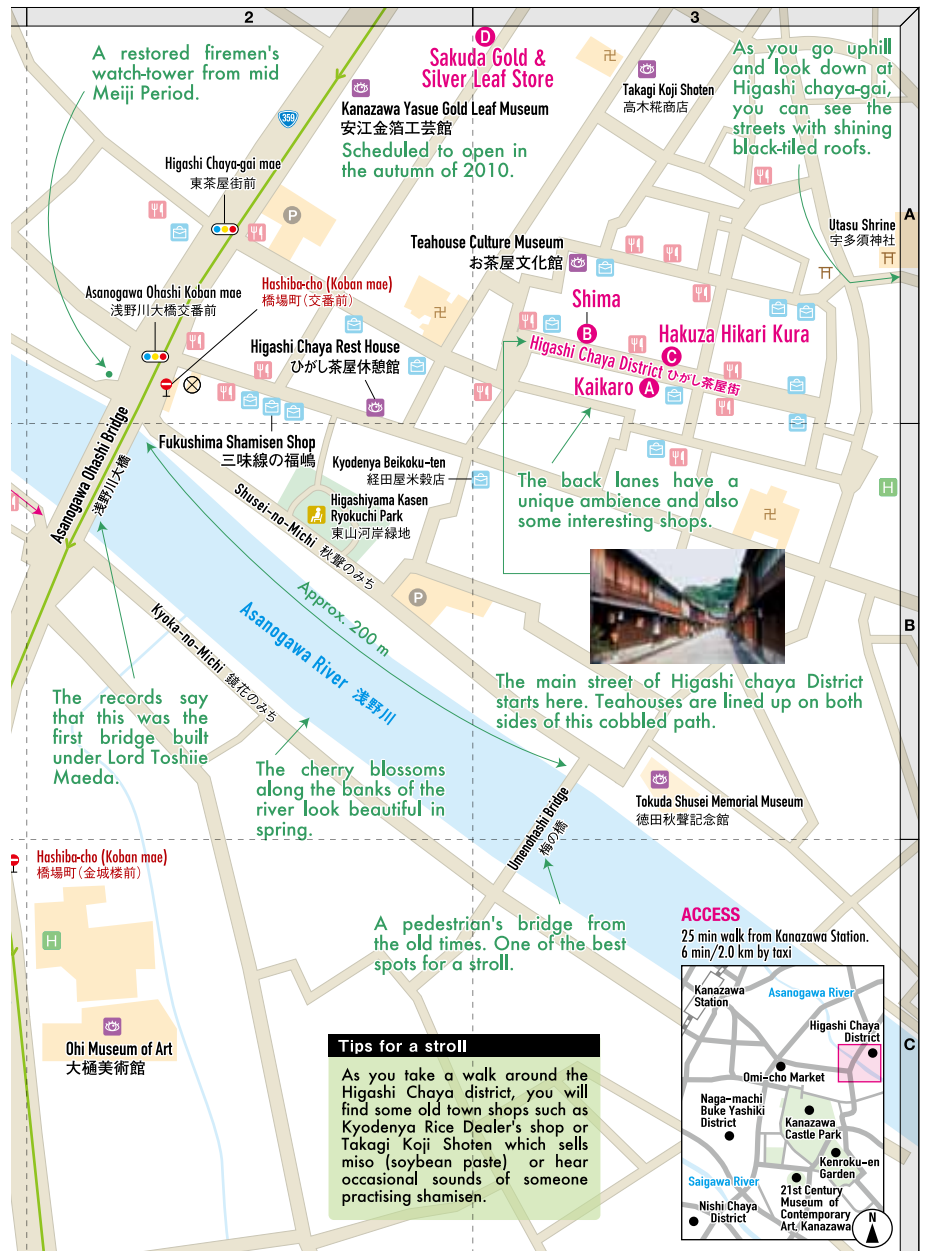
TEL 076-251-4777 URL www.goldleaf-sakuda.jp

※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

Loop bus for sightseeing around the castle town of Kanazawa



③ Kenroku-en Garden & 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa / See P11



③ Kenroku-en Garden & 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

These two spots represent the OLD & NEW faces of Kanazawa. We recommend you take your time when you visit these two places.

- This is the main sightseeing area
- A great many places to see including art museums

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B Kanazawa Castle Park 金沢城公園

Castle Park is the site of Kanazawa Castle, the former residence of Kaga's ruling Maeda family; it was transformed into a Castle Park and today, one can see structures such as Ishikawa-mon, Gokijken-nagoya and so on.

07:00 - 18:00 (Winter season: 08:00 - 17:00)
No Holidays ¥ Free Admission

TEL 076-234-3800 URL www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kanazawajou

C Seison-kaku Villa 成翼閣

Seison-kaku was built in 1863 by the 13th lord of Kaga's ruling Maeda clan for his mother

09:00 - 17:00 Wednesday ¥700

TEL 076-221-0580 URL www.seisonkaku.com/

D Museum of Traditional Arts & Crafts of Ishikawa 石川県立伝統産業工芸館

All the 36 varieties of traditional handicrafts of Ishikawa are exhibited at this museum.

09:00 - 17:00 3rd Thursday (Winter Season-Every Thursday) ¥260

TEL 076-262-2020 URL shofu.pref.ishikawa.jp/densankan/

F Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art 石川県立美術館

A number of artistic handicraft objects including ceramics, which were handed down in Kaga's ruling Maeda Family through generations, are displayed here.

09:30 - 17:00 No Holidays ¥360

TEL 076-231-7580 URL www.ishibi.pref.ishikawa.jp

Kenroku-en Garden / Two-in-One Entry Pass for Cultural Facilities

Entry to [Kenroku-en] + [1 Cultural Facility] Permanent Exhibition Only

- Hishi Yagura / Gokijken Nagaya / Hashizume-mon / Tsuzuki Yagura
 - 4th High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange
 - Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art
 - Hanro Honda Zohinkan Museum
 - Ishikawa-ken History Museum
 - Museum of Traditional Arts & Crafts of Ishikawa
- You can use the pass to enter any one of the facilities of your choice.
※ Only permanent exhibition
※ ¥400 for a group of 30 people or more
※ Valid for 2 days
- Two-in-One Entry Pass is available at Kenroku-en and other facilities in the list.**



A Kenroku-en Garden 兼六園

Kenroku-en Garden is known as one of the most famous "Daimyo (feudal lord) Gardens" of the Edo Period (1603-1868) and it was built over a long time by generations of Kaga's rulers. You can enjoy the seasonal scenic attractions of Kenroku-en Garden such as cherry blossoms, iris, coloured autumnal leaves, yuzukuri (ropes tied to tree as a protection against snow) and much more.

07:00 - 18:00 (Winter season 08:00 - 17:00) No Holidays ¥310

TEL 076-234-3800 URL www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kenrokuen/index.html

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

The main focus of this art museum is the contemporary art and it is also like a public park exposing visitors to a variety of encounters and experiences.

10:00 - 18:00 Varies according to special exhibitions
Monday (if Monday is a holiday, then the Museum will be closed on the next day)

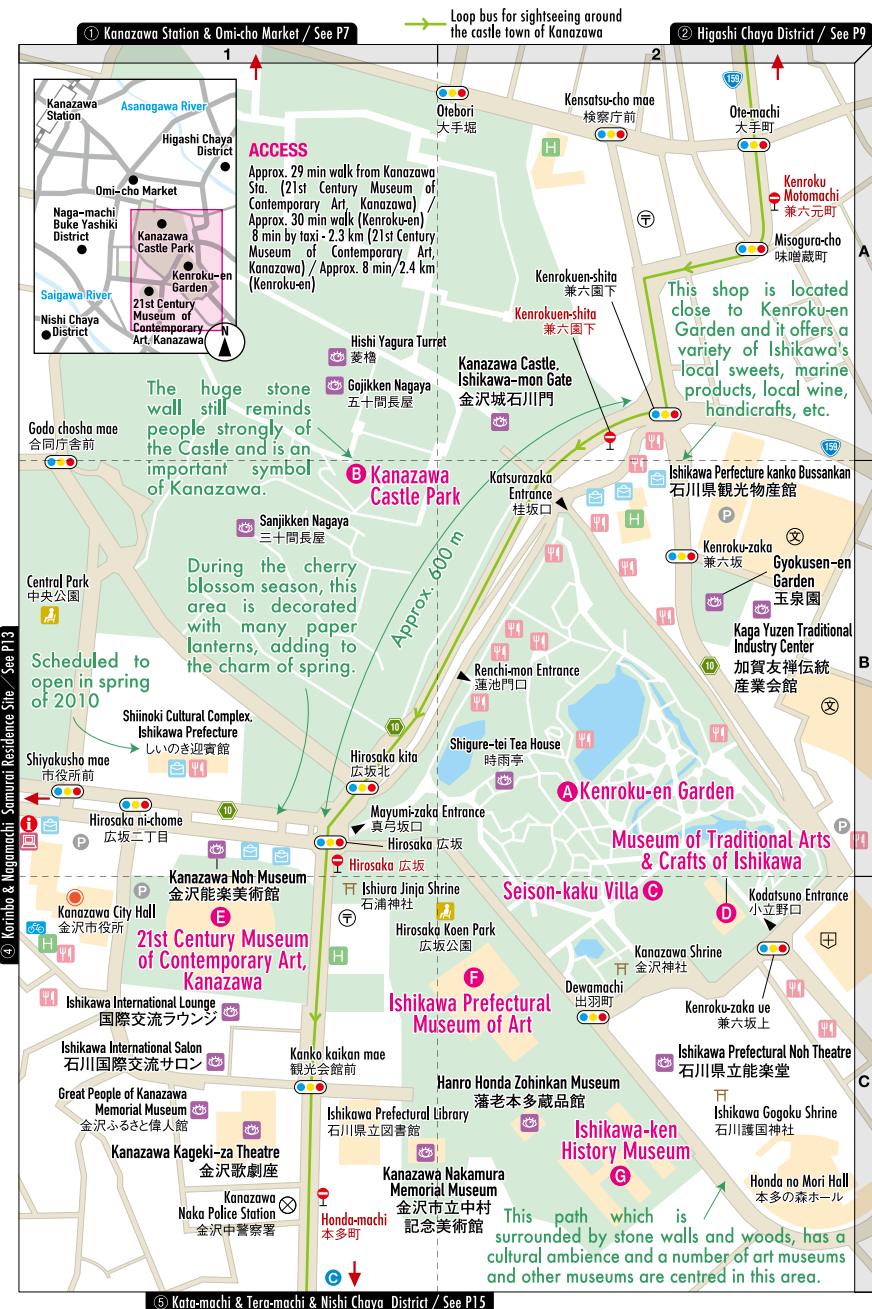
TEL 076-220-2800 URL <http://www.kanazawa21.jp/>

G Ishikawa-ken History Museum 石川県立歴史博物館

Here, one can learn about Ishikawa's history from Jomon Period to modern times.

09:00 - 17:00 No Holidays ¥250

TEL 076-262-3236 URL www.pref.ishikawa.jp/muse/rekihaku/index.htm



④ Korinbo & Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District

Korinbo is the biggest shopping and entertainment district of Ishikawa. One of the best places to enjoy your shopping and a stroll.

- Korinbo area is a convenient place to have your lunch.
- Don't forget to carry your camera when you take a walk around Nagamachi

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A Korinbo 香林坊

Korinbo is the biggest business district in Ishikawa Prefecture with many office buildings and it is also a commercial district with a concentration of departmental stores.

B Kanazawa Ashigaru Shiryokan Soldiers Museum
金沢市足輕資料館

"Ashigaru" were the low level soldiers and this Museum is essentially a set of two ashigaru residential houses which were relocated to their present location; a number of objects that were used in daily life by ashigaru families are displayed.

TEL 076-263-3640

09:30 - 17:00 (Winter season 08:30 - 16:30)
No Holidays
Free Admission

C "Nomura-ke House" Site of Buke Yashiki District
武家屋敷跡「野村家」

"Nomura-ke Family House" offers a chance to see the inside of a Buke Yashiki District from close quarters. A number of attractions including a magnificent living room, fusuma paintings, tea ceremony room, Japanese garden and so on.

TEL 076-231-3553 URL www.nomura-ke.com

08:30 - 17:30 (Winter season 08:30 - 16:30)
26th, 27th December
¥500

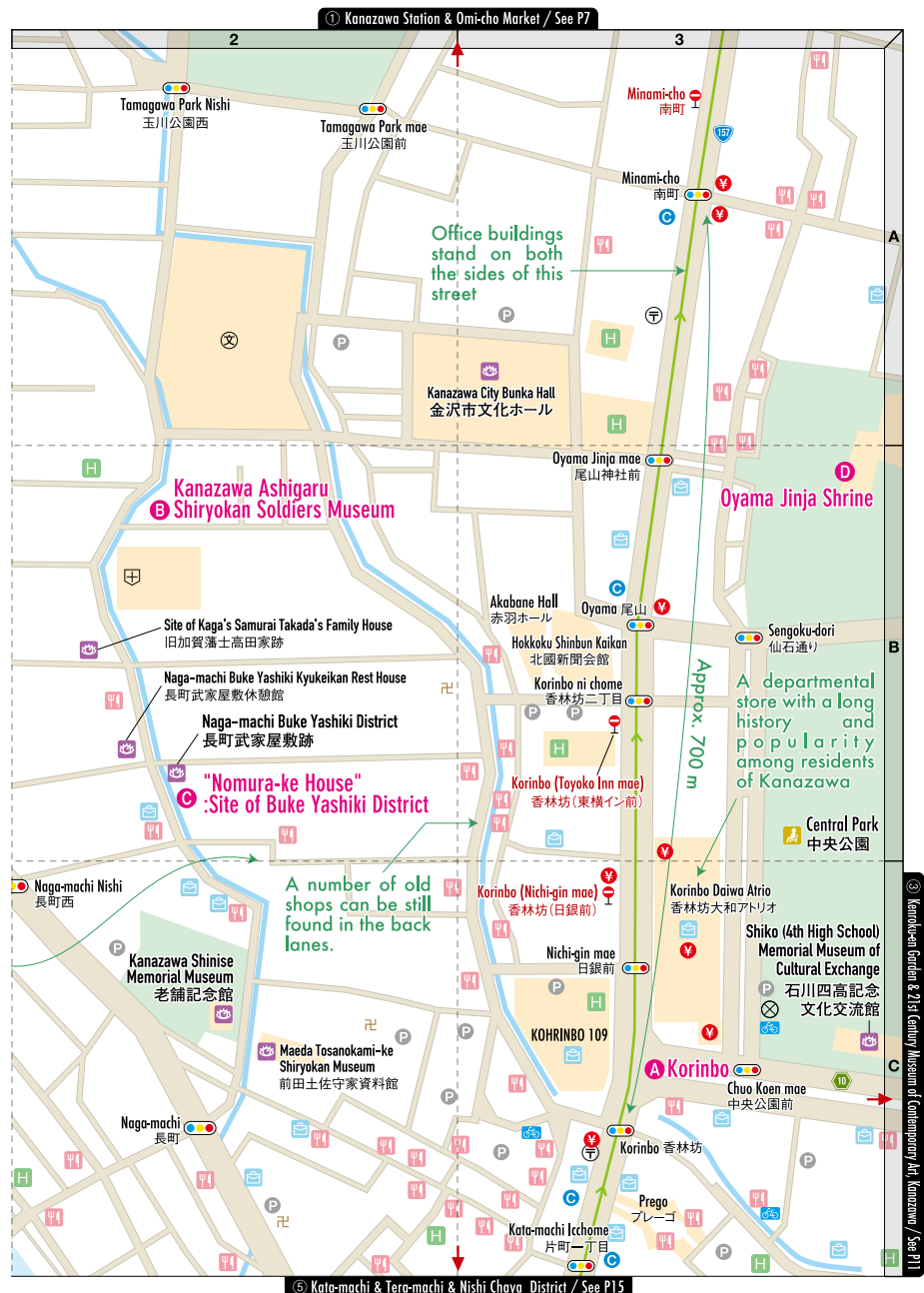
D Oyama Jinja Shrine 尾山神社

This Shrine is dedicated to Kaga's Lord Toshiie Maeda and his legal wife O-Matsu. The top of the shrine entrance is decorated with a beautiful stained glass and it is a uniquely beautiful combination of Japanese, Chinese and Western styles.

TEL 076-231-7210 URL www.oyama-jinja.or.jp

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Loop bus for sightseeing around the castle town of Kanazawa



⑤ Katamachi & Teramachi & Nishi Chaya District

Tate-machi-a shopping district, popular among young people. Kata-machi- a bustling downtown area with many restaurants & bars.

- Enjoy a pleasant stroll while you check out variety of shops on the way
- Enjoy a pleasant night in Kata-machi

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A Nishi Chaya District

にし茶屋街
A teahouse district with a history dating back to the feudal times. You can still find a number of traditional restaurants and geisha establishments.



B Myoryuji Temple

妙立寺 (忍者寺)
An old temple of Nichiren sect, popularly known as 'Nata-dera'. This temple has a variety of contrivances meant to fool an enemy.

09:00 - 16:30 (Winter season- 09:00 - 16:00)
No Holidays ¥ ¥900 Temple tour by reservation only

TEL 076-241-0888 URL www.myoryuji.or.jp

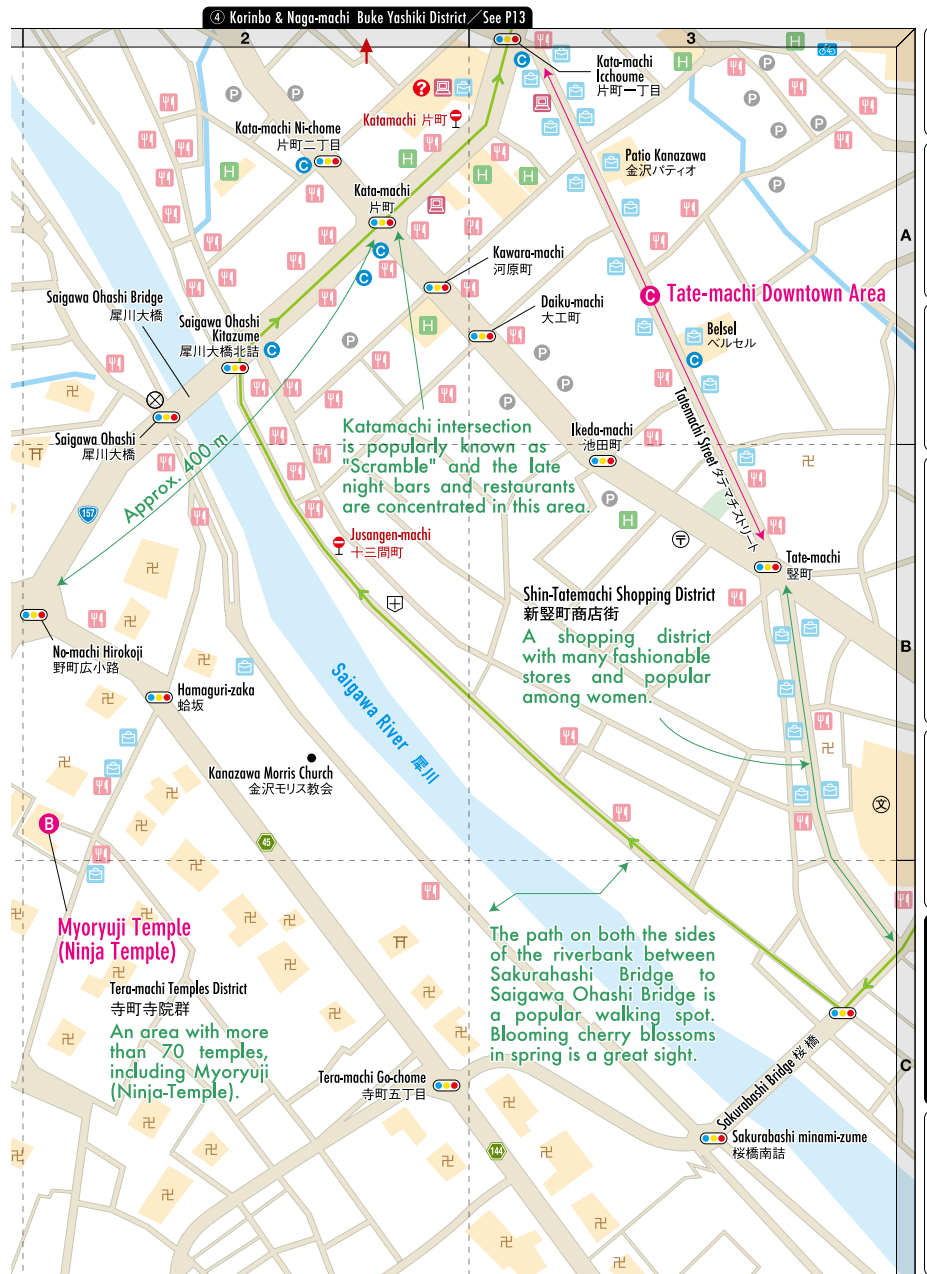


C Tate-machi Downtown Area

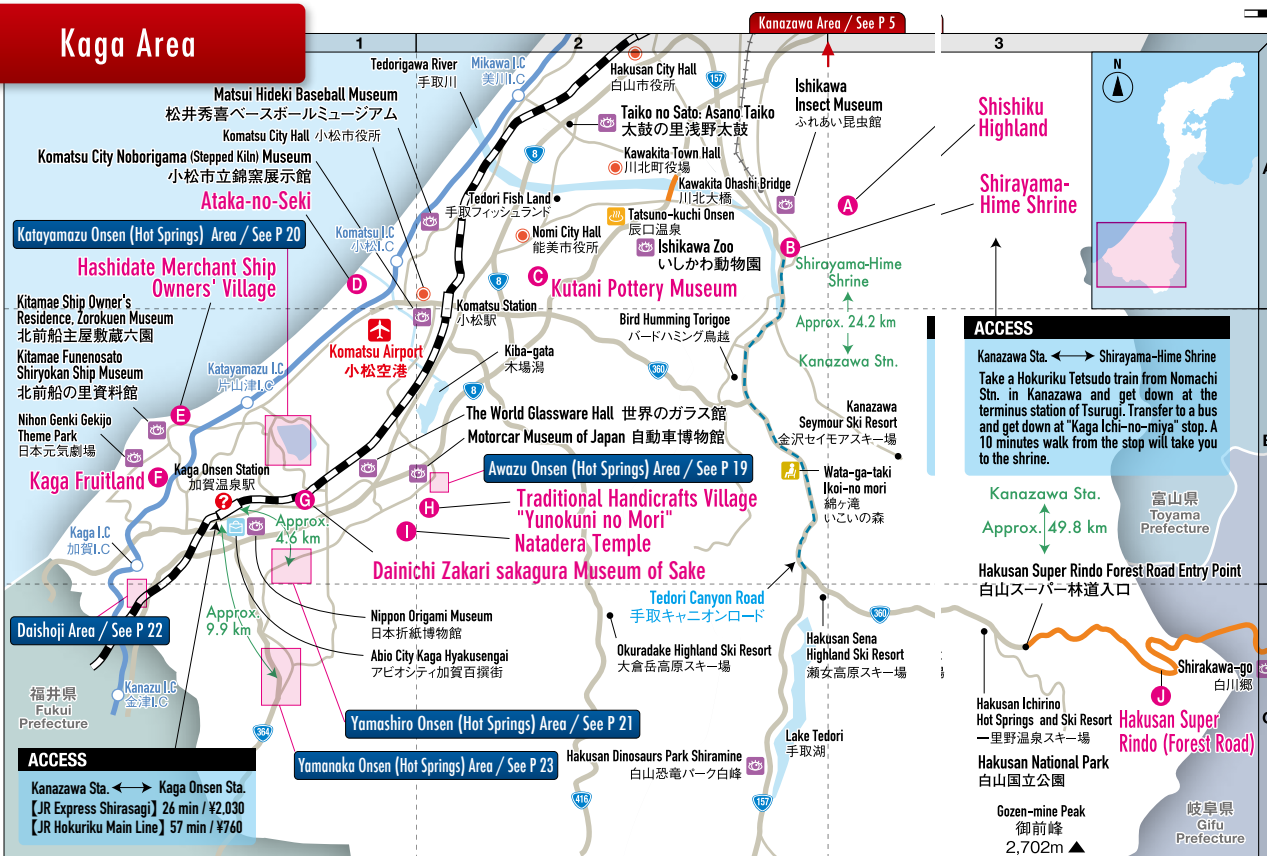
堅町商店街
This area, commonly known as "Tate-machi Street" has more than 200 shops which include restaurants, bars and a number of other shops and is very popular among young people.

URL www.tatemachi.com

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Kaga Area



A Shishiku Highland 獅子吼高原



An highland situated at 649 m above sea level. You can appreciate a vista of Mt. Hakusan and Sea of Japan from the top of highland and also enjoy paragliding.

10:00 - 17:00

No Holidays ¥400

TEL 076-273-8449

URL <http://w2232.nsk.ne.jp/skyshishiku/>

B Shirayama-Hime Shrine 白山比咩神社



Sacred Mt. Hakusan is the go-shintai or the main deity of this shrine and this shrine is also the head shrine of all the 'Shirayama' shrines in Japan.

09:00 - 16:00 (November 09:00 - 15:30)

Closed during the winter season

¥300 (Treasure Hall)

TEL 076-272-0680 URL www.shirayama.or.jp

C Kutani Pottery Museum 九谷陶芸村



This facility is a museum with a shop selling kutaniyaki products: hands-on activity is also available. Visitors can appreciate the pottery objects displayed in the 16 display rooms and enjoy shopping for porcelain objects.

08:00 - 17:00 Irregular Holidays Free Admission

TEL 0761-58-6102 URL www.hitwave.or.jp/kutani/

D Ataka-no-Seki 安宅の関



A spot famous as the stage of popular Kabuki play "Kanjincho". You can see a large statue of the hero of the story and also visit Kanjincho Monogatari-kan or the rest house which gives you a panoramic view of Japanese Sea.

E Hashidate Merchant Ship Owners' Village 橋立船主集落



This village has some magnificent houses with red roof tiles that blend perfectly with this countrified town, reflecting the aesthetic perception of rough and stout seafaring men.

F Kaga Fruitland 加賀フルーツランド



A fruit park with a large and wide area of 250000 tsbu, where you can go fruit gathering or do barbecue.

09:00 - 17:00
Every Tuesday from December to February
Grapes Gathering Plan: ¥1,300, and other plans.

TEL 0761-72-1800 URL www.furulan.com

G Dainichi Zakari sakagura Museum of Sake 大日盛酒蔵資料館



This Museum belongs to a sake brewer whose history goes back to 1760. A number of sake making tools and related documents are also displayed.

09:00 - 17:00 Irregular Holidays Free Admission

TEL 0761-74-0602 URL www.judaime.com

H Traditional Handicrafts Village "Yunokuni no Mori" ゆのくにの森



Yunokuni no Mori is a unique traditional handicrafts' theme park, where visitors can observe Ishikawa's famous handicrafts and also try their hands at making some of these handicrafts themselves.

08:30 - 17:00 (December: 09:00-16:30)
No Holidays ¥540 Hands-on activity not included

TEL 0761-65-3456 URL www.yunokuni.jp/mori

I Natadera Temple 那谷寺



A famous temple of Shingon Sect, said to have been established in 717. The principal object of worship here is the rocks and caves surrounded by a rich nature. Highly recommended during the season of coloured autumnal leaves.

08:30 - 16:45 (December - February: 08:45 - 16:30)
No Holidays ¥600

TEL 0761-65-2111 URL www.natadera.com

J Hakusan Super Rindo (Forest Road) 白山スーパー林道



Mt. Hakusan is one of the "3 most sacred mountains" of Japan along with Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama. The natural scenery, especially coloured autumnal leaves of primeval forest at Mt. Hakusan is quite beautiful.

June-August/07:00-18:00
September-November 08:00-17:00
11 November - 31st May ¥3,240

TEL 076-256-7341 URL www.hakusan-rindo.jp

Awazu Onsen (Hot Springs) Area



A Soyu Public Spa 総湯



A one-story public bath house built in Japanese style, with a single bathroom and a large bath tub. The colourless and transparent hot water is good for the skin.

☑ 08:00 - 22:00 ♫ ¥400
☑ 8th, 18th & 28th of every month

TEL 0761-65-1120

B Oshshobe-hashī Bridge おしよべ橋

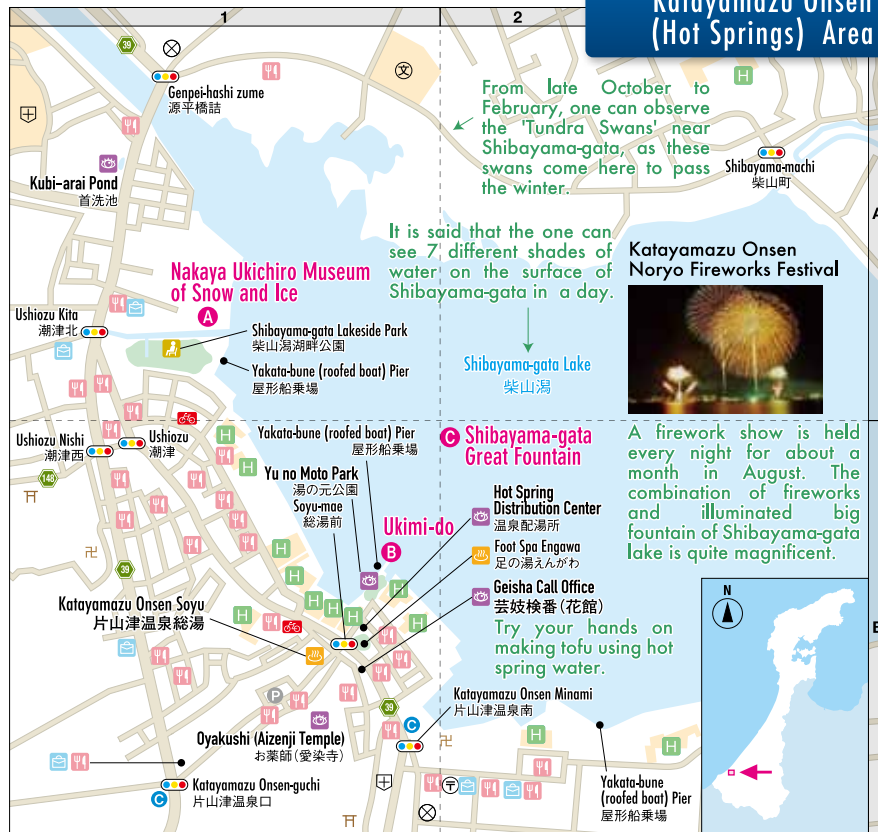


A romantic spot at the center of Awazu Onsen, which is known as "Holy Land of Lovers". The place is popular as it symbolizes a 'bridge connecting two lovers'.

C Bell of Happiness 幸せの鐘



A lovers' bell: "Ring it once and you will find your love; ring it thrice and your love will deepen; ring it 5 times and those precious memories of love will be revived"



A Nakaya Ukichiro Museum of Snow and Ice 中谷吉郎 雪の科学館



A science museum focussing on Nakaya Ukichiro who is known as 'Snow Scientist' and mysteries of snow and ice

☑ 09:00 - 17:00 ♫ ¥500
☑ Wednesday (Open on National Holidays)

TEL 0761-75-3323 URL www.city.kaga.ishikawa.jp/yuki

B Ukimi-do 浮御堂



A new popular tourist spot of Katayamazu Onsen. The two deities worshipped at Ukimi-do are Benzaiten (Saraswati) and Dragon God. During the nights, Ukimi-do is lit up, bringing out its beautiful night view.

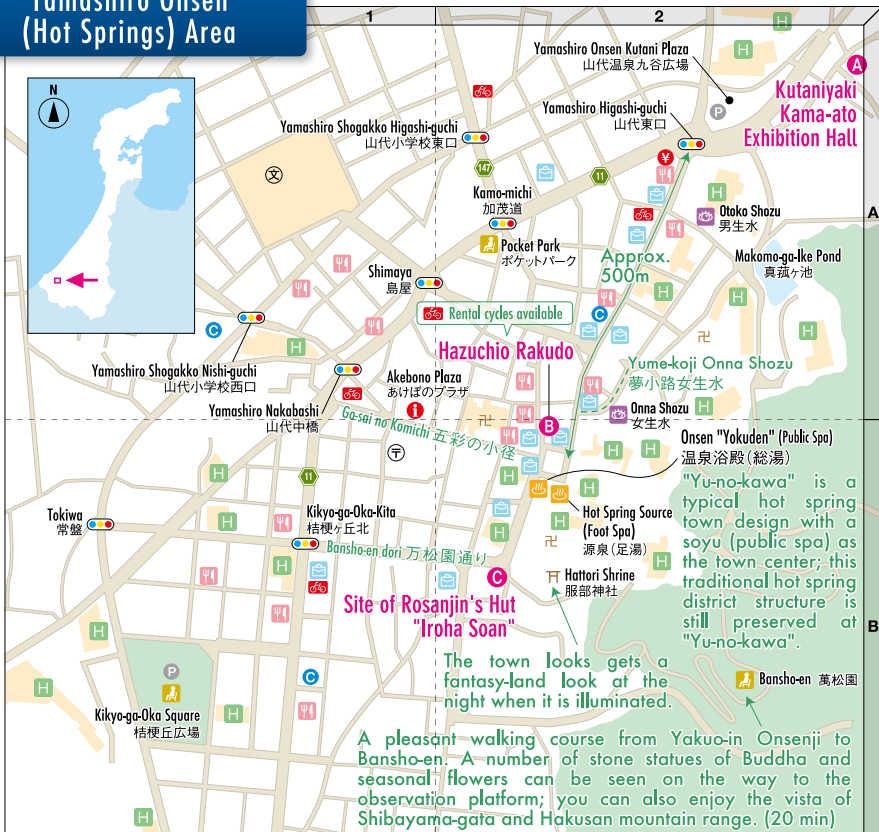
C Shibayama-gata Great Fountain 柴山潟大噴水



A huge fountain of about 70 m, standing at the center of the lake. The fountain looks like a dynamic water flower blossoming in the lake and is one of the biggest fountains in Japan. It is a great sight to watch the fountain when it is illuminated in the night.

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Yamashiro Onsen (Hot Springs) Area



A Kutaniyaki Kama-ato Exhibition Hall

九谷焼窯跡展示館



This facility exhibits the excavated site of Kutani porcelain kiln from the time of Yoshidaya Kiln, which is considered to be the roots of modern day Kutaniyaki pottery. Visitors can also try their hands on pottery painting or potter's wheel.

09:00 - 17:00 (Tuesday) ¥1,310 (Open on holidays)

TEL 0761-77-0020

URL www1.kagacable.ne.jp/~kamaato/

B Hazuchio Rakudo はづちを楽堂



Hazuchio Rakudo is located in front of Yamashiro Onsen Yakuden and the purpose of this facility is to encourage people to people exchanges. It is an ideal space to take a break when it has a cafe as well as souvenir corner.

09:30 - 18:00 (Wednesday) Free Admission (Open on holidays)

TEL 0761-77-8270

URL www1.kagacable.ne.jp/~hadutiwo

C Site of Rosanjin's Hut "Iroha Soan"

魯山人寓居跡いろは草庵



Rosanjin was an artist and also a gourmet. Iroha was Rosanjin's temporary residence and the hut has been kept in the same way as it was when Rosanjin lived there.

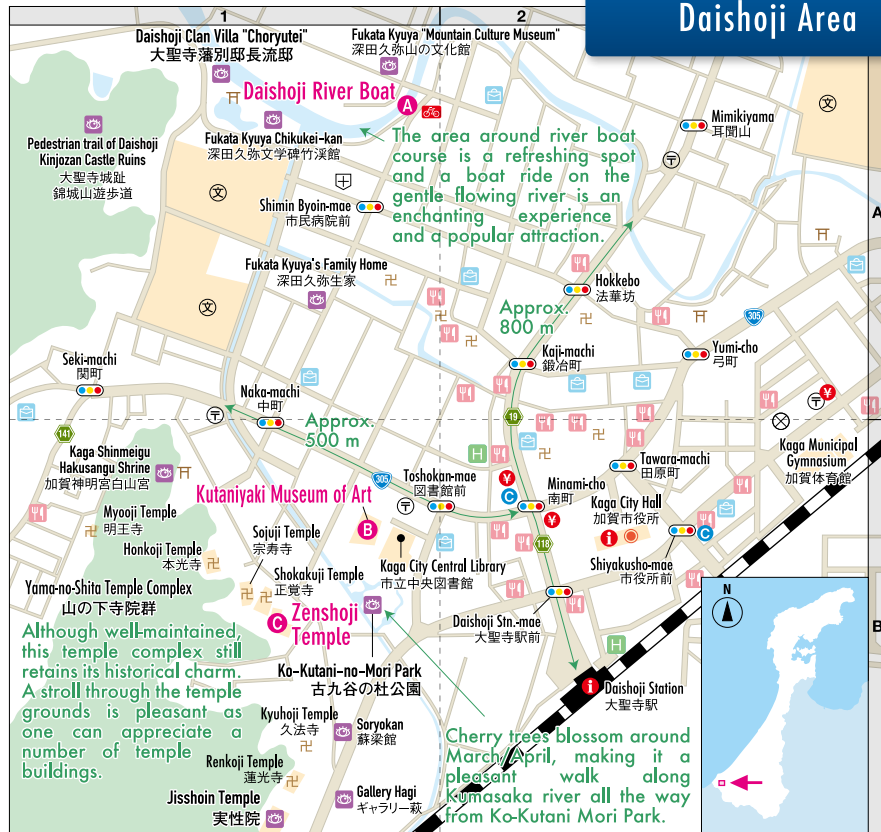
09:00 - 17:00 (Wednesday) ¥500 (Open on holidays)

TEL 0761-77-1111

URL www.kagashi-ss.co.jp/irohasouan/

JR Hokuriku Line

Daishoji Area



A Daishoji River Boat

大聖寺流し舟



Daishoji riverside is famous for its cherry blossoms and other seasonal flowers. The view of Choryutei Villa from the river is especially impressive.

09:00 - 13:00 (~17:00 on Sat/Sun/Holidays) Tuesday ¥1,000 (In winters, customers are accepted by reservation only.)

TEL 0761-72-6662 URL po5.nsk.ne.jp/~shiseki/6662/

B Kutaniyaki Museum of Art

石川県九谷焼美術館



Kutaniyaki has a history of more than 350 years and one can see a number of famous Kutaniyaki works here, including "Ko-Kutani" (Old-Kutani) which is a type of coloured porcelain from early Edo Period (1603-1868).

09:00 - 17:00 Monday ¥500

TEL 0761-72-7466 URL www.kutani-mus.jp/

C Zenshoji Temple 全昌寺

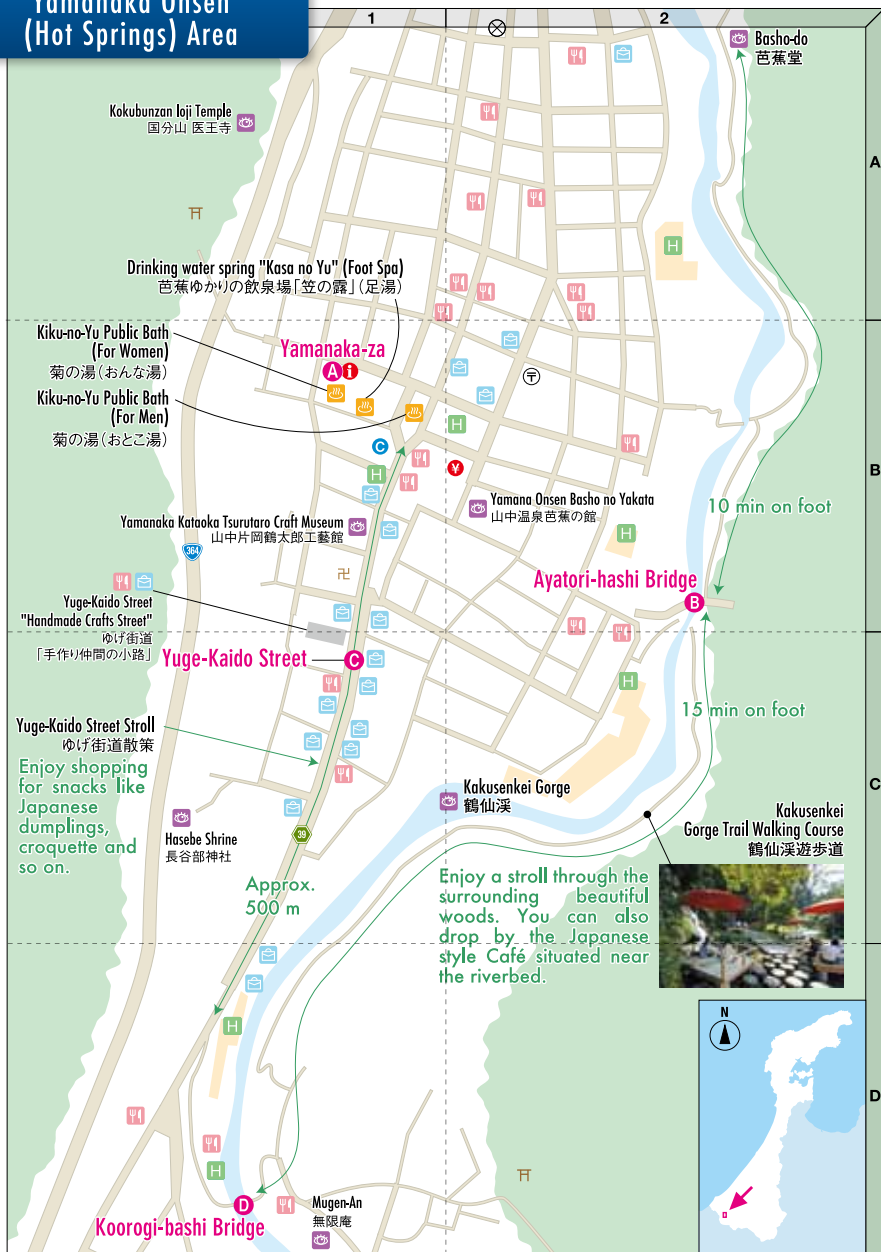


Zenshoji is one of the many temples located in the Yama-no-Tera temple complex; Zenshoji offers a number of attractions including a red-seal letter from Toyotomi Hideyoshi, 500 colourful Rakan statues and so on.

09:00 - 17:00 No Holidays ¥500

TEL 0761-72-1164

Yamanaka Onsen (Hot Springs) Area



A Yamanaka-za 山中座



A number of fine Yamanaka lacquerware works are displayed here and visitors can also enjoy the traditional folk song and dance performance of Yamanaka bushi.

🕒 08:30 - 22:00
💰 Dance Performance: ¥700
(Saturday/Sunday/Holidays 15:30 - 16:30)

TEL 0761-78-5523 URL www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp

B Ayatori-hashi Bridge

あやとりはし



The bridge lies between Kakusenkei Gorge and Sakura Park. It has become a popular sightseeing spot because of its unique modern looking shape and beautiful crimson-purple colour.

C Yuge-Kaido Street

ゆげ街道



The main street of Yamanaka Onsen's hot spring district. Here, you can find a number of authentic art gallery shops for Yamanaka lacquerware and Kutaniyaki besides few others.



D Koorogi-bashi Bridge

こおろぎ橋



Koorogi-bashi hangs over the Kakusenkei gorge and is made up entirely from keyaki (zelkova) wood. The silhouette of the bridge hanging on the backdrop of a hot spring town is famous as Yamanaka's symbol.

E Yamanaka Lacquerware Traditional Industry Museum

山中漆器伝統産業会館

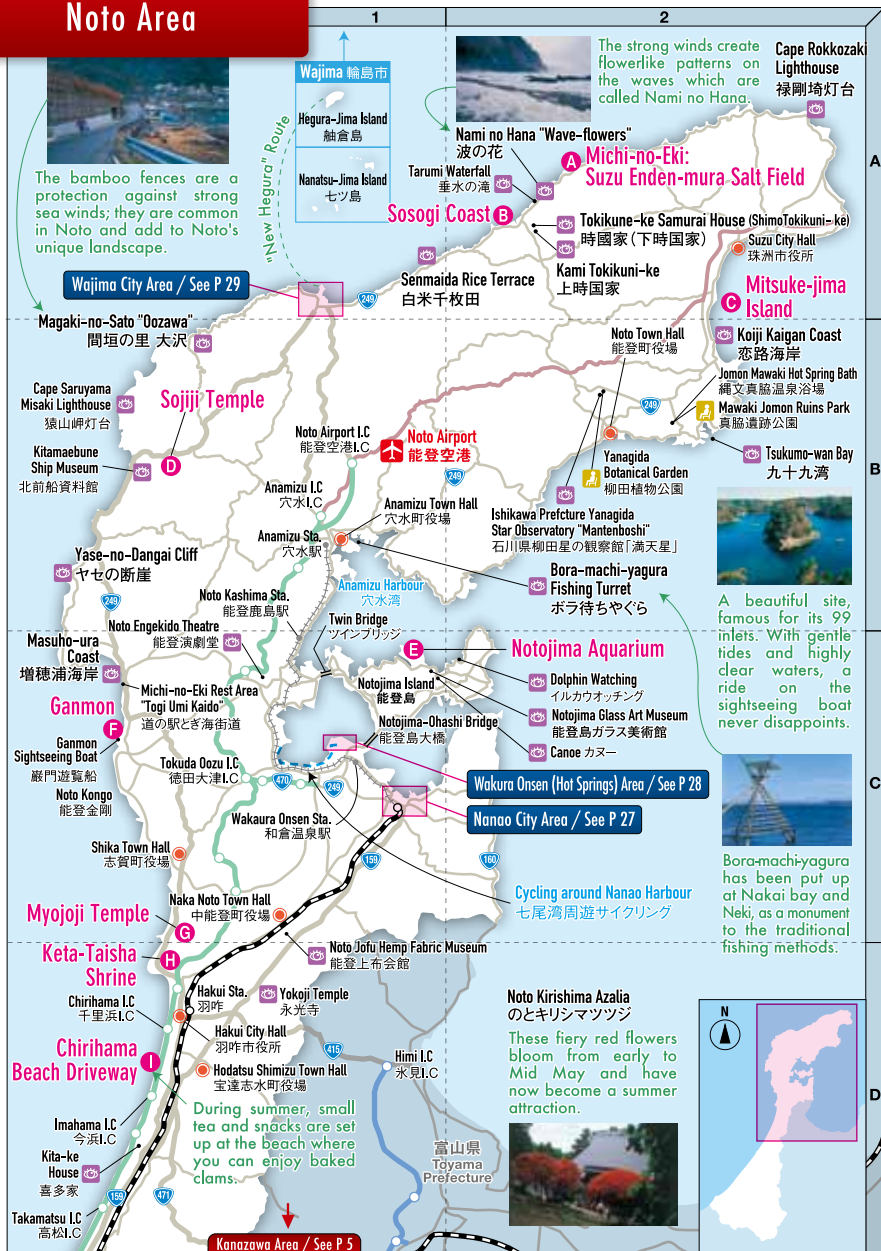


This museum introduces a variety of objects of Yamanaka lacquerware which has a history of 400 years. The exhibits include multilayered trays, tea caddy, etc. created by artists designated as Japan's Human National Treasure. The lacquerwares for daily use can also be bought here.

🕒 08:30 - 17:30 ❌ No Holidays

TEL 0761-78-0305 URL www.kago-tv.com/yamanaka

Noto Area



JR Nanao Line Noto Railroad Train Service Expressway Noto Toll Way Suzu Road (Noto Starline)

A Michi-no-Eki: Suzu Enden-mura Salt Field



This salt field in Suzu is the only salt field in Japan that has still preserved the traditional salt making method of "Agehama". It is possible to observe this method or try it out yourself.

09:00 - 17:00 No Holidays
¥100/ Hands-on Activity: ¥500

TEL 0768-87-2040 URL www.suzu.co.jp/enden

B Sosogi Coast 曾々木海岸



A coastline with a natural beauty created by a combination of sea and rocks; it is also famous for its magnificent cliffs and is designated as Japan's Natural Monument and Scenic Spot.

TEL 0768-32-1040 (Sosogi Tourism Association)

URL noto-sosogi.com/

C Mitsuke-jima Island 見附島



A battleship shaped rock standing very close to the seashore, Mitsuke-jima is regarded as the symbol of Noto.

D Sojiji Temple 大本山總持寺祖院



Sojiji Temple of Soto Sect prospered as the center of zen training alongside Eiheiiji Temple. It is possible to experience Zen meditation.

08:00 - 17:00 No Holidays ¥400

TEL 0768-42-0005

E Notojima Aquarium のとじま水族館



This Aquarium houses fish from all over Japan with a special focus on sea creatures found in the coastal waters of Noto Peninsula. Popular attractions include a dolphin show and a tunnel with an overhead water tank where visitors can watch dolphins.

09:00 - 17:00 (winter season 09:00-16:30) No Holidays ¥1,850

TEL 0767-84-1271 URL www.notoaqua.jp

F Ganmon 巖門



The precipitous cliffs and rough waves of Ganmon is a typical scenery of Noto Kongu. You can also take a ride on the sightseeing boat.

G Myojoji Temple 妙成寺



Myojoji is the head temple of Nichiren Sect in Hokuriku region and it is also the only temple in Noto with a Garan (large edifice). Ten structures including the main prayer hall, five storied pagoda have been designated as National Important Cultural Property.

08:00 - 17:00 (08:00 - 16:30 during winter) No Holidays ¥500

TEL 0767-27-1226 URL www4.nsk.ne.jp/myojoji

H Keta-Taisha Shrine 気多大社



An elegant shrine with a history of 2100 years; it is known for its charming seasonal beauty which is unique in each season.

08:30 - 16:30 No Holidays Free Admission

TEL 0767-22-0602 URL www.keta.jp

I Chirihama Beach Driveway 千里浜なぎさドライブウェイ



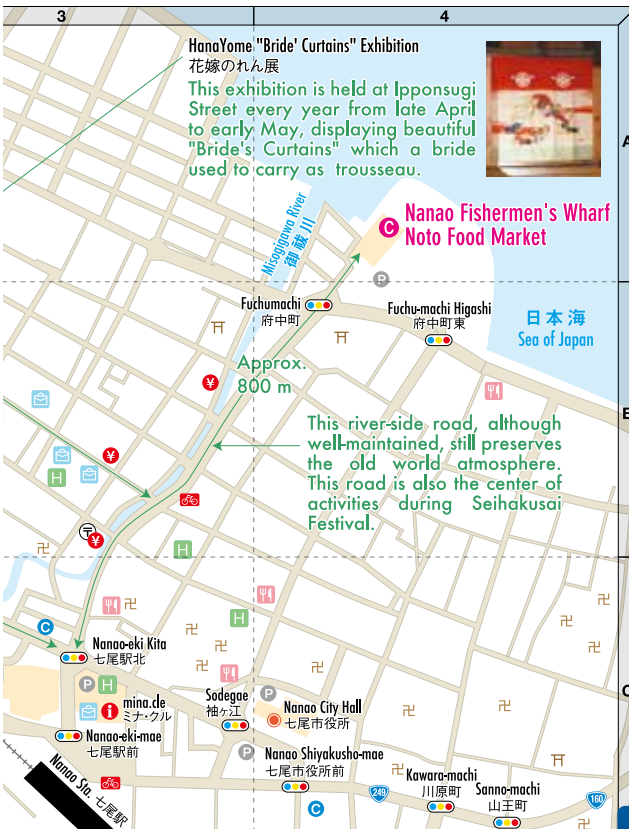
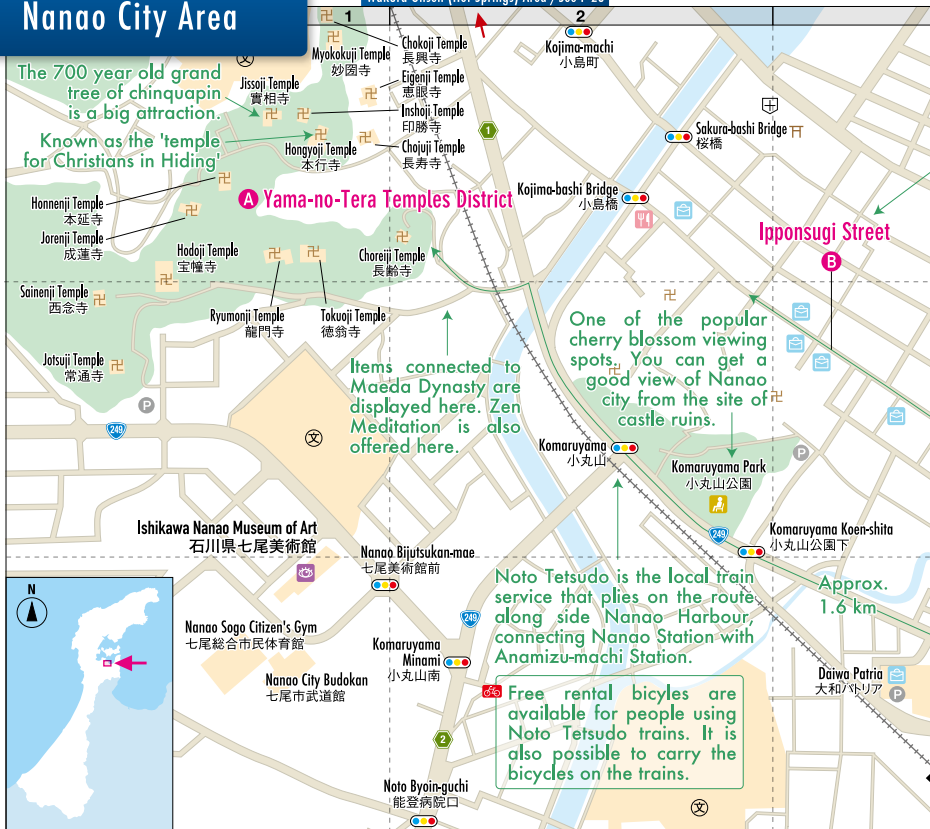
This 8 km beach driveway is famous throughout Japan as a sand beach where it is possible to drive a car right alongside sea waves.

※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

Nanao City Area

Wakura Onsen (Hot Springs) Area / See P 28

Noto Railroad Train Service



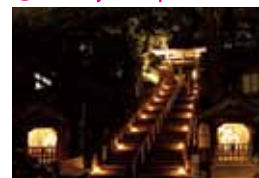
D Wakura Yuttari Park



Standing at a great location facing Wakura's sea side, this foot spa is free of charge. Have a relaxing time here as you enjoy the view of Notojima Ohashi bridge.

07:00 - 19:00
No Holidays (Closed during 1/10 - 2/28)

E Seirinji Temple



Seirinji Temple is situated on the elevated grounds near foothills of Wakura's mountain. One of the best times to visit this temple is when a Chinese fiddle performance is held and temple is illuminated at night.

A Yama-no-Tera Temples District



Lord Toshiie Maeda established this complex of 16 temples about 400 years ago. This complex has a walking path of 2.2 km where visitors can enjoy a 1-2 hours stroll.

B Ipponsugi Street



Ipponsugi Street has a number of well preserved shop buildings that date back to Taisho and early Showa Periods. These shops include shoyu (soya sauce) shops, Japanese candle shops, tea houses all of which reminds people of days when Nanao was a castle town.

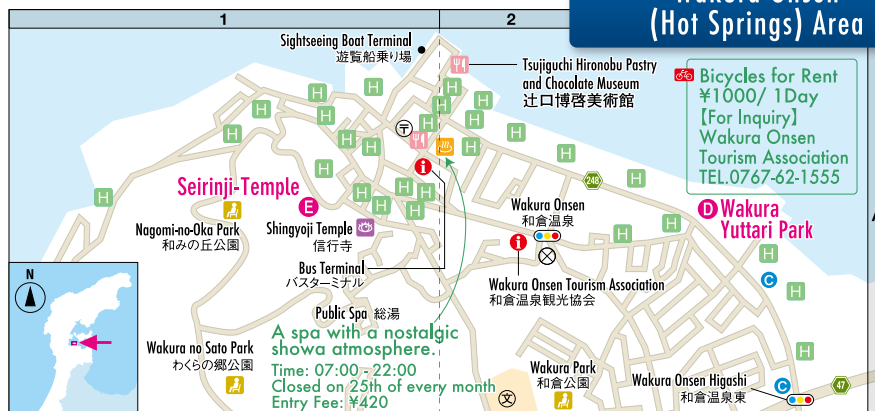
C Nanao Fishermen's Wharf Noto Food Market



This market offers fresh fish caught in Nanao's fishing port and it is possible to eat the fish you have bought on the spot. There are also a number of restaurants on the 2nd floor with a great lunch menu.

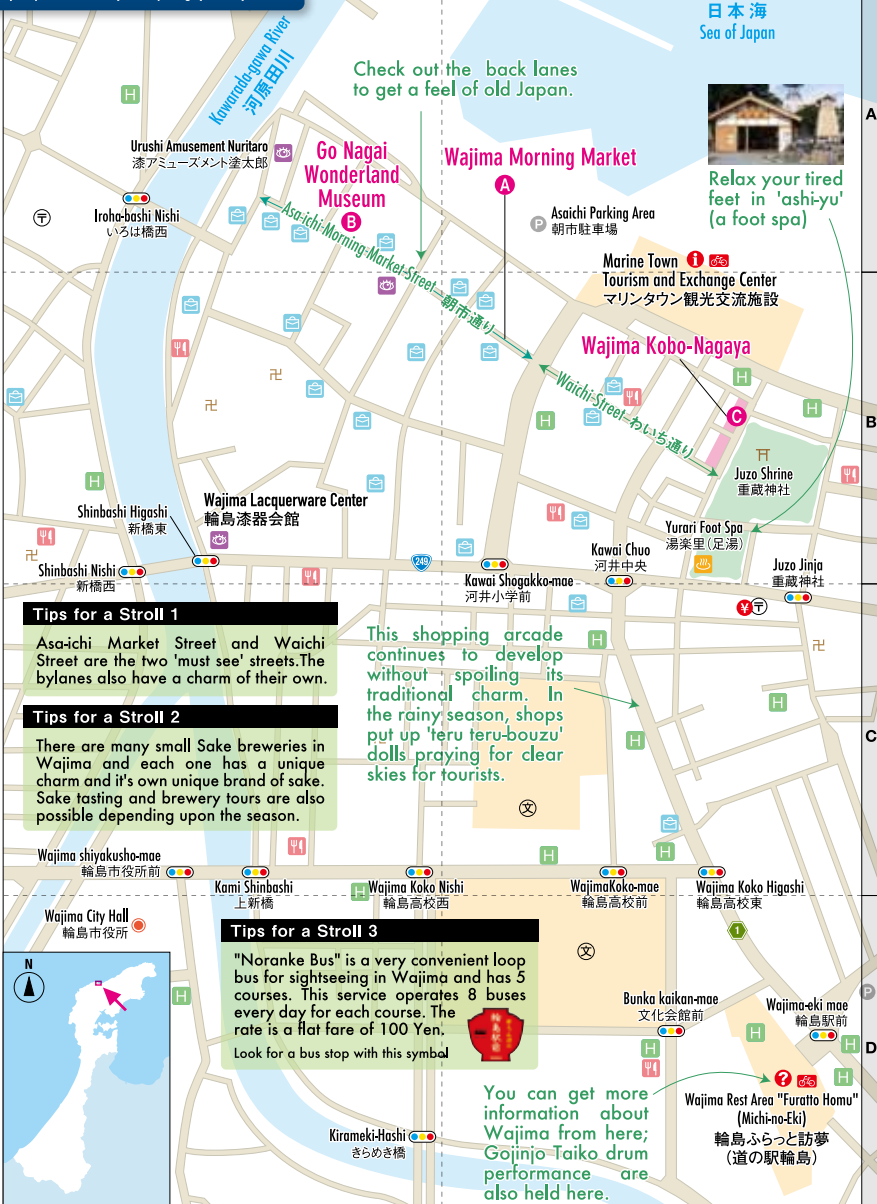
08:30 - 18:00
Tuesdays (No holidays from July to November)
TEL 0767-52-7071 URL www.shokusai.jp

Wakura Onsen (Hot Springs) Area



Wajima City Area

(Wajima Onsen (Hot Springs) Area)



A Wajima Morning Market

輪島朝市



Wajima's Asaichi is a famous morning market with a history of more than 1000 years. There are more than 200 shops where women from farming and fishing families sell fresh vegetables and sea food.

08:00 - 12:00

10th/25th of every month (changes depending upon the season)

TEL 0768-22-7563 URL www.honmachi.or.jp

D Ishikawa Wajima Urushi Museum of Art

石川県輪島漆芸美術館



This is the first of its kind Museum in Japan which introduces not only Wajima lacquer and lacquer work from different regions of Japan but also lacquer art from overseas.

09:00-17:00 No Holidays ¥620

TEL 0768-22-9788

URL www.city.wajima.ishikawa.jp/art

B Go Nagai Wonderland Museum

永井豪記念館



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This comic strip museum is dedicated to the famous cartoonist Go Nagai, who created numerous widely popular cartoons including Wajima Z.

09:00-17:00

No Holidays ¥ ¥510

TEL 0768-23-1146 URL www.go-wonderland.jp

E Kiriko Lantern Museum

キリコ会館



This Museum displays huge sacred festival lanterns called Kiriko, which are unique to Noto area.

08:00-17:00 (From December to February: 08:30-16:00)
No Holidays ¥ ¥610

TEL 0768-22-7100 URL www.inachu.jp/kiriko.htm

C Wajima Kobo Nagaya

輪島工房長屋



Kobo Nagaya has a number of workshops which offer you 'hands-on activities' of lacquer coating, makie, chinkin (gold inlay) or how to make a bowl core. Visitors can also observe the actual processing of lacquerware production.

09:00-18:00 (09:00-17:00 from November to February)

Wednesday Free Admission

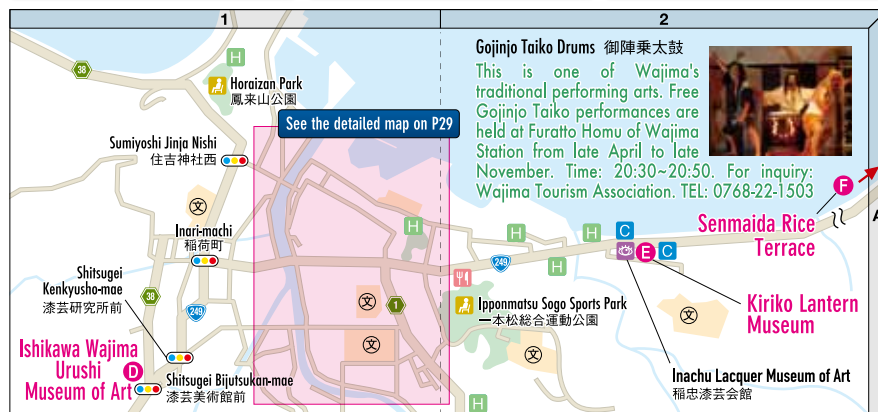
TEL 0768-23-0011 URL ringisland.jp/nagaya

F Senmaida Rice Terrace

白米千枚田



More than 2000 multilayered rice paddies located on the steep slope facing the sea create a picturesque geomatically shaped landscape.



Model course

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Kanazawa 2 Day Course

~Enjoy Kanazawa's Hyakumangoku Culture and appreciate its traditional arts & crafts~

1 Kanazawa 2 Day Course P.31

Enjoy Kanazawa's Hyakumangoku Culture and appreciate its traditional arts & crafts

2 Kanazawa 1 Day Course P.33

Must see spots! Visit the main tourist attractions of Kanazawa

3 Kaga 2 Day Course P.34

Get to know about Kaga's culture and history and relax in a hot spring

4 Noto 1 Day Course P.35

Relish the scenery and culture of beautiful Noto

5 Noto 2 Day Course P.36

Savour the sea food delicacies and enjoy the Noto experience to your heart's content

1st Day 9:30 JR Kanazawa Station

10:00 2.0 km/12 min



Let's not miss out on these places too!
•A tour of tea-houses (Shima, Kaikaro)
•Japanese style Café

[Activity] Fukushima Shamisen Shop P.40

<Reservation Required> ¥ 300
Activity Time: 30 min

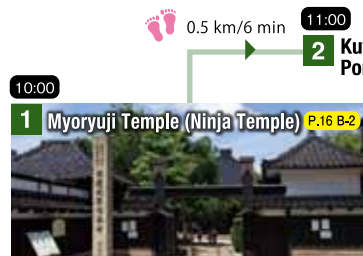
0.3 km/4 min



0.8 km/10 min



0.7 km/
8.5 min



<Reservation Required> ¥ 800 Yen

9:30 Depart from hotel

2nd Day

17:00 To the hotel (Accommodation) stay

Let's not miss out on these places too!
•Nomura Samurai Family Residence
•Kanazawa Ashigaru Soldiers Shiryokan Museum
•Kanazawa Shinise Memorial Museum



[Activity] Kaga Yuzen Kimono Trial (Naga-machi Yuzen-kan) P.40

<Reservation Required> ¥ 4,000

13:30 0.6 km/7.5 min



For more information on the Loop Bus P.55

1.3km/6 min

12:00 Lunch (Korinbo Area)

13:00 0.5 km/6 min



¥ 310 Yen

A short walk

[Activity] Make traditional Japanese sweets (Ishikawa Kanko Bussan Souvenirs and Gifts Shop/ Only on Saturdays, Sundays and other holidays) P.40

¥ 1,230 Yen

[Activity] Teicha Tea Service (Gyokusen-en Garden) P.42

¥ 1,500 Yen

A short walk

15:00 Museum of Traditional Arts & Crafts of Ishikawa P.12 C-2

¥ 260 Yen

A short walk



¥ 700 Yen

2.5 km/15 min

16:30 JR Kanazawa Station

2

Kanazawa 1 Day Course

~Must see spots! Visit the main tourist attractions of Kanazawa~

For more information on the Loop Bus P.55

Day trip

9:00 JR Kanazawa Station

9:20 2.0 km/12 min

1 Walk around Higashi Chaya District P.10 A-3

[Activity Gold Leaf Decoration P.39]

<Reservations Required> ¥600 Yen onwards
Time Required: 1 hr

1.2km/6 min 15 min

11:15 2 Kenroku-en Garden P.12 B-2

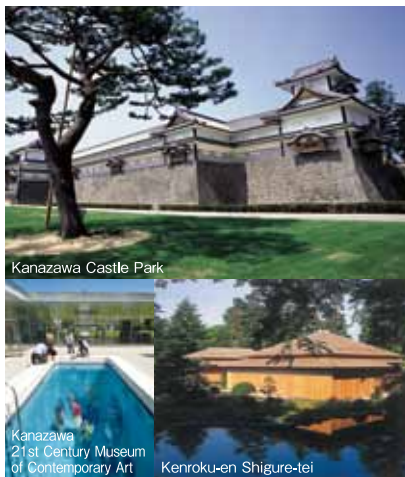
¥310 Yen

12:30 Lunch

13:30 3 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa P.12 C-1

Exhibition of collected works: 360 Yen
(Separate charges for special exhibitions)

0.8km/10 min



Yukizuri is a famous winter attraction at Kenroku-en

Next day
To Noto To Kaga To Takayama

5 Souvenir shopping at Kanazawa Hyakunban-gai

16:30 JR Kanazawa Station

15:00 1.5km/9 min

4 Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District P.14 B-2



3

Kaga 2 Day Course

~Get to know about Kaga's culture and history and relax in a hot spring~

For more information on the CANBUS P.59

1st Day

8:38 Depart JR Kanazawa Station

JR Hokuriku Line
¥840 Yen

9:52 Arrive at JR Daishoji Station

0.5 km/6 min

1 Kutaniyaki Art Museum P.22 B-1

¥500 Yen

at a short walking distance

10:40 2 Kokutani no Mori Park P.22 B-1

11:00 0.1 km/1 min

3 Yama no Tera Temple Complex P.22 B-1

A visit to Zenshoji Temple is recommended. 500 Yen
Don't miss the wonderful 500 Rakan statues.

Jishoin Temple Zenshoji Temple

0.6 km/7.5 min

12:15 Lunch 13:16 JR Daishoji Station

JR Hokuriku Line
¥190 Yen

13:20 JR Kaga Onsen Station

13:55 Departure 13:35→ Arrival 13:51

4 Kutaniyaki Kiln Site Exhibition Hall P.21 A-2

¥310 Yen

Departure 14:26→Arrival 14:39

For more information on the CANBUS P.59

To Kanazawa To Kyoto

13:30 JR Kaga Onsen Station

10 min~30 min

12:00 Lunch



11:00

7 Kakusenkei Gorge P.23 C-1

at a short walking distance

10:00 6 Walking around Yuge-kaido P.23 C-1

10 min~30 min

2nd Day

Kaga Onsen-kyo stay

Use ryokan's pick & drop bus service

10 minutes •Yamashiro Onsen (Hot Springs) P.21

15 minutes •Yamanaka Onsen (Hot Springs) P.23

10 minutes •Katayamazu Onsen (Hot Springs) P.20

15 minutes •Awazu Onsen (Hot Springs) P.19

16:40 JR Kaga Onsen Station

14:40 Departure 15:59→ Arrival 16:40

5 Natadera Temple P.17 B-1



¥600 Yen

※ The given distance and time are only rough estimates.
※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

4

Noto 1 Day Course

~Relish the scenery and culture of beautiful Noto~

For more information on the Noranke Bus P.61

Day trip 7:20 JR Kanazawa Station

Wajima Express Bus
¥2,260 Yen

9:35 Wajima Rest Area "Furatto Homu"

9:45 0.8 km/4 min



P.29 B-2

10:45 0.3 km/2 min



P.29 B-1

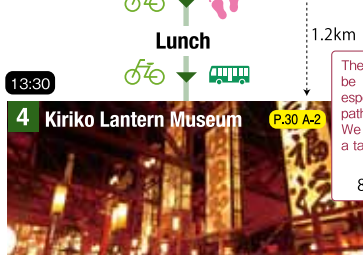
11:30 0.6 km/3 min



P.29 B-2

Visitors can observe craft workshops by artisans as well as try their hands on Wajima-nuri lacquerware painting.

13:30 Lunch



P.30 A-2

¥610 Yen

The street slopes can be a bit challenging especially the approach path is an uphill road. We recommend you use a taxi.

8.8 km/10 min

8.8 km/48 min

Get a rental bicycle at the station!

Cycling around in Wajima city is a convenient way to do sightseeing on a clear day.

Rental Time: 08:00-18:00

<Electric Bicycle> 400 Yen per hour

Half Day (4 Hours) 1,000 Yen

(Normal Bicycle) 200 Yen per hour

Half Day (4 Hours) 500 Yen

For Reservations/Inquiries: Wajima Tourism Center

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No Holidays

08:00-19:00



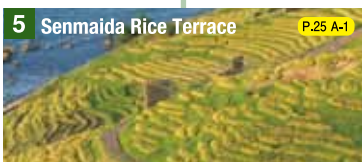
Wajima Kobo-Nagaya

18:52 JR Kanazawa Station

Wajima Express Bus
¥2,260 Yen

16:35 Wajima Rest Area "Furatto Homu"

10.5 km/57 min



P.25 A-1

On your way back, drop in at Nebuta hot spring-famous for its spring qualities.
¥09:00-15:00 700 Yen / ¥15:00-22:00 800 Yen

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Noto 2 Day Course

~Savour the sea food delicacies and enjoy the Noto experience to your heart's content~

For more information on the Sightseeing Bus P.61

1st Day 10:20 JR Kanazawa Station

JR Nanao Line
¥1,320 Yen

11:48 JR Nanao Station

12:00 0.8 km/ min



P.28 A-4

13:00 0.5 km/ 6 min



P.28 B-3

Ipponsugi street has a variety of shops that sell tea, Japanese candles konbu (kelp), etc.

14:00 0.7 km/9 min



P.27 A-1

A tree-lined path and stone stairs leading to the temple gates, makes for an enjoyable walk

1.8 km/ 22 min

16:24 JR Nanao Station

JR Nanao Line
¥190 Yen

16:29 JR Wakura Onsen Station

Pick & Drop service from your ryokan

For more information on the Sightseeing Bus P.61

15:50 JR Kanazawa Station



5 Chirihama Nagisa Beach Driveway P.25 D-1

4 Myoji Temple P.25 C-1

3 Ganmon (Lunch) P.25 C-1

2 Masuho-ura/ Michi-no-eki Togi Umikaido P.25 C-1

1 Wajima Lacquerware Center / Morning Market P.29 B-2

Adults ¥6,300 Yen (Including Lunch, Admission Fee)

Wajima Rest Area "Furatto Homu"

Via Twin Bridge Noto

8:30 Wakura Onsen Bus Terminal

2nd Day

17:00



stay

Use the sightseeing bus "Asachi-go"

Main Features

Learning about 7 main attractions of Ishikawa, makes your travelling experience 100 times more enjoyable.

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Traditional Handicrafts

Kutaniyaki Pottery

A combination of traditionally cultivated skills of the master craftsmen and beautiful designs created through competing spirits of artists.

The main feature of "Kutaniyaki" is "GO-SAI" which refers to painting by a thick layering style using 5 colours which are red, yellow, green, purple and dark blue. The patterns used are mainly landscape (sansui) or birds & flowers (kacho) which create a strong impression on people. Kutaniyaki's pottery skills have been developed and cultivated over a period of 350 years and this long history has produced a number of master craftsmen. The Kutaniyaki tableware and other ornaments are popular all over the world. The "Blue Kutani" of Yoshidaya Kiln which never uses red or the "Red Kutani" of Miyamotoya Kiln which uses red and gold colouring are especially famous.

Hands-on Workshop Information

●Kutani Kosengama Porcelain Workshop P.15 C-1

You can observe various stages of Kutaniyaki making from the soil preparation to painting of figures on the porcelain. You can also try your hands on painting on a porcelain object yourself and have your own original item.

• Hands-on Drawing & Painting: ¥1,050~

● 9:00-17:00 ☎ 1/1

☎ 076-241-0902

URL kimassi.net/kousenkama/kousenkama.html

●Kaga Hyakusen-gai Hyakusen Kobo P.17 B-1

You can have a hands-on experience of painting, turning a lathe or shaping the soil with hands

•Rokuro-mawashi (lathe turning): ¥2,800~

•Painting: ¥800~ ● 9:00 - 18:00 ☎ Tuesday

☎ 0761-75-1827

URL www.tabimati.net/db_view.php?id=184

●Nomi Kutani Ceramics Museum P.17 A-2

This Museum is attached to the Nomi Kutani Ceramics Center. Visitors can see rokuro, painting tools, hongama and uwa-gama here which helps to familiarize with pottery.

•Pottery Making: ¥2,000~

•Painting: ¥500~

● 9:00-17:00

☎ Monday

☎ 0761-58-6300

URL www.kutaniyaki.or.jp



Ishikawa is known for a variety of fine quality handicrafts and artistic objects which are produced using traditional techniques.

Wajima Lacquerware and Yamanaka Lacquerware

Get a first hand feel of world renowned lacquerware art and its warmth.

Wajima Lacquerware

Wajima Lacquerware is produced in Wajima and is known for its combination of sturdy base and beauty. One of the most important features of Wajima-nuri is the process where diatomaceous earth is kneaded with water before baking it without glazing and then it is crushed to small pieces (Wajima earth powder) and then mixed with urushi (lacquer). This mixture is used in the primary coating. This lacquerware technique was developed in Wajima (Ishikawa) during the Edo Period and today Wajima lacquerware is famous as a high class lacquerware and has become one of Japan's representative traditional handicrafts.

Hands-on Workshop Information

●Wajima Kobo-Nagaya Industrial Art Factory P.29 B-2

At Kobo Nagaya, visitors can try their hands on a number of handicraft making activities such as making the core of a lacquerware, lacquer coating, maki-e (lacquerware decoration) or chinkin (gold inlay).

• Hands-on Activity: ¥1,500~

● 9:00-18:00 (Winter Season 9:00-17:00)

☎ Wednesday

☎ 0768-23-0111

URL www.ringisland.jp/nagaya



Yamanaka Lacquerware

The most important feature of Yamanaka Lacquerware is the highly sophisticated technique of "Rokuro Hikimono" (wood shaving with a turning lathe) which was first introduced by the wood craftsmen from late Edo Period. Today Yamanaka is the top Rokuro Hikimono lacquerware producing region. Moreover, Yamanaka is also known for modern day lacquerwares which are cheaper and sturdy as they synthetic resins began to be used from the Showa Period. Yamanaka has developed lacquer wares suited to today's lifestyle besides the traditional lacquerware, thus helping Yamanaka to become the top lacquerware producing region in Japan.

Hands-on Workshop Information

●Traditional Handicrafts Village P.17 B-2 "Yunokuni no Mori"

A traditional handicrafts village, located in a green hilly area with house building belonging to Edo and Meiji periods that were relocated here as store and workshop buildings. Visitors can observe and also enjoy hands-on activities of Wajima Lacquerware, Kaga Yuzen kimono, Kutaniyaki pottery, glass handicrafts, etc.

•Hands-on Maki-e (Lacquer sprinkled with gold or silver powder) Activity: ¥1,000~

● 8:30-17:00 (Winter Season 9:00-16:30)

☎ No Holidays ☎ 0761-65-3456

URL www.yunokuni.jp/mor

※ Hands-on activities for Wajima lacquerware, Kaga Yuzen and Kutaniyaki are also available.



※ There are other hands-on activity workshops besides the ones listed.
※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

Kanazawa Gold Leaf

Kanazawa is the best place to feel the charm of skilled gold leaf techniques of master craftsmen as 99% of gold leaf in Japan is produced in Kanazawa.

99% of total gold leaf in Japan is produced in Kanazawa as the climate and the fine quality of water in Kanazawa is suited to metal leaf making. Moreover, years of experience and imaginative skills have nourished the leaf manufacturing and these techniques and skills have been handed down to the present day. The elegantly supple gold and silver leaf have been used in art objects and have contributed to Kaga Hyakumangoku's culture. People of Ishikawa are proud of the art of gold leaf making and even today this art continues to shine in the daily lives of people.



Hands-on Workshop Information

● Sakuda Gold and Silver Leaf P.10 A-3

Sakuda offers a number of products including gold leaf folding screens, gold and silver leaf handicrafts as well as 'aburatori-gami' (face oil blotting paper).

¥ 600~
9:00-15:00(4 times a day) ☎ No Holidays
☎ 076-251-6777 URL www.goldleaf-sakuda.jp
※ For hands-on activity, you need to book in advance.

● Hakuza keiko-dokoro P.10 A-3

You can learn about Kanazawa's metal leaf by trying out "hakuoshi" or gold/silver leaf cover pressing technique.

¥ 600~
10:00-16:30(6 times a day)
☎ Sunday, Monday, National Holidays
☎ 076-252-3641 URL www.hakuza.co.jp
※ For hands-on activity, you need to book in advance.

● Hakuichi Main Store- Hakukokan P.5 C-1

You can observe gold leaf making process or your hands on gold leaf decoration. The "Gold Leaf Room" is also a must see.

¥ 800~
9:00-18:00 ☎ 1/1
☎ 076-240-8911 URL www.hakuichi.co.jp

● Kanazawa Katani P.9 B-1

This shop is a direct sales store of one of the oldest gold leaf manufacturers. Visitors can try their hands on the gold leaf decoration using plates or lunch boxes.

¥ 900~
9:00-17:00 ☎ 12/30~1/3
☎ 076-231-1566 URL www.k-katani.com
※ For hands-on activity, you need to book in advance.



Kaga Yuzen

A realistic depiction is the essence of Kaga Yuzen's aesthetics.

One of the important features of Kaga Yuzen is the use of "Kaga Gosai" or 5 basic colours which are indigo, crimson, chrome yellow, dark green, and royal purple. The other important features of Kaga Yuzen are the techniques of "bokashi" (fade out) and "mushikui" (worm bite) which improve the realistic quality of the painting and at the same time produce an elegant dyed cloth. It is said that Kyoto's kimono are known for their patterned composition, however, Kaga Yuzen kimono have more imposing drawings. as they were influenced by the warrior class culture of Ishikawa.

Hands-on Workshop Information

● Kaga Yuzen Traditional Industrial Center P.12 B-2

Kaga Yuzen traditional handicraft products are displayed and sold here at the Center. You can have a Kaga Yuzen kimono trial or you can try your hands on dyeing a handkerchief.

• Kimono Trial & commemorative photograph: ¥ 1,500
9:00-17:00 ☎ Wednesday
☎ 076-224-5511 URL www.kagayuzen.or.jp

● Nagamachi Yuzenkan Studio P.13 B-1

Kaga Yuzen kimono, handicraft objects as well as reference material regarding Yuzen making and its history are displayed here. Visitors can also enjoy Yuzen colour painting, Kimono trial, etc.

• Borrow a Kimono for a day: ¥ 4,000 onwards
9:00-17:00 ☎ No Holidays
☎ 076-264-2811
URL www.kagayuzen-club.co.jp



Other

Experience Hyakumangoku's cultural symbols such as shamisen, Japanese sweets and tea, etc.

Hands-on Workshop Information

● Fukushima Shamisen Shop P.10 A-2

Shamisen (3 stringed musical instrument) sales corner is on the 1st floor, whereas visitors can observe the stages of shamisen making on the 2nd floor. The musical scores for shamisen are also available and even beginners can try their hands on shamisen.

• Hands-on Activity: ¥ 300 10:00-16:00
☎ 2nd & 4th Saturday, Sunday, National Holidays
☎ 076-252-3703
※ For hands-on activity, you need to book in advance.

● Kenroku-en Garden Shigure-tei P.12 B-2

Shigure-tei is a reconstruction based on the ground plans from feudal times and today it is a popular spot in Kenrokuen Garden. Visitors can take a break here or enjoy a tea-gathering and view of the surrounding garden.

• Japanese Tea/ Maccha (green tea): ¥ 700(including Japanese unbaked sweets); Sencha: ¥ 300 (including Japanese dry sweets)
9:00-16:30 ☎ No Holidays ☎ 076-234-3800
※ Reservation required in case of a group of 20 persons or more.

● Ishikawa Confectionery Culture Hall P.9 B-1

Here, you can enjoy Ishikawa's seasonal sweets, artistic confectionery as well as confectionary making tools. You can also try your hands on making some sweets yourself.

• Making your own Japanese sweets: ¥ 1400
9:30-17:00 ☎ Wednesday
☎ 076-221-8366 URL www.kashikaikan.or.jp
※ Advance booking required for Hands-on activity.
※ Hands-on activity is available only for a group of 20 people or more.

● Ishikawa Prefecture Kanko Bussankan P.12 B-2

3 Hands-on Activities:

"Learn to make Japanese Sweets": Sat/Sun/Holidays;
"Glassware decoration with gold colour and sand": Every day;
Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari (luck dolls) Painting: Every day

• Making Japanese Sweets: ¥ 1,200
• Glassware decoration with gold colour and sand: ¥ 1,500 or more.
• Kaga Hachiman Oki-agari (luck dolls) Painting: ¥ 1,000
10:00-18:00 ☎ Tuesdays during winter.
☎ 076-222-7788 URL kanazawa.ftw.jp
※ For hands-on activity, you need to book in advance.

Old streets and buildings reminiscent of Edo Period

Kanazawa is a city with a rich cultural atmosphere and well preserved charm of Edo Period.



Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District P.14 B-2

Some of the areas in the city still retain their old world charm with relics of Kaga Domain's low and mid-level samurai residences, earthen walls, water canals, cobbled pathways.



Teahouse (Geisha) Districts

Higashi Chaya District P.10 A-3

Teahouses with red-brown lattices line up on both the sides of stone cobbled path, while preserving an Edo Period-like atmosphere.

Kazue-machi Chaya District P.9 A-1

Designated as one of Japan's "Important Traditional Architectural Structures Conservation Zone". A number of Japanese style restaurants with beautiful grid patterned doors line up on the way between Asanogawa- Ohashi Bridge to Nakano-Hashi Bridge.

Nishi Chaya District P.15 B-1

Nishiki Chaya-gai's history dates back to feudal times and even now traditional Japanese restaurants and Geisha okiya or dwellings.

The landscape of Kanazawa has an exotic cultural atmosphere created by cobbled pathways, earthen walls or lines of red-brown lattices which attracts many tourists to Kanazawa and adds to the charm of the city. In recent years, a number of old houses were transformed into cafes, with an ambience of the Japanese Middle Ages and a relaxing atmosphere.

Hyakumangoku Culture

Ishikawa- A Land of History and Culture, often described as Japan's Archives.



Kanazawa Castle, Ishikawa-mon Gate/ Sanjikken Nagaya P.12 A-2
Japan's Important Cultural Property. It is said that the lead roof tiles were considered as a raw material for bullets in the event of a battle.



Ishikawa-ken History Museum P.12 C-2
Here, one can learn about Ishikawa's history from Jomon Period (14,000-4,000 BCE) to modern times through a systematic periodical manner.



Omi-cho Market P.8 C-2
A market with a history that goes back 280 years. Omi-cho is often referred to as "Kanazawa Residents' Kitchen" as it offers a variety of local food materials.



Kanazawa Museum of Noh P.12 B-1
A collection of rare Noh masks of Kaga Hosho School and Noh costumes are exhibited here.

Ishikawa is famous for its rich history and culture and it is often referred to as "Hyakumangoku Culture" (Hyakumangoku refers to the powerful Kaga domain of the feudal times which is presently known as Ishikawa). Kaga was one of the biggest domains and was also a *tozama daimyo* (a ruler outside of shogunate's circle) and due to this, it used to be under constant supervision of Tokugawa Shogunate. In order to avoid the wrath of Shogunate, Kaga's successive rulers decided to focus on cultural achievements rather than military ones.

Traditional Japanese Gardens

The traditional Japanese gardens with their seasonal beauty are important symbols of Kanazawa's culture that has been passed down for centuries.



Kenroku-en Garden P.12 B-2

Kenroku-en has an area of 30,000 tsubo (1 tsubo= 3.31 sq.mt.) and is one of the 3 most famous gardens in Japan.



Nomura-ke House P.14 B-2

This garden which is quite well-known overseas, has a yamamomo (Japanese bayberry) tree of over 400 years old, some beautiful and strangely shaped stones as well as meandering streams.



Nishida Family Garden: Gyokusen-en Garden P.12 B-2

Gyokusen-en Garden is a circuit-style walking garden with a pond. The construction started in the early Edo Period and was built through 4 generations. The garden looks especially beautiful during the autumn season of coloured maple leaves.

There are many beautiful gardens in Ishikawa. If you visit houses built in Edo Period by a samurai family, rich merchants or the large complexes of temples and shrines, you are likely to come across a beautiful Japanese garden with an expression of a unique outlook on the world.

Temples & Shrines

The architectural beauty of temples and shrines is an important heritage that Ishikawa can boast to the world.



Oyama Jinja Shrine P.14 B-3
This shrine is dedicated to Toshiie Maeda and his legal wife Matsui. The brightly coloured stained glass is quite impressive.



Daijiji Temple P.5 D-2
A temple complex of 20,000 sq. m. with a shichi-do garan (temple complex with 7 main structures). The temple is known for its solemn atmosphere and many itinerant priests undergo meditative training at the temple.



Shirayama Hime Shrine P.17 A-2
This shrine worships sacred mountain of Hakusan as its main deity and it is the head shrine of all the Shirayama Shrines in Japan.



Sojiji Temple P.25 B-1
This Temple was established as the daihonzan (main temple) of Soto Sect in 1321. The temple gate made entirely from keyaki (zelkova) is an impressive site.

The Kaga Domain under the rule of Maeda Family was a wealthy fief and people of Kaga were also very religious. As a result of this, a number of grand majestic looking temples and shrines were built. Many of these structures have been designated as National Important Cultural Property.

Sushi

Sushi is a typical delicacy of Ishikawa, which is known for its rich seafood.



Tuna

Tuna is an indispensable fish variety used in *nigiri-zushi*. In recent years, tuna fishing is done near Noto and tuna is truly becoming Ishikawa's delicacy.



Squid

Squid is the most commonly found fish variety of Ishikawa. The night fires used by fishing boats to attract squids, is a beautiful sight to watch in summer.



Ama-ebi (Sweet Shrimp)

Sweet Shrimp is quite popular as sashimi (sliced raw fish) in Ishikawa. The period from September to the winter is the season for sweet shrimp.



Buri (Yellowtail)

The Noto yellowtail caught in the winters has a lot of fat and is becoming popular as an exclusive high-class brand.

[Tips about Sushi]

Sushi-ya Restaurants

In a sushi-ya, you can order your favourite variety of sushi as you watch the sushi chef prepare your dish. In Japan, sushi-ya are considered somewhat high end restaurants, but it is an ideal set-up to experience authentic Japanese atmosphere.

Kaiten-zushi (Conveyor belt sushi restaurants)

If you want to eat delicious sushi for a cheap price, then *kaiten-zushi* is the place. In these restaurants, sushi dishes are presented on a conveyor belt and you can pick a sushi that you want to try as it comes in front of you.

Local Cuisine

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Kabura-zushi

(a pickled & fermented dish)
"Kabura-zushi" is made by cutting turnip into thick slices, and then yellowtail fillets are sandwiched between the slices and fermented with koji. A typical winter delicacy of Ishikawa.



Jibuni (Duck Recipe)

Jibuni is Kanazawa's representative local delicacy. Jibuni is made by boiling duck meat with seasonal vegetables and Kanazawa's famous FU (Japanese glutin) and dressed with a thick starchy sauce.



Buri Daikon

A wintertime delicacy made of fatty and fresh yellowtail simmered with white and juicy daikon radish.



Kobako-gani (female snow crabs)

As the crab fishing season opens in November, *kobako-gani* decorates the fishermen's shops. These crabs are valued for the unique taste of their flesh and eggs under the shells.

[Tips about Local Cuisine]

Izakaya (Japanese Bars)

Izakaya is a traditional Japanese style drink bar where people can enjoy the local cuisine in a laidback atmosphere. The typical way of eating at an izakaya is to order a variety of single dishes and then share it among the group.

Traditional Japanese Restaurants

These restaurants are high end restaurants with an ambience seeped in Japanese culture. You can enjoy the local cuisine in a private room along with Kanazawa's traditional atmosphere.

Japanese Sweets

Kanazawa's tea ceremony culture gave rise to its own brands of sweets which are not only pleasing to the palate but also pleasing to the eyes.



Go-shiki Nama-gashi

This is a set of 5 unbaked Japanese sweets and is famous as a delicacy presented at weddings or such joyous occasions.



Kintsuba

Red bean (adzuki) paste is covered with uruchi rice and toasted. An everyday popular sweets enjoyed as a tea snack.



Kaga Rakugan

A type of dry sweet that uses high quality Wa-sanbon-to sugar with rakugan confection made of rice flour and starch syrup. This sweet comes in a number of shapes.



Fuku-Ume

A type of sweets that is indispensable to New Year celebrations in Kanazawa. Fuku-Ume comes light red and white colours.

[Tips about Japanese Sweets]

Japanese Sweets Confectionary Shop

Ishikawa has numerous traditional confectionary shops. These shops offer their original confectionaries as souvenirs and it is also possible to enjoy these sweets with tea at the shop.

DE-PA CHIKA

Most of the underground shopping floors of departmental stores sell food items and in Ishikawa, many of these *DE-PA CHIKA* have confectionary stores selling a variety of sweets, making it quite convenient for customers as they can compare the sweets of famous shops on the spot.

Jizake (Local Wine)

Jizake is a result of Ishikawa's rich Nature and traditional Japanese wisdom.



Ginjo-shu (Choice rice wine)

Ginjo-shu is a type of rice wine which requires a careful supervision of the manufacturing process. Ginjo-shu uses rice whose degree of polishing is less than 60% and rice koji and water along with brewed alcohol. The unique aroma and colour have a very fine quality.



Junmai-shu

Made with only rice, water and koji mould and has a fine aroma and lustre. The name 'junmai-shu' literally means 'made purely from rice'.



Honjozo-shu

Made with rice whose degree of polishing is less than 70%, rice koji, brewed alcohol and water. A wine with good aroma and fine lustre.

[A Note on Jizake]

Brewery

There are many local wine breweries in Ishikawa. It is possible to take a tour of the brewery at some of these places and sample a variety of brands, each with a different taste.

Wine Shop

Many of the supermarkets have a wine corner that sell Ishikawa's local rice wine.

Spring

Check out numerous famous cherry blossom (sakura) spots in Ishikawa.



Cherry Blossoms in Kenroku-en Garden P.12 B-2

During the season when cherry trees blossom, the entry to Kenroku-en Garden is made free and the area around Kenroku-en Garden is illuminated. Kenroku-en Garden has many cherry trees, however, the most popular of them all is Kiku-zakura.



Cherry Blossom Tunnel: Noto Kashima Station P.25 C-1

Noto Kashima station on the local Noto Railroad Line is a spring time attraction as cherry trees blossom on the side of tracks and create an illusion of "sakura tunnel". The station is decorated with paper lanterns and a number of food stalls are set up selling spring delicacies.

Ishikawa has many famous cherry blossom spots. The most famous cherry blossom spots of Kanazawa include Kenroku-en Garden, the river banks of Asanogawa near Higashi Chaya-gai and Saigawa River bank near Kata-machi. The site of beautiful cherry blossom reflected in the irrigated rice fields of Spring is a tranquil site with an air of fantasy.

Summer

Enjoy Harvest Thanksgiving Festival of Ishikawa!



Hakusan Super Rindo(Farst Road): A road surrounded with greenery P.18 C-3

Hakusan Super Rindo which is made open to the traffic from June every year, has become a popular summer spot of Ishikawa. It is a great feeling to drive through the lush mountain greenery and as you reach the other end of this road, the World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go will welcome you.



Kiriko Festival

Kiriko Festivals are held in every town of Noto Peninsula from July to the end of September. These festivals are celebrated with great fervour and excitement with a variety of elaborate performances arranged in each town.

Ishikawa's summer is famous for festivals. There is a festival happening every day in some or the other part of Ishikawa during the 3 months from July to September. The beaches also attract a lot of sea bathing crowds; the squid fishing boats use fire to attract squids in the night, creating a fantasyland atmosphere.

Autumn

Explore the beauty of coloured autumnal leaves.



Coloured Autumnal Leaves of Natadera Temple P.17 B-1

Natadera, located at Mt. Hakusan's foothills, is at its best during the autumn when leaves turn red-brown. The best time to enjoy these coloured leaves is around 20th of November. Natadera Temple is considered as the best Koyo (coloured autumn leaves) spot in Ishikawa.



Senmaida Rice Terrace P.25 A-1

Senmaida which literally means 'a thousand rice Terrace's is a collection of terraced rice paddies. The ears of rice look even more beautiful in autumn as their colour changes to a golden-yellow. Some of these paddies have a wooden structure called 'hasa-kake' which is used in drying the harvested crop; this hasa-kake gives the whole landscape an excellent accent.

As the autumn arrives, you can enjoy the beauty of Ishikawa's autumn starting with the golden-yellow shades of rice ears. The mountains, beginning with Mt. Hakusan, wear the clothes of coloured autumnal leaves as rice harvesting comes to an end. After the mountains, it is the turn of trees in the cities to get draped in autumn colours. Autumn is also the time to enjoy the beauty of white Mt. Hakusan from a distance under the clear skies.

Winter

Winter is the best season to appreciate the scenery and enjoy Ishikawa's delicacies



Yukizuri of Kenroku-en Garden P.12 B-2

Yukizuri is a winter attraction of Kenroku-en Garden where straw ropes are tied to the branches in order to protect them from breaking under the heavy snow. A 'White Kenroku-en Garden' covered with snow is a site worth seeing at least ones.



Shiramine Snowman Festival

The Snowman Festival started as an event held in a small mountain village, but now it is famous all through Japan. Every household makes its own snowman and the whole town is illuminated to welcome the visitors and tourists.

The snow landscape is one of the typical sceneries of Ishikawa. The technique of yukizuri used in the winter to protect the branches from breaking under the weight of snow can be seen throughout Ishikawa. Komo or straw mats used to protect the earthen walls is a winter attraction of Kanazawa and can be seen near Naga-machi's samurai residence quarters.

Climbing Mt. Hakusan

Explore the charm of mountain climbing at Mt. Hakusan,
one of the 3 most famous mountains in Japan.

Mt. Hakusan is considered as one of the 3 most famous mountains in Japan along with Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama. Hakusan has been considered as a mountain of faith and at the summit of peak Gozen-ga-mine (2,702m) there is a shrine called Hakusan Oku-no-miya. Mt. Hakusan is full of attractions such as its perpetual snow, mountaintop which is a treasure trove of alpine plants, the wide primeval forest of beech trees and animals inhabiting this forest, etc. **P.18 C-3**

Kanko Shindo Trail (Distance: 6.1 km)

Section: Betto-Deai→Murodo
Time: Ascent-5 hrs / Descent-3 hrs (Recess not included)

Sabo Shindo Trail (Distance: 6.1 km)

Section: Betto-Deai→Murodo
Time: Ascent-4 hrs 30 min / Descent-2 hrs 20 min (Recess not included)

Information about Hakusan Murodo Lodge

Accommodation available: 1st May-15th October
Guest Capacity: 750
Charges: (Lodging Only): Adults: ¥5,300 onwards
Junior High School or lower grade students: ¥3,600 onwards
Lodging Fees (2 meals/1 night): Adults: ¥8,100 onwards,
Junior High School or lower grade students: ¥6,400 onwards
Phone Number for Booking ☎ 076-273-1001
Request for accommodation booking are accepted until the previous day of the stay.

Information about Nanryu Mountain Lodge

●Nanryu Mountain Lodge
Accommodation available: 1st July-30th September
Guest Capacity: 150
Charges: (Lodging Only): Adults: ¥5,100 onwards
Junior High School or lower grade students: ¥3,600 onwards
Lodging Fees (2 meals/1 night): Adults: ¥7,900 onwards,
Junior High School or lower grade students: ¥6,400 onwards

●Nanryu-ga-Baba Cabin House

5 Sections 10 Rooms
1 Room (5 persons): ¥12,400 (Bedding included)
※ Available for 2 persons or more. Food service not available.
Phone Number for Booking ☎ 076-259-2022
Please apply 1 week before the date of your lodging.

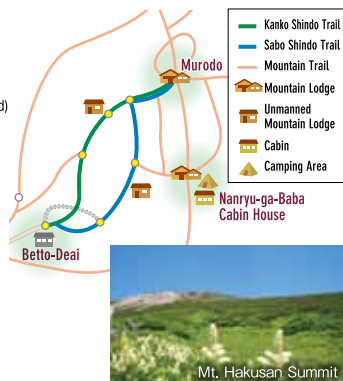
※ Food service is available only during the summer season (1st July - 15th October)
※ The mountain climbing season is subject to be shortened depending upon the mountain conditions.

<Access from Kanazawa>

- Bus Kanazawa Station (stops at the main bus stops in Kanazawa)- Betto-Deai: 2000
Approx. 2 hrs 30 min
- Car In the summers, when there are restrictions on private car traffic, you can use a shuttle bus from Ichinose to Betto-Deai.
Ichinose - Betto-Deai: 400

●For Inquiry

Hokuriku Railway Kanazawa Office, Nanbu Branch ☎ 076-272-1120
Hokuriku Railway Telephone Support Center ☎ 076-237-5115



<Caution>

※ Your safety will be your responsibility when you climb the mountain. Mountain weather can change very easily and climbing a mountain in bad weather conditions can be very dangerous. If the weather is not suited for mountain climbing, it is necessary to cancel the climb. ※ Make sure that your family or friends know about your mountaineering route and schedule. Do not forget to write down your name in the register at the starting point of the mountain climb. ※ Make sure that your plan and climbing equipment is suited to your physical strength, experience and season.

●For Inquiry

Hakusan Tourism Association ☎ 076-273-1001

Walking / Cycling

Mt. Hakusan's Foothills and Nanao Bay Course:
A course to appreciate Ishikawa's Nature

Tedori Canyon Road

This road has a number of tourist spots and attractions and as this road runs alongside Tedori ravine, it is quite a refreshing experience. One can also appreciate local people's lifestyle and Nature's heartbeats as this route runs close to the paddies and traditional villages. Total Road length: 19.6 Km



Distance: Approx. 19.6 Km **P.17 B-2**

Time: 1 hr 30 min/one way

※ The completed section is indicated on the map with blue lines.

●Some tourist spots on the way

Michi-no-eki Shirayamasan→35 min→
Bird Humming Torigoe→20 min→
Wata-ga-taki Ikoi-no-Mura→35 min→ Michi-no-eki Sena

<Access route from Kanazawa to Shirayama Hime>

Take a train from Nomachi Station of Hokuriku Tetsudo in Kanazawa and get down at terminal stop of Tsurugi Station. Transfer to a bus and get down at "Kaga Ichinomiya". 10 minutes walk from there.

●For Inquiry

Hakusan Tourism Association ☎ 076-273-485

Cycling around Nanao Harbour

An easy, laidback course where you can use a nostalgic looking train (Noto Railroad) from Wakura Onsen to Kasashihara and then cycle back to Wakura Onsen. Total length of the course: 8 km.



Distance: Approx. 8 Km **P.25 C-1**

Time: 43min/one way

※ A course circling Nanao Harbour is also available.

●Folding Rental Bicycle

Noto Railways offer "Rental Bicycles" for free. You can carry on a train car. (Do not carry folding rental bicycles on train during the busy morning hours)

• Available Stations

Anamizu Station/Nanao Station 08:30-17:00
Noto Nakajima Station/Tatsuru Station 08:30-14:30
Only on weekdays (Not on available on weekends and holidays)
Rental bicycles are available from April to November

Onsen (Hot Springs)

Ishikawa boasts of a number of famous hot springs. Here's a list of some of these refreshing hot springs.

Yamanaka Onsen P.23

For Inquiry: Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0761-78-0330 www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp



A number of hotels and traditional Japanese inns (ryokan) are located near the ravine of Daishoji River. Yamanaka Onsen has a history of more than 1,300 years and is located near the beautiful Kakusenkei Gorge. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/Express Train/approx. 30 min → 15 minutes by car from Kaga Onsen Sta.)

Yamashiro Onsen P.21

For Inquiry: Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0761-77-1144 www.yamashiro-spa.or.jp



Yamashiro Onsen is located almost exactly in the center of Kaga Onsen-kyo. Yamashiro is considered to be one of Kaga's best hot springs and its origin dates back to over 1,300 years. The members of Kaga's ruling clan were the patrons of Yamashiro and this hot spring was also popular among the sailors of Kitamae merchant ships, as a place of relaxation. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/Express Train/approx. 30 min → 10 minutes by car from Kaga Onsen Sta./Onsen Sta.)

Katayamazu Onsen P.20

For Inquiry: Katayamazu Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0761-74-1123 www.katayamazu-spa.or.jp



Katayamazu's hot spring town is famous for its scenic beauty. A number of hotels and traditional Japanese guest houses stand on the Shibayama-gata lake whose waters reflect the image of sacred Mt. Hakusan. In summer, Noryo Hanabi Taikai (Fireworks Display) is held at Shibayama-gata lake and in winter, migratory birds from Siberia visit the lake. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/Express Train/approx. 30 min → 10 minutes by car from Kaga Onsen Sta.)

Awazu Onsen P.19

For Inquiry: Awazu Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0761-65-1834 www.awazuonsen.com



Awazu Onsen is the oldest of the hot springs in Kaga Onsen-kyo. It was established by the high priest Taicho about 1,300 years ago. It is famous as a 'Beauty Spa' since its colourless and clear water is considered good for the skin. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/Express Train/approx. 30 min → 15 minutes by car from Kaga Onsen Sta.)

Tatsuno-kuchi Onsen P.17 A-2

For Inquiry: Tatsuno-kuchi Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0761-51-6666



Tatsuno-kuchi Onsen is located on the left bank of Tedomi river at the foothills of Mt. Hakusan and is known for its outstanding natural beauty. Tatsuno-kuchi Onsen has a history of over 1,400 years and is rich in tourism resources. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/Approx. 20 min → 20 min by car from Komatsu Sta.)

Yuwaku Onsen P.6 C-3

For Inquiry: Yuwaku Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 076-235-1040 www.yuwaku.gr.jp



Yuwaku Onsen is located to the south-east in the suburbs of Kanazawa on a highland 400 m above the sea level. Yuwaku Onsen is also famous as the place where famous Taisho Roman painter Yumeji Takehisa stayed with his lover Hikono. (40 min by car from Kanazawa Sta.)

Wakura Onsen P.28

For Inquiry: Wakura Onsen Tourism Association
☎ 0767-62-1555 www.wakura.or.jp



Wakura is a rare type of hot spring town as it is situated near the sea; it is also the center of Noto's tourism. The simplicity and kind hospitality of Noto along with the seasonal delicacies never fail to impress the tourists. (Kanazawa Sta. → JR Hokuriku Line/60 min Express Train ride → minutes by car from Wakura Onsen Sta.)

Wajima Onsen-kyo P.29

For Inquiry: Wajima City Tourism Association
☎ 0768-22-6588 www.wajimaonsen.com



Wajima Onsen-kyo is famous as the tourist destination of Oku-Noto and it has a unique culture symbolized by Wajima-nuri lacquerware, Asa-Ichi morning market, etc. (Kanazawa Sta. → Express Bus/Approx. 130 min → Wajima Furatto Homu)

※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

Annual Events in Ishikawa

January

◆Yuki-naka Jumbo Oyster Festival

[Period] Late January
[Location] Square in front of Anamizu Town Hall

Enjoy the oyster shells grilled on a specially prepared 150 m long charcoal grill (¥1,000 for 1 packet of oyster shells). Moreover, a food festival called "Maimon Ichi" is also held where food aficionados can enjoy a number of mountain and sea delicacies.



February

◆Shiramine Snowman Festival

[Period] Early February
[Location] Kuwajima District/Shiramine District (Kuwajima, Hakusan City/Shiramine, Hakusan City)

The local people of this village make many snowmen with varying sizes and the whole area is filled with snowmen. As the evening descends, these snowmen are illuminated and the whole area gets a look of fantasy land.



May

◆Kutaniyaki Pottery Festival

[Period] 3rd May-5th May [Held on the same day every year]
[Location] Sun Road Terai (Old NH 8)/Near Fureai Plaza

This pottery festival held ones every year, offers a wide range of Kutani pottery objects with special prices; these pottery objects range from works of handicraft artists to everyday tableware.



◆Seihakusai Festival

[Period] 3rd-5th May [Held on the same day every year]
[Location] Central part of Nanao City

The main attraction of Seihakusai is the large festival floats called "Dekayama" that compete with each other in terms of their grandness. Seihakusai is also designated as Japan's Important Intangible Folk Cultural Asset.



◆Otabi Festival

[Period] Mid-May
[Location] Komatsu City

Otabi Festival is famous for children's Kabuki performed on a festival float.



June

◆Kaga Yuzen Toro Nagashi (floating lanterns)

[Period] 1st Friday in June
[Location] Asanogawa River (Between Tenjinbashi Bridge Upper Stream- Asanogawa Ohashi)

The floating of Kaga Yuzen festival lanterns is typical to a great castle town like Kanazawa and its Hyakumangoku Culture. Approximately 1,500 lanterns are floated in the clear waters of Asanogawa, creating a magical atmosphere.



◆Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival

[Period] 1st Friday in June-Sunday
[Location] Kanazawa City (central part of the city and Kanazawa Castle)

The main attraction of this festival is "Hyakumangoku Parade". The parade commemorates the entry of Lord Toshiie Maeda, who was the founder of Kaga's Maeda Clan, into the castle.



July

◆Abare Festival

[Period] 1st Friday, Saturday in July
[Location] Noto-cho Ushitsu

More than 50 huge festival lanterns made of plain wood gather around a large flaming torchlight at



August

◆Issaki Hoto Festival

[Period] 1st Saturday of August
[Location] Ishizaki-machi

Issaki Hoto Festival is famous for its enthusiastic vigour and fervour and the Kiriko lanterns that are 15 m high and as wide as 2 m with a weight of almost 2 tons; Kiriko are carried by more than 100 men on their shoulders accompanied by loud cheers and are paraded through the town streets. As the evening falls, these lanterns are lit up creating a magical atmosphere.



◆Shishiku Skyfesta

[Period] Early August
[Location] Shishuku Kogen (Yawata-machi, Hakusan City)
Shishuku Skyfesta is held at Shishuku Highlands surrounded by beautiful natural scenery and includes paragliding in fancy costumes, vertical race, etc.



◆Yamashiro Daidengaku

[Period] Early August
[Location] Temporary event pavilion in front of Hatori Shrine, Yamashiro Onsen, Kaga City

Dengaku is a spectacular music and dance performance by local youngsters dressed in peculiar clothes, accompanied by the mystical sounds of flutes and bonfires in the background.



◆Wajima-Taisai Festival

[Period] 22nd - 25th August [Held on the same day every year]
[Location] Wajima City (Juzo Shrine/ Sumiyoshi Shrine/ Wajima-zaki Shrine)

Wajima Taisai or the Great Festival of Wajima is the most representative festival of Wajima. The beautifully decorated giant kiriko lanterns and other smaller lanterns are paraded through the streets of Wajima along with mikoshi (portable shrine). At the Festival climax, a special bonfire is lit using a huge torchlight near the beach.



September

◆Okuma-Kabuto Festival

[Period] 20th September [Held on the same day every year]
[Location] Nakajima-machi Miya-no-mae Kumakabuto Arakashi-hiko Shrine

Designated as Japan's Important Folk Cultural Property. A forest of crimson flags measuring 20 m in height gather at the main shrine, as a festival character called "Sarutahiko" performs a boisterous dance with a goblin mask



October

◆Horai Festival

[Period] 1st Saturday, Sunday
[Location] Tsurugi

Horai Festival is held to pray for a rich harvest. The Festival parade involves a portable shrine with a history of 800 years, lion dance and 5 m tall paper dolls (warrior dolls) decorated with vegetables.



Major Means of Transportation in Kanazawa

Walking



The major tourist spots such as Higashi Chaya-gai, Kenroku-en Garden, Kanazawa Castle Park, Oyama Jinja Shrine, Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District, etc. are all located in the center of Kanazawa. Many of these spots are within a walking distance but it is also useful to use a combination of bus and taxi.

Time required to reach the respective spots P.57

- Higashi Chaya District-Kenroku-en Garden ----- 1.3 Km/Approx. 16 min
- Kanazawa Sta. - Higashi Chaya District ----- 2.0 Km/Approx. 25 min

If you plan the use of a bus well, you can move between the major tourist spots efficiently and is very convenient for sightseeing. Apart from the sightseeing bus, we also recommend using fixed route buses with good frequency. Your time is precious.

Information about bus stops near Kanazawa Sta., Kenroku-en Garden and Korinbo P.55-56

Sightseeing Bus

The sightseeing loop bus called "Joka-machi (castle town) Kanazawa Shuyu Bus" is very convenient for sightseeing as it covers most of the major tourist spots in Kanazawa.

KANAZAWA LOOP BUS P.55

Hokutetsu Bus

Fixed route bus with highest frequency. Especially, the bus service between Kanazawa Sta.~ MusashigaTsui-Korinbo is quite frequent. The bus fare around the center of the city is 200 yen for adults and 100 yen for children; many of the main sightseeing zones have a fixed fare zone of 200 yen.

※ The bus fare for MusashigaTsui-Minami-machi-Korinbo section is 100 yen for adults.

ACCESS Chart for the main tourist destination P.57

JR Bus

You can take any route bus from bus stop No. 4 of Kanazawa station and get down at Hashiba-cho and go to Higashi Chaya District.

<Using a Bus>

Finding a bus stop

Information about nearest bus stops from the main sightseeing spots P.57

Confirming a route

Before boarding the bus, confirm the bus route from the route map at the stop.

Boarding a bus

Use the side doors while boarding the bus and take a numbered ticket indicating the fare zone

Paying/Getting off

Use the buzzer indicator when your stop is next. Check the ticket number against the fare chart in the front side of the bus and put the fare in the fare box when you get off.

Taxi



Kanazawa has many taxis, especially around Kanazawa Station and Kata-machi area. If you are not travelling alone, you can take a taxi to your destination as the share of the taxi fare per person will not be much higher than a bus fare.

<A fare estimate for a taxi from Kanazawa Station>

- Omi-cho Market: ¥700
- Kenroku-en Garden: ¥1,300
- Korinbo: ¥1,100
- Higashi Chaya District: ¥1,100

<Using a Taxi>

Finding a taxi stand

If you are going to catch a taxi on the road, please raise your hand to stop an unoccupied taxi. The taxi doors open and shut automatically.

Telling the destination

Tell the driver where you would like to go or indicate the place from your guidebook.

○○ made itte kudasai
Please go to ○○.

Paying/Getting off

Pay the fare buy taximeter; tip is not required. During the night hours, you will need to pay a night surcharge.

Rent-a-Bicycle



There are a number of interesting sightseeing spots to be found in the back lanes of Kanazawa between any two major destinations, so if it is a clear day, you can use a rental bicycle to go around. You can find a rental bicycle shop near Kanazawa station.

Location of Rental Bicycle shop P.55

<Time required between two destinations on a bicycle>

- Kanazawa Station - Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District: 14 min
- Myoryuji (Ninja-Temple) - Kata-machi/Korinbo: 7 min
- Kata-machi/Korinbo - Kenroku-en: 7 min
- Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District - Kata-machi/Korinbo: 4 min

Hokutetsu Rent-a-Bicycle

(Inside Nippon Rent-a-Car Kanazawa Office)

☎ 076-264-0919

¥630 for 4 hrs and ¥210 for every 1 hour after that; ¥1,050 for 1 day.

☑ No Holidays.

☑ 08:00-19:00 (Closes at 17:00 during winter season)

JR Kanazawa Station Rent-a-Bicycle

☎ 076-261-1721

¥200 for 1 hr and ¥200 for every 1 hour after that; ¥1,200 for 6 hrs or more.

☑ No Holidays.

☑ 8:00~20:30

Rent-a-Car



Rental car may not be the best option for sightseeing in Kanazawa city but it is one of the convenient ways to do the sightseeing in areas such as Kaga, Noto of Kanazawa's suburbs.

There are a number of Rent-a-Car shops in the vicinity of Kanazawa station. The shops mentioned on the right side offer cars with English car navigation system.

Toyota Rent-a-Car

☎ 076-224-0100

☑ No Holidays.

☑ 8:00~20:00

Nissan Rent-a-Car

☎ 076-264-4123

☑ No Holidays.

☑ 7:00~20:00
(Kanazawa Station West Gate Branch)
8:00~20:00
(Kanazawa Eki-mae Branch)

※ Time and distances are only estimates.

※ Holidays and fees are subject to change, so please confirm with each place respectively.

Kanazawa city Bus Information

KANAZAWA LOOP BUS



Bus Service Timings and Frequency

08:36 ~ 18:00 [Runs every 12 minutes]

40 minutes for 1 round

※ You can board the bus at the stops after Kanazawa Station.

Fare

1 Time: ¥200 (Children:¥100) 1 Day: ¥500 (Children:¥250)

A convenient and economical 1 Day Pass

KANAZAWA LOOP BUS

You can use the Day Pass for Kanazawa's sightseeing loop bus as well as on the route buses (You can use 500 Yen pass for a day within ¥200 Fare zones in Kanazawa, for as many times as you want)



1Day Pass available at:

- Kanazawa Tourist Information Center (Inside JR Kanazawa Station) ☎ 076-232-6200
- Hokutetsu Ekimae Center (near the bus terminal of Kanazawa station's east gate) ☎ 076-263-0489
- Hokutetsu Bus Katamachi Service Center ☎ 076-221-5012
- Hokutetsu Bus Musashi Service Center (1FL of Kanazawa Sky Hotel) ☎ 076-260-2555
- Hokutetsu Bus Kenrokuen-shita Service Center ☎ 076-264-3245
- Joka-machi Kanazawa Shuyu Bus

For Inquiry

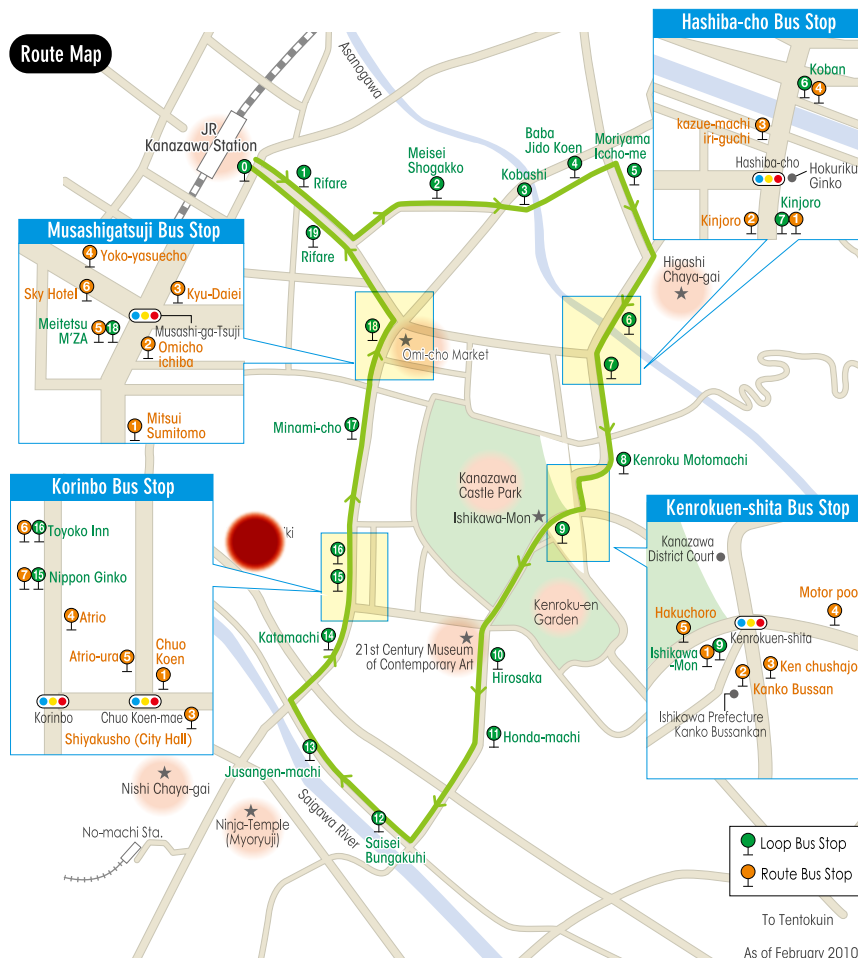
Telephone Service Center ☎ 076-237-5115 (8:00~19:00)

Bus stops in the vicinity of Kanazawa station



- Hokutetsu Bus
- JR Bus
- 🚏 Taxi Stand
- 🚗 Rent-a-Car
- 🚲 Rent-a-Cycle
- 🚲 Cycle Parking
- ℹ Information Center

Route Map



Kanazawa Lightup Bus

There are a number of sightseeing spots in Kanazawa that are illuminated at night and Kanazawa Light-up Bus runs on Saturday nights (and on the nights of festivals or events). This bus is also quite convenient if you want to go to Kanazawa's shopping district and downtown areas (Korinbo, Kata-machi, Kakino-kibatake) when you are staying near Kanazawa station.

- **Operation Days:** Every Saturday (Service not available during the period between 29th December to 3rd January)
- **Bus Stop:** Kanazawa Station East Entrance Stop No. 1
- **Fare:** ¥200 for Adults, ¥100 for Children; ¥300 for Lightup Bus Pass (Adults only) (Tickets can be bought at Hokutetsu Ekimae Center)



To Tentokuin
As of February 2010

Going around Kanazawa



[Some Useful Tips]

Most of the main tourist attractions in Kanazawa are located within a 2km-radius and there are convenient bus routes that run all through the city, so you can visit most of the tourist sites either by bus or by walking. Use the following chart to find out how to get to a certain spot and the estimated travel time. A combination of walking and bus is recommended when you plan your trip around Kanazawa.



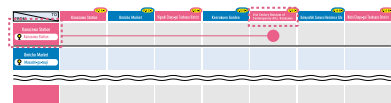
Access Chart

FROM	TO	Closest Bus Stop	
Kanazawa Station	Kanazawa Station	Kanazawa Station Bus Stop	Information P.55
Omi-cho Market	Omi-cho Market	Musashigatsuji Bus Stop	From Musashigatsuji Bus Stop⑤→⑥, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→5 min to Kanazawa Station
Higashi Chaya District	Higashi Chaya District	Hashiba-cho Bus Stop	From Hashiba-cho Bus Stop②→③, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→8 min to Kanazawa Station
Kenroku-en Garden	Kenroku-en Garden	Kenroku-en-shita Bus Stop	From Kenroku-en-shita Bus Stop①→②, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→9-12 min to Kanazawa Station
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa	21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa	Hirosaka, Korinbo	From Hirosaka Bus Stop, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→10 min to Kanazawa Station
Buke Yashiki District	Buke Yashiki District	Korinbo	From Kanazawa Korinbo Bus Stop⑦, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→9 min to Kanazawa Station
Nishi Chaya District	Nishi Chaya District	Hirokoji	From Hirokoji Bus Stop, take any bus bound for Kanazawa Station→14 min to Kanazawa Station

How to view this chart

If you are going to 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa from Kanazawa Station

Find starting point "Kanazawa Station" and destination "21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa", and see where they meet



- Hokutetsu Bus
- Shuyu (Loop) Bus
- JR Bus
- Walking
- Destination Number

Destination ← Map Page →
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa
 From Higashi-guchi Bus Stop⑥→⑩, all routes→10 min to Hirosaka
 Boarding point and Bus Route Number; closest bus stop to destination, and travel time by bus

Kenroku-en Garden	21st Century Museum of Contemporary Arts, Kanazawa	Buke Yashiki District	Nishi Chaya District
From Higashi-guchi Bus Stop③→⑥, all routes→9-12 min to Kenroku-en-shita	From Higashi-guchi Bus Stop⑥→⑩, all routes→10 min to Hirosaka	From Higashi-guchi Bus Stop⑦→⑩, all routes→9 min to Korinbo	From Higashi-guchi Bus Stop⑦→⑩, all routes→14 min to Hirokoji
From Musashigatsuji Bus Stop②→③, 11 12 13 50 92 ~ 95 → 2 to Kenroku-en 5~7 min	From Musashigatsuji Bus Stop②, take 13 13 50 92 ~ 95 → 5 min to Hirosaka	From Musashigatsuji Bus Stop②, all routes→4 min to Korinbo	From Musashigatsuji Bus Stop②, take 01 ~ 03, 20 ~ 25, 30 ~ 35, 40 ~ 45, 51 → 9 min to Hirokoji
From Hashiba-cho Bus Stop①→④, take Joka-machi Kanazawa Loop Bus or 98 → 2 min to Kenroku-en	From Hashiba-cho Bus Stop①→④, take Joka-machi Kanazawa Loop Bus→4 min to Hirosaka	From Hashiba-cho Bus Stop④, take 92 → 7 min to Korinbo	From Hashiba-cho Bus Stop④, take 92 → 12 min to Hirokoji
Closest Bus Stop Kenroku-en-shita Bus Stop	→5 min due to short distance, bus is not recommended.	From Kenroku-en-shita Bus Stop①, take 15 15 50 55 55 70 71 or any bus bound for Kanazawa Station (via Korinbo)→3 min to Korinbo	From Kenroku-en-shita Bus Stop①, take 15 15 50 55 → 8 min to Hirokoji
→5 min due to short distance, bus is not recommended.	Closest Bus Stop Hirosaka Bus Stop	→11 min due to short distance, bus is not recommended.	From Hirosaka Bus Stop, take 15 15 50 55 → 6 min to Hirokoji
From Korinbo Bus Stop①→④, take 10 10 14 15 50 50 ~ 53 or any bus bound for Kenroku-en-shita→3 min to Kenroku-en-shita	→11 min due to short distance, bus is not recommended.	Closest Bus Stop Korinbo Bus Stop	From Korinbo Bus Stop④, take 01 ~ 03, 20 ~ 25, 30 ~ 35, 40 ~ 45, 51 → 5 min to Hirokoji
From Hirokoji Bus Stop, take 15 15 50 55 → 8 min to Kenroku-en-shita	From Hirokoji Bus Stop, take 15 15 50 55 → 6 min to Hirosaka	From Hirokoji Bus Stop, take 01 ~ 03, 15 15 50 55, 50 ~ 53, 60 ~ 65 or any bus bound for Musashigatsuji/Kanazawa Station→5 min to Korinbo	Closest Bus Stop Hirokoji Bus Stop

※ The above information subject to change.

Kaga Area Bus Information

You can take a JR train from Kanazawa station to Kaga Onsen station and take the CANBUS to visit the sightseeing spots in Kaga. Kaga Onsen station is a convenient central point.

CANBUS

Bus Service Timings and Frequency

08:50-17:30; operates every day

<Seaside Route (Katayamazu Hot Spring)> 9 trips per day; 80 minutes for one round.

<Mountain Route (Yamashiro Hot Spring)> 13 trips per day; 60-60 minutes for one round.

Fare

One Day Pass: ¥1,000 (Elementary school students: ¥500); 2 Day Pass: ¥1,200 (Elementary school students: ¥600)

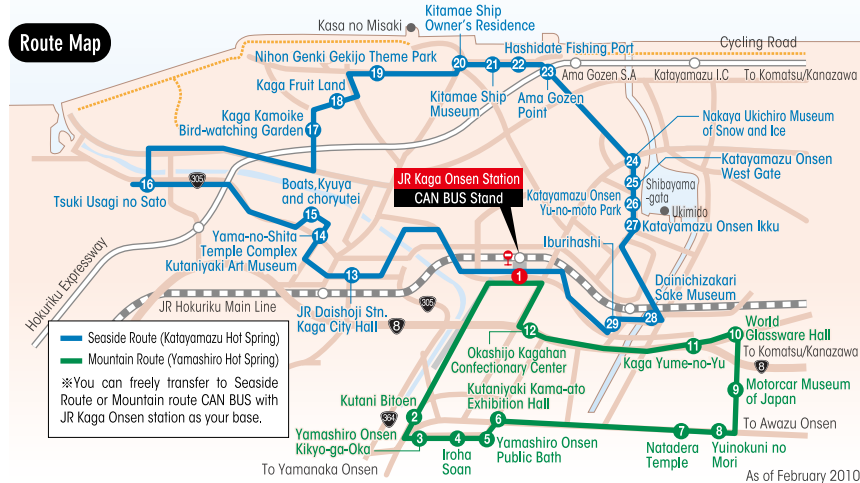
※Preschool children (accompanied by adults): Free

Pass available at:

- Machizukuri Kaga (next to JR Kaga Onsen Stn.) ☎ 0761-72-7777
 - KAGA TABI Machi-Netto (Inside JR Kaga Onsen Stn.) ☎ 0761-72-6678
 - Natadera Temple ☎ 0761-65-2111
 - Yunokuni no Mori ☎ 0761-65-3456
 - Motorcar Museum of Japan ☎ 0761-43-4343
 - The World Glassware Hall ☎ 0761-75-8300
 - Yamashiro Onsen Ryokan Association/ Reception desks of the Association member hotels ☎ 0761-77-1144
 - Katayamazu Onsen Ryokan Association/ Reception desks of the Association member hotels ☎ 0761-74-1123
 - Information Center on the 1st floor of Abio City Kaga (Kaga Hyakusen-gai) ☎ 0761-72-5811
- ※ You can buy the loop bus pass (CAN BUS) on the bus also.

For Inquiry Machizukuri Kaga ☎ 0761-72-7777

Route Map



ACCESS to Yamanaka Onsen

You can take an express bus or a train from Kanazawa to Yamanaka Onsen; you can also take a train to JR Kaga Onsen station and then take a bus to Yamanaka Onsen from there. A number of ryokan or traditional Japanese hotels also have pick-up services.

For Inquiry: Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association ☎ 0761-78-0330

Wajima (Noto) Area Bus Information



Express Bus

You can take an express bus to Noto from Kanazawa station; JR train is convenient while going to Nanao. You can also use the regular sightseeing buses to go around these areas.

Details about Noto's regular sightseeing buses P.61

Noranke Bus

You can take a bus from a bus stop with this symbol.



Bus Stop



Bus Service Timings and Frequency

07:30 - 18:05 Operates everyday.

<Each course> 8 trips per day ※Except for the Joken Course

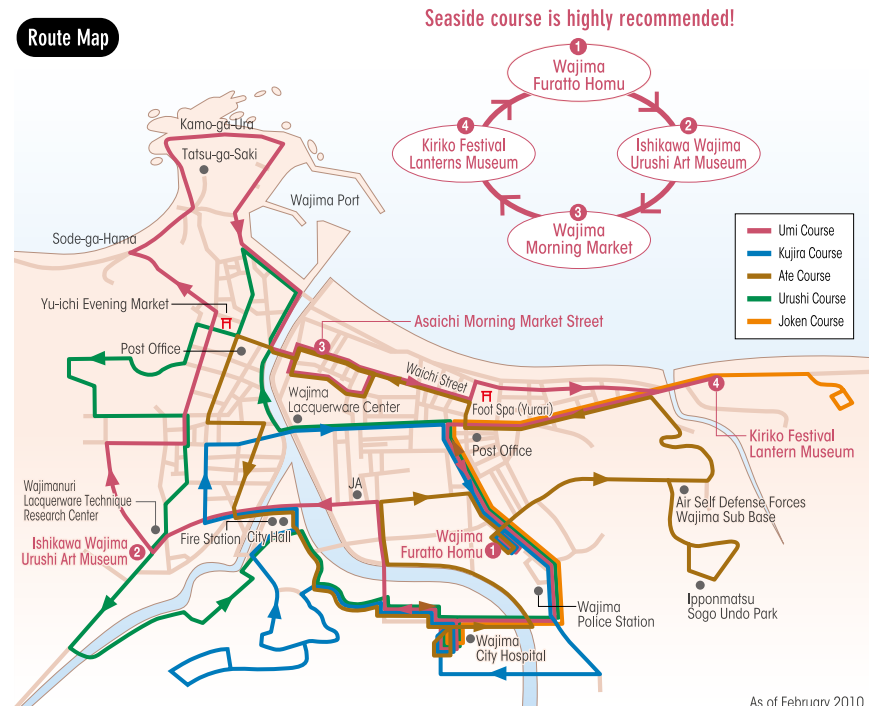
Fare

Flat Fare of ¥100 ※Free for preschool children

For Inquiry

Hokutesu Oku Noto Bus Wajima Travel Center ☎ 0768-22-2314

Route Map



Information about Noto Sightseeing Bus

Operates every day
Reservation required



Wajima-go

● Hokutetsu Oku Noto Bus Wajima Travel Center 0768-22-2314

7:50 Kanazawa Sta. → 9:44 Furatto Homu →

11:00 Boarding possible Wajima Morning Market/Wajima Lacquerware Center →

Sojiji → Ganmon → Chirihama Nagisa Driveway → 15:50 Kanazawa Sta.

● Adults: ¥7,410 / Kanazawa → Kanazawa; Adults: ¥5,350 / Wajima → Kanazawa ※Lunch included.

Asaichi-go

● Hokutetsu Noto Bus Wakura Center 0767-62-2840

8:30 Wakura Onsen Bus Terminal → 9:40 Wajima Furatto Homu →

10:50 Boarding possible Wajima Morning Market/Wajima Lacquerware Center →

Ganmon → Chirihama Nagisa Driveway → 15:50 Kanazawa Sta.

● Adults: ¥6,480 / Wakura → Kanazawa; Adults: ¥5,350 / Wajima → Kanazawa
※Lunch included.

Chirihama-go

● Hokutetsu Noto Bus Wakura Center 0767-62-2840

9:00 Wakura Onsen Bus Terminal → Ganmon →

Keta Taisha Shrine → Chirihama Nagisa Driveway →

13:25 Kanazawa Sta.

● Adults: ¥4,730 ※Lunch included.

Noto Flight-go

● Hokutetsu Noto Bus Wakura Center 0767-62-2840

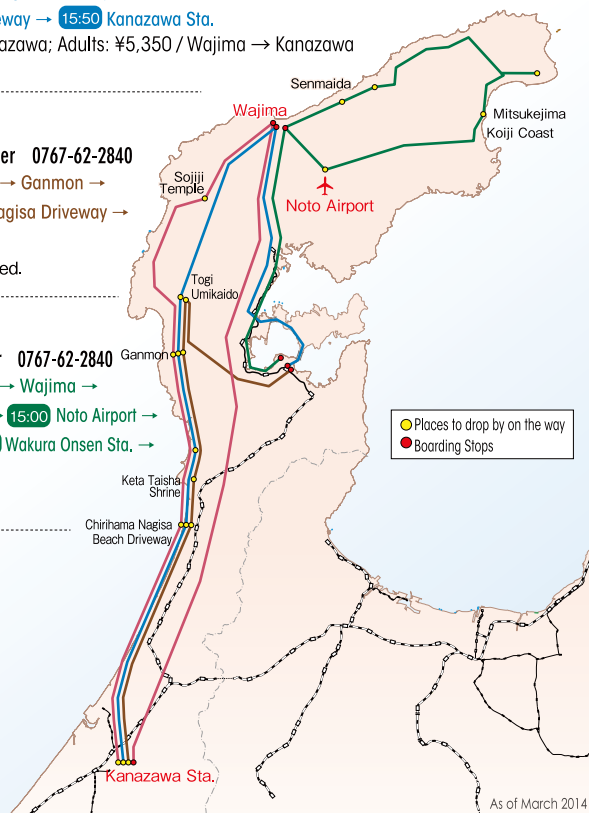
8:25 Wakura Onsen Bus Terminal → Wajima →

Senmaida → Suzu → Mitsukejima → 15:00 Noto Airport →

15:25 Wajima Furatto Homu → 16:35 Wakura Onsen Sta. →

15:00 Wakura Onsen Bus Terminal

● Adults: ¥3,390



Telephone Directory

Police

Language: English, Portuguese, Spanish

If you need police assistance or if you become a victim of a crime, please do not hesitate to contact the Police. ☎ 076-225-0555

☎ 9:00-17:00 (Monday - Friday)

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110 In case of a criminal act or accident, please dial the 24-hour emergency number

Hospital

Name	Address	TEL
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
Kanazawa University Hospital	13-1 Takara-machi, Kanazawa, Ishikawa	076-265-2000
Ishikawa Prefectural Takamatsu Hospital	YA-36 Uchi-takamatsu, Kahoku, Ishikawa	076-281-1125
Noto General Hospital	A-6-4 Fujihashi-machi, Nanao, Ishikawa	0767-52-6611
Wajima Municipal Hospital	HA-1-1 Yamagishi-machi, Wajima, Ishikawa	0768-22-2222
Public Central Hospital of Matto Ishikawa	3-8 Kuramitsu, Hakusan, Ishikawa	076-275-2222
Komatsu Municipal Hospital	HO-60 Mukai-Motoori-machi, Komatsu, Ishikawa	0761-22-7111

SOS



119 Please dial the 24-hour emergency number in the case of fire, rescue and other medical assistance.

Tourist Information Center in other areas

Tourist Information Center (TIC)

For Inquiry	Business Hours	Language Support / TEL
JNTO Tourist Information Center	9:00~17:00	English, Chinese, Korean 03-3201-3331
Narita International Airport Terminal 1 Information Center	8:00~20:00	English 0476-30-3383
Narita International Airport Terminal 2 Information Center	8:00~20:00	English, Chinese 0476-34-5877
Kansai Tourist Information Center	April-October, 8:30-20:30, November-March, 9:00-21:00	English, Chinese 072-456-6025

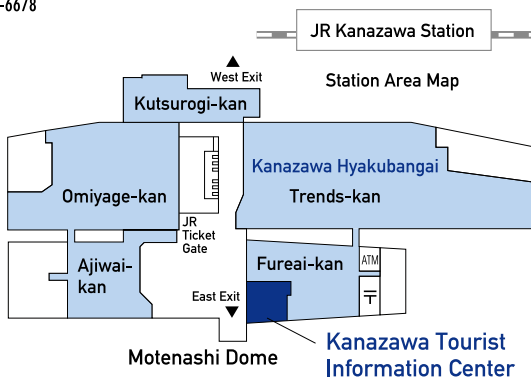
Others

Central Japan International Airport Centrair Telephone Center	6:40~22:00	English 0569-38-1195
Kyoto City Tourist Information Center	8:30~19:00	English 075-343-6655※
Hida Takayama Tourist Information Center	April-October, 8:30-18:30, November-March, 8:30-17:00	English, Chinese 0577-32-5328
•JR Information JR East Japan	10:00~18:00	English, Chinese, Korean 050-2016-1603

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Main Tourist Information Centers in Ishikawa Prefecture

- Ishikawa Prefecture Kanazawa Tourist Information Center
(Inside Kanazawa Hyakubangai)
TEL.076-232-6200
- Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network(KGGN)
(Inside Kanazawa Hyakubangai)
(English speaking staff)
TEL.076-232-3933
- Kanazawa City Tourism Association
(Inside Kanazawa Hyakubangai)
TEL.076-232-5555
- Wajima Station Tourist Center
(Michi-no-eki Rest Area Wajima/Furatto Homu)
TEL.0768-22-1503
- Kaga City Tourist Information Center
(Inside JR Kaga Onsen Station)
TEL.0761-72-6678



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