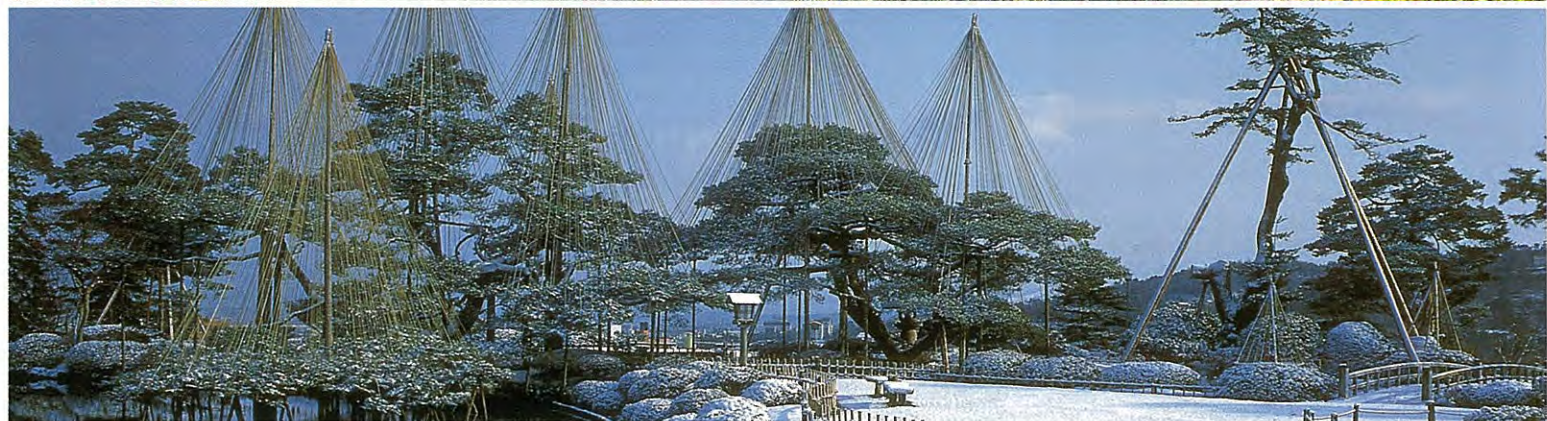




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# ISHIKAWA

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### Transportation Hub for Sightseeing in Wajima: "Furatto Homu"

Serving as the new entrance to Wajima, the "Furatto Homu" has a tourism information center as well as the terminal for the sightseeing bus "Noran-ke Bus", the express bus running the Wajima-Wakura route, the Wajima-Kanazawa route, and the Wajima-Anamizu route. There is also a local products and souvenir shop next to this facility.



### Onsen (Hot Springs)



Ishikawa has many hot springs from large-scale hot spring resorts to small spas in the mountains, each hot spring with its own special ambience and feel for you to enjoy. Mostly founded about 1300 years ago, the hot springs in Ishikawa are nationally famous for their history and high status. So how about visiting some of these hot springs and have a relaxing and soothing spa?

- 1 Wajima Onsen 0768-22-6588 <http://www.wajimaonsen.com/>
- 2 Wakura Onsen 0767-62-1555 <http://www.wakura.or.jp/>
- 3 Yuwaku Onsen 076-235-1040 <http://www.yuwaku.gr.jp/>
- 4 Tatsunokuchi Onsen 0761-55-8509 <http://www.city.nomi.ishikawa.jp/>
- 5 Awazu Onsen 0761-65-1834 <http://www.awazuonsen.com/>
- 6 Katayamazu Onsen 0761-74-1123 <http://www.katayamazu-spa.or.jp/>
- 7 Yamashiro Onsen 0761-77-1144 <http://www.yamashiro-spa.or.jp/>
- 8 Yamanaka Onsen 0761-78-0330 <http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/>

### Kaga Sightseeing Bus "CANBUS"

With the terminal being at the JR Kaga Onsen Station, the 2 routes (Ocean Course & Mountain Course) will take you to all the tourism spots around the Kaga Resort Area. You can create your own original Kaga tour by getting on and off at the stops you desire with the ¥1000 1-day Pass (¥1200 for 2-day Pass). The CANBUS runs all year round. You can buy tickets inside JR Kaga Onsen Station.



# KANAZAWA CITY CENTER MAP

- ### Legend
- Shopping Area
  - Shrine
  - Taxi stand
  - City office
  - Police box
  - Sightseeing spot
  - Public Facility



### Kanazawa Loop Bus

One time  
 Adults: ¥200  
 Children: ¥100  
 One-day pass  
 Adults: ¥500  
 Children: ¥250  
 Service Hours  
 8:36-18:00  
 (Every 12 min)

- ### Bus Stops
- 0 Kanazawa Station East Exit 3
  - 1 Rifare-mae
  - 2 Meisei Shogakkou-mae
  - 3 Kobashi
  - 4 Baba Jido Koen
  - 5 Moriyama 1 chome
  - 6 Hashiba-cho4
  - 7 Hashiba-cho1
  - 8 Kenrokumoto-machi
  - 9 Kenrokuen-shita
  - 10 Hirosaka
  - 11 Honda-machi
  - 12 Saisei Bungakuhi-mae
  - 13 Jusangen-machi
  - 14 Kata-machi
  - 15 Korinbo7
  - 16 Korinbo6
  - 17 Minami-cho
  - 18 Musashigatsuji
  - 19 Rifare-mae
  - 0 Kanazawa Station East Exit



## A Treasure House of Delicious Cuisine

Besides Mt. Hakusan and the Sea of Japan, one will also find large Plains of Kaga in Ishikawa Prefecture. Being blessed with such natural environments, a huge variety of food ingredients is available all year round to create wonderful cuisines and dishes.



### Japanese Confectionery

The Ishikawa area is famous throughout Japan for producing Japanese traditional confectionery that is connected with the tea ceremony.



### Local Sake of Ishikawa

Ishikawa is blessed with good rice and water and is one of the most famous "sake" producing areas in Japan. Sake making is at its peak during the winter months.



### Sushi

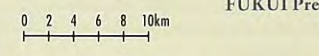
Blessed with assorted fresh seafood in the Prefecture, Ishikawa has numerous famous sushi restaurants that earned great praises from the Nation.

### "Kaga Kaiseki Ryori" (Kaga traditional cuisines)

The biggest characteristics of the traditional Kaga cuisine is that customers can enjoy the delicious dishes while taking pleasure in viewing the special plates and bowls that serves the cuisines, which include the beautiful lacquerware with detailed decorations of gold leaves, as well as the gorgeous and noble Kutani-yaki Porcelains. Furthermore, you can enjoy the various traditional dishes of Ishikawa that are made with locally produced vegetables and ingredients. Jibuni, for instance, is a typical local dish. It is a stew where juicy duck meat, "Sudare-fu", Japanese mushrooms and other ingredients are stewed with soy sauce, sugar and wine. Be sure to give it a try when you visit Kanazawa.



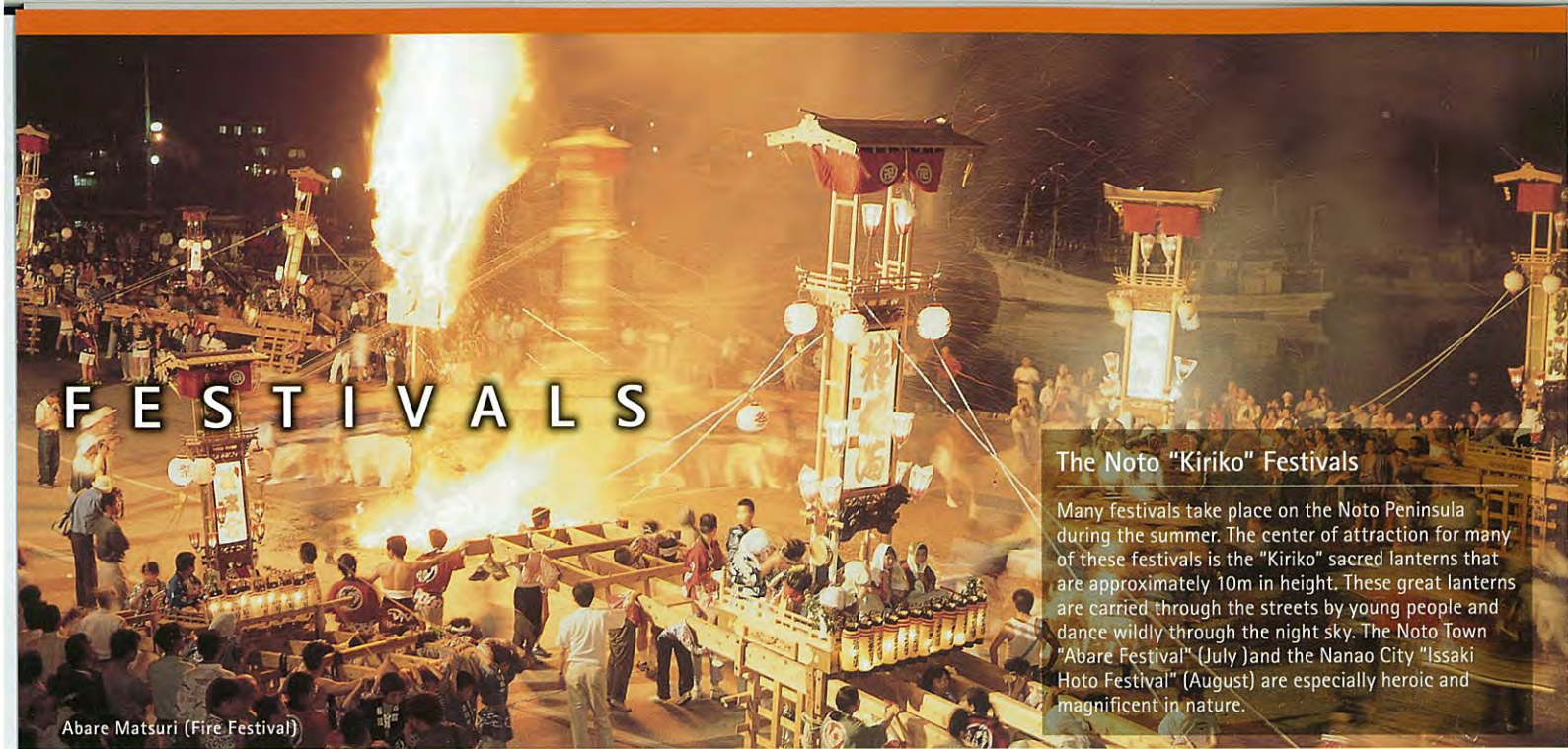
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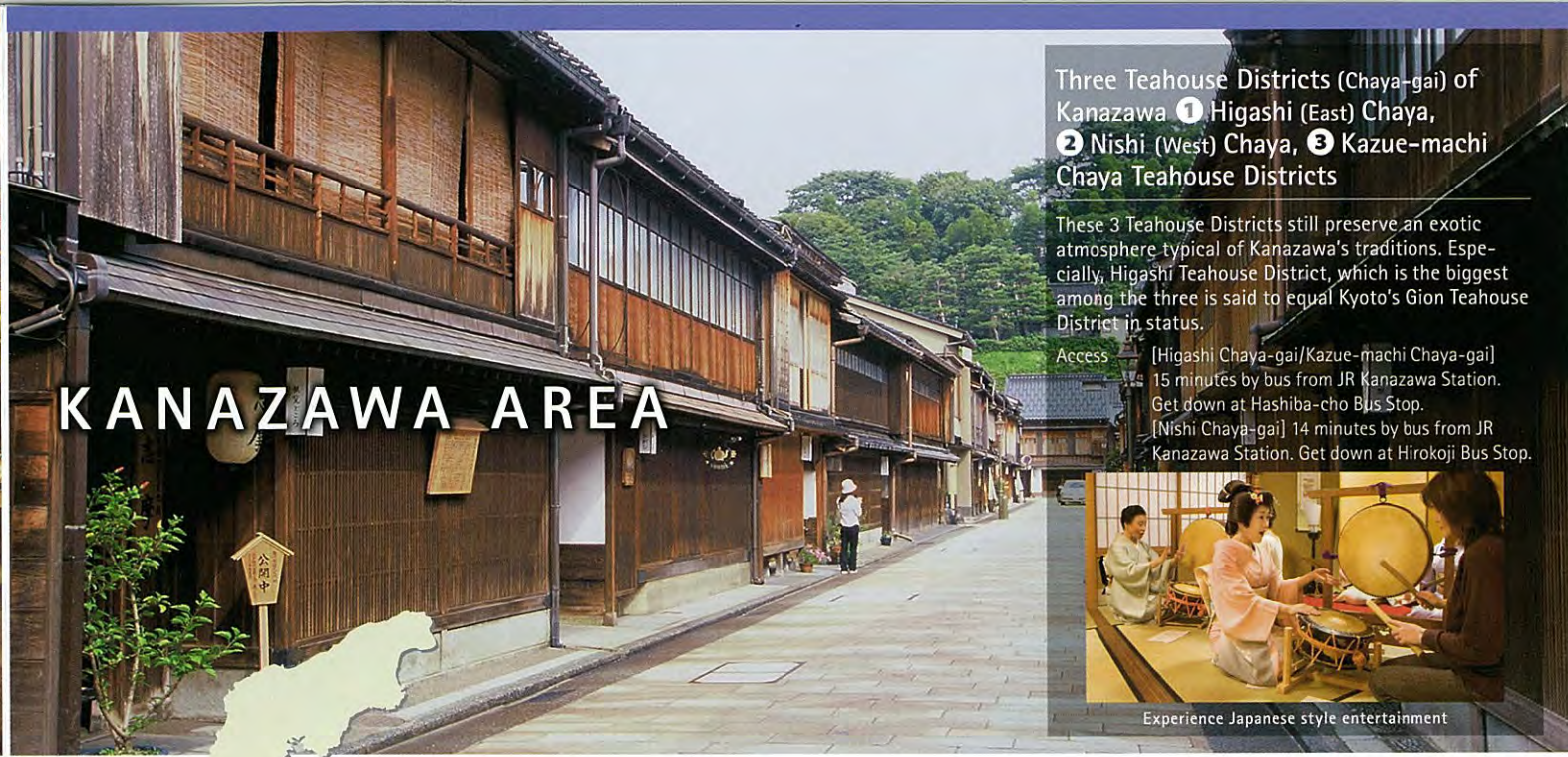


# FESTIVALS

Abare Matsuri (Fire Festival)

## The Noto "Kiriko" Festivals

Many festivals take place on the Noto Peninsula during the summer. The center of attraction for many of these festivals is the "Kiriko" sacred lanterns that are approximately 10m in height. These great lanterns are carried through the streets by young people and dance wildly through the night sky. The Noto Town "Abare Festival" (July) and the Nanao City "Issaki Hoto Festival" (August) are especially heroic and magnificent in nature.



# KANAZAWA AREA

## Three Teahouse Districts (Chaya-gai) of Kanazawa

1 Higashi (East) Chaya, 2 Nishi (West) Chaya, 3 Kazue-machi Chaya Teahouse Districts

These 3 Teahouse Districts still preserve an exotic atmosphere typical of Kanazawa's traditions. Especially, Higashi Teahouse District, which is the biggest among the three is said to equal Kyoto's Gion Teahouse District in status.

Access [Higashi Chaya-gai/Kazue-machi Chaya-gai] 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Hashiba-cho Bus Stop. [Nishi Chaya-gai] 14 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Hirokoji Bus Stop.



Experience Japanese style entertainment

There are many types of traditional festivals: festivals in spring to pray for abundant crops; festivals in summer requesting for safety at sea and the blessing of the sea; festivals in autumn to express gratitude for a good harvest; and festivals in winter to drive away evil spirits and bring luck and safety for the New Year. The seasonal festivals in Ishikawa provide the energy and prayers necessary for everyone to live and work harmoniously.

## Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival

Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival is held in commemoration of Lord Maeda Toshiie's entry into Kanazawa castle on 14th June, 1583 which laid the foundations of the present day Kanazawa. The main attraction of this Festival is a gorgeous and dazzling parade. Many other traditions of Kanazawa that have been handed down for 400 years are also on display.

Period First Sat. & Sun. of June (Every year) (Hyakumangoku Parade is held on Saturday from 14:00 to 18:10.)  
Location Central part of Kanazawa (JR Kanazawa Station East Exit - Kanazawa City Hall - Kanazawa Castle Park)



## Otabi-Maturi Festival

With a 340-year history, this Festival is famous for its magnificent Hikiyama (portable shrines) and the lovely Children Kabuki Performances. This Kabuki Performance is renowned nation-wide for being one of the 3 best Children Kabuki Performances. The children actors perform a fantastic act on the illuminated Hikiyama in the dark.

Period Mid-May (a 4-day festival around the 15th)  
Location Ubashi Jinja Shrine; Moto-ori Hiyoshi Jinja Shrine (Komatsu City)  
Access 10 minute walk from JR Komatsu Station

## Festival Almanac

January	New Year Performance by Kanazawa City Firefighters Kanazawa City
February	Takewari Matsuri (Bamboo-Splitting Festival) Kaga City
March	Noto Yukiwariso Matsuri Festival Monzen Town, Wajima city
April	Asanogawa River Yuenkai Festival Kanazawa City
May	Kutaniyaki Porcelain Festival Terai Town, Nomi City Seihakusai Festival Nanao City
June	Shobuyu Matsuri Festival Yamanaka, Yamashiro, Katayamaz, Awazu Hot Springs
July	Nafune Taisai Festival Wajima City
August	Yamashiro Daidengaku Performance Yamashiro Hot Springs Wajima Taisai Festival Wajima city
September	Okuma-Kabuto Matsuri Festival Nakajima Town, Nanao City Koi Koi Matsuri Festival Yamanaka Hot Springs
October	Horai Matsuri Festival Tsurugi Town, Hakusan City Don Don Matsuri Festival Komatsu City
November	Bakko Matsuri Festival Naka-Noto Town
December	Ski Season Opens for Ski Resorts at Mt. Hakusan Hakusan City Sojiji Temple New Year Event "Yuku-toshi Kuru-toshi" Wajima City

## Kaga Yuzen Toro Nagashi (Lantern Floating Ceremony)

This Ceremony displays the appreciation of the people towards Asanogawa River, which played an important role in the traditions of Kaga Yuzen Silk Dyeing. The Ceremony is also carried out in the remembrance of the works of past authors and to pray for the traditional arts and crafts industry to further prosper into the future.

Period First Friday of June, 19:00-21:00  
Location Asanogawa riverside (close to Hashiba-cho Bus Stop)



## Yukidaruma Snowmen Festival

Yukidaruma or Snowmen Festival is one of the biggest winter events of Shiramine town in Hakusan. These enchanting snowmen which are made by the townfolks number up to 2000 and the streets in the whole town are lined up with these dolls. As the evening draws closer, the candles are lit near these snowmen and it creates a fantasy like atmosphere.

Period 1-day festival on early or mid-February  
Kuwajima Area: 17:00-21:00  
Shiramine Area: 15:00-21:00  
Location Kuwajima/Shiramine, Hakusan City  
Access Take the Hokutetsu Bus bound for Kuwajima Onsen/Shiramine from JR Kanazawa Station (1 hour 40 minutes)



Kanazawa, which was once a feudal castle town, is home to Kenrokuen Garden – one of the three most famous gardens in Japan – as well as many historic districts and cultural assets. It is also the main city of the Hokuriku region that brings together the best of the old and the new.



## 4 Omicho Market

Omicho is known as "Ishikawa's Kitchen". There are about 180 shops selling fresh fish, vegetables, fruits and meat. The busiest time for these shops is the winter time when winter delicacies such as Amaebi (Sweet shrimp) and Zuwaigani (Snow crab) are available.

Hours 7:00-18:00  
Holidays Sunday, Holidays Excepting a few  
Access 10 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Musashi-ga-Tsuji

## 5 Kenrokuen Garden

Being one of the 3 Great Gardens of Japan, Kenrokuen is also designated as a National Special Place of Scenic Beauty. Visitors can enjoy the unique scenery of the Garden which changes with each passing season.

Hours 3/1-10/15: 7:00-18:00  
10/16-End of February: 8:00-17:00  
Open All Year Round  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥300 Children: ¥100  
Access 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Kenrokuen Shita. 1 minute walk from the stop.



## 6 Kanazawa Castle Park

Surrounded by greenery, this Park is a symbol of Kanazawa Castle's historical and cultural heritage. The structures such as Hishi-yagura, Gojikkennagaya, Hashizumemon tsuzuki-yagura were restored and are known as the biggest wooden structures constructed after Meiji Period (1868-1912).

Hours 3/1-10/15: 7:00-18:00  
10/16-End of February: 8:00-17:00  
Open All Year Round  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥300 Children: ¥100 (Hishi-yagura etc)  
Access 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Kenrokuen Shita. 1 minute walk from the stop.



## 7 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

This Museum focuses on the modern day art and is situated in the center of Kanazawa. The Museum offers a visitor friendly atmosphere where one will look forward to interesting encounters and experiences.

Hours 10:00-18:00 (Free Zone: 9:00-22:00; Fri. & Sat.: 09:00-20:00)  
Holidays Mondays  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥350  
Access 10 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Korinbo. 5 minutes walk from Korinbo.



## 8 Nagamachi Bukeyashiki Samurai Residence Site

The atmosphere of Kanazawa of the feudal times still lingers in this area, where irrigation canals and old houses with mud doors and gates lined the streets that once belonged to Kaga Clan Samurai.

Access 15 minutes by bus from JR Kanazawa Station. Get down at Korinbo. 3 minutes walk from Korinbo.

## 10 Notojima Aquarium

Notojima Aquarium is located on a small island called Notojima in Nanao Bay. The Aquarium has over 40000 sea creatures of 500 varieties and is one of the biggest aquariums in Japan in terms of the number of species kept at the aquarium. Visitors can also enjoy a dolphin and seal show along with Sea Otters' Feeding Show. Don't forget to see the "Dolphins' Paradise" too! Dolphins' Paradise which was opened in April of 2007, is Japan's one of the biggest tunnel shaped tanks.

Hours 9:00-17:00 (Last Admittance at 16:30)  
(12/1-3/19: 9:00-16:30)  
12/29-1/1  
Holidays Adults: ¥1,800 Children: ¥500  
Entry Fee Take a bus going to "Rinkai Koen" from JR Wakura Onsen Station and get down at the last stop (approximately 30 minutes).  
Access



## NOTO AREA

## KAGA AREA

## 15 Mt. Hakusan

Mt. Hakusan is one of "Japan's Three Most Famous Mountains" (The other two being Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama). Mt. Hakusan has been revered since ancient times as the "mountain of the white gods". Many natural features such as the alpine flora and beech forests can be found within Mt. Hakusan National Park that is also a source of peaceful views and abundant water.

Mt. Hakusan has three peaks: "Gozen-ga-mine" (2,702m), "O-nanji-ga-mine" (2,684m) and "Ken-ga-mine" (2,677m) and the snow remains on the summit even in the summer.



# 能登

The Noto Peninsula has two faces: while its west coast is rough and wild, the east coast is soothingly calm. Noto is famous for the Kiriko festivals held all over the Peninsula during the summer, as well as the renowned Wakura hot springs resort.

## 11 Ishikawa Wajima Urushi Art Museum

Wajima is famous for its production of high quality lacquerwares. Wajima Urushi Art Museum is the first museum dedicated to Wajima Lacquerware, where a collection of Wajima Lacquerwares as well as other lacquer works from other parts of the world are displayed inside the Museum.

Hours 9:00-17:00 (Last Admittance at 16:30)  
Year-end (12/29-12/31; Exhibition Preparation Period)  
Adults: ¥600  
Take the "Coastal Course" of the Community Bus from Wajima Furatto Homu and get off at "Shitsugei Bijutsukan" Bus Stop.



## 11 Daihonzan Sojiji Soin Temple (Soto Sect)

Originally founded in 1321, the Head Temple was relocated to Yokohama in Kanagawa Prefecture in 1910, making the present temple the "Father Temple" of the Soto Sect. One can still see the grand temple gate made of Zelkova Trees and other structures such as the Buddha Hall and Treasure Hall. Visitors can also experience Zen meditation and enjoy Buddhist vegetarian meals. (Reservations Required)

Hours 8:00-17:00  
Open All Year Round  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥400  
Access Take the bus bound for Monzen form Wajima Furatto Homu for 35 minutes.



## 12 Shiroyone's Senmaida (Thousand Rice Paddies)

Designated as a National Scenic Spot on January 29th, 2001, Shiroyone's Senmaida has more than 2000 small rice paddies spread almost geometrically in an area of 12,000 km<sup>2</sup> and thus create a beautiful and bright landscape on the background of the blue sea.

Access 15-minute drive from Wajima Furatto Homu

## 13 Wajima "Asaichi" Morning Market

The wives of local farmers and fishermen from Kuratani towns will set up about 200 stalls that line the streets of the Morning Market at the break of dawn to sell fresh seafood, vegetables and other products.

Hours 8:00-12:00 (noon)  
Holidays 2nd wednesday and 4th wednesday of every month, 1/1-1/3  
Access 10-minute walk from Wajima Furatto Homu



## 14 Nafune Gojinjo Taiko (Traditional Drums)

The Gojinjo Drum Performance is a traditional folk entertainment in the Nafune area. It is said that the drummers wearing ghost masks and seaweed hair fought off the armies of Kenshin Uesugi who tried to attack the area in 1577. Nowadays this is performed during festivals and it is considered as one of the Prefectural designated intangible folk cultural assets. You can enjoy the powerful Gojinjo Taiko Drum Performance for free every night between the end of April and the end of November at "Furatto Homu" in Wajima.



## 17 Kakusenkei Gorge

With the Koorogi-bashi Bridge on one end and the Kurotani-hashi Bridge on the other, this 1.3km gorge brings out the seasonal beauty with its strangely shaped rocks, bizarre stones, waterfalls and all the deep water pools that are colored in bluish green. Visitors can visit famous spots such as the Basho-do Hut, Ayatori-hashi Bridge and the Koorogi-bashi Bridge.

Access Take the Kaga Onsen Bus bound for Yamanaka Onsen at the JR Kaga Onsen Station and get off at Yamanaka Onsen Station.



## 18 Kutaniyaki Art Museum

This Museum displays arts and exhibits of Kutaniyaki Porcelain, which has over 350 years of history and is one of the most famous ceramic wares in Japan. Located inside the Ko-Kutani-no-Mori Park, visitors can learn about the arts of Kutaniyaki Porcelain while enjoying the beautiful scenery of the Park.

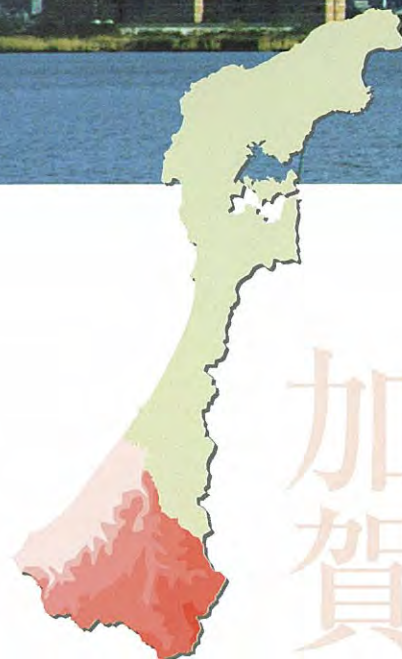
Hours 09:00-17:00 (Last Admittance at 16:30)  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥500  
Access 5-minute walk from JR Daishoji Station; 3-minute walk from CANBUS "Ishikawa-ken Kutaniyaki Bijutsukan/Yamanoshita Ji-ingun" Bus Stop



## 19 Traditional Handicrafts Village "Yunokuni-no-mori"

Old houses with thatched roofs were moved to the current location and created this Village of Traditional Arts. Visitors can observe the process of making these articles as well as try their hands on making their own souvenirs by using some of the techniques.

Hours 08:30-17:00 (12/1-2/20: 09:00-16:30)  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥530  
Access 35-minute ride on the CANBUS from JR Kaga Onsen Station, or 20-minute drive from Kaga I.C. or Komatsu I.C.



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The Kaga region is famous for its many hot springs resorts including Yamanaka hot springs, Yamashiro hot springs, Katayamazu hot springs and Awazu hot springs. Mt. Hakusan, one of the most famous mountains in Japan, is a national park with a rich variety of alpine plants and wild flowers and is bustling with ski-lovers in winter.



## 16 Natadera Temple

Established in A.D.717, Natadera Temple has magnificent scenery of beautiful rocks and seasonal flowers. It is also a well-known scenic spot for autumn foliage viewing since olden times.

Hours 08:30-16:45 (12/1-2/25: 08:45-16:30)  
Open All Year Round  
Entry Fee Adults: ¥500  
Access Take the CANBUS from JR Kaga Onsen Station and get off at Natadera Bus Stop; or take Route 8 from Hokuriku Expressway Kaga I.C. or Komatsu I.C.



## 20 Mt. Hakusan Ski Resorts

To make full use of the grand nature of Mt. Hakusan, Ski Resorts with slopes geared towards beginners as well as advanced skiers are built for snow sports lovers. Some of the many resorts are Sky Shishiku Ski Resort, Kanazawa Seymour Ski Resort, Hakusan Ichirino Hot Spring Ski Resort, and Hakusan Sena Highland Ski Resort.

Access 30 to 60-minute drive on the National Road 157 from Kanazawa (Direct transportation available from JR Kanazawa Station during winter time)

## Land of Traditional Arts & Crafts

In Edo Period, Kaga Province (today's Ishikawa) put in great efforts to promote the developments of various cultures, as it was one of the richest provinces of Japan. Especially, various arts & crafts took a giant leap forward and the magnificent techniques developed in those times are still preserved today. These traditional arts and crafts are a source of great pride for the people of Ishikawa Prefecture.



### Kutaniyaki Porcelain

Kutaniyaki porcelain is famous for its daring designs and elegant colors. It has been exported to foreign countries for about 100 years and has gained great popularity.



### Wajima Lacquerware

These lacquerware items are representative traditional Japanese lacquerware with a solid feeling and an elegant beauty. 100 processes are required in finishing an item and each one is made carefully by hand.



### Yamanaka Lacquerware

The major feature of Yamanaka Lacquerware is the manner in which the natural beauty of the grain of the wood is utmostly preserved. This requires great skills with the traditional revolving wheel saw.



### Kanazawa Gold Leaf

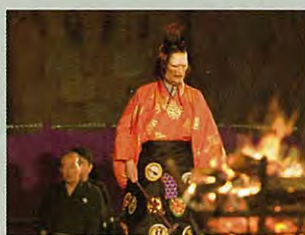
Over 99% of the gold leaf made in Japan is made in Kanazawa. It is less than 1/10,000 mm in thickness and a high level of technical expertise is required to make it.



### Kaga Yuzen Silk Dyeing

Kaga Yuzen Silk Dyeing is a representative traditional Japanese dyeing art. The designs render natural beauty realistically and are described to possess a samurai-style serene elegance.

## Japanese Performing Arts & Culture in Ishikawa



### Noh

Noh-gaku music, which is one of the most representative performing arts of Japan, has been enjoyed by the local lords and dignitaries in Kanazawa since the Edo Period. The Hoshō-ryū school of Noh was especially favored. It has since evolved and become widely known as Kaga Hoshō that continues to prosper even today.



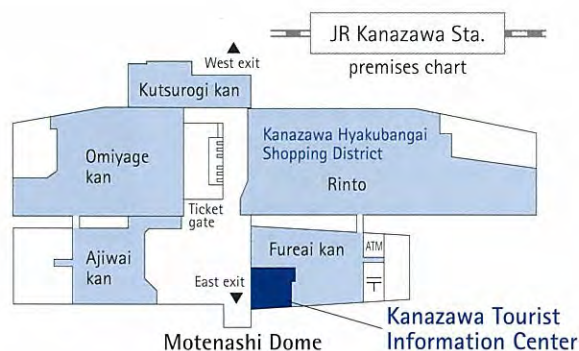
### The Tea Ceremony

The tea ceremony, once a required accomplishment for the samurai warrior class, is still loved by many who regard it as one of the important cultural accomplishments. The distinguished tea ceremony of Japan continues to prosper in Ishikawa where there are a lot of teahouses holding various activities and events connected with the tea ceremony.

## Getting to and from Ishikawa

	Section	Duration
By Plane	Komatsu - Seoul	1:40 h
	Komatsu - Shanghai	2:10 h
	Komatsu - Taipei	3:00 h
	Komatsu - Tokyo (Narita)	1:20 h
	Komatsu - Tokyo (Haneda)	1:05 h
By Train	Noto - Tokyo (Haneda)	1:05 h
	Kanazawa - Tokyo (via Echigo-Yuzawa)	3:47 h
	Kanazawa - Tokyo (via Maibara)	4:12 h
	Kanazawa - Osaka	2:30 h
	Kanazawa - Nagoya	2:25 h
	Kanazawa - Kansai International Airport	3:22 h
	Kanazawa - Tokyo	7:52 h
By Bus	Kanazawa - Nagoya	3:57 h
	Kanazawa - Osaka	4:40 h
	Kanazawa - Takayama	2:10 h
	Kanazawa - Shirakawa-go	1:15 h

JR-WEST <http://www.westjr.co.jp/english/global.html>



## Accommodation Information

Ishikawa Prefecture Hotel & Lodging Association 076-263-5777

Kanazawa Ryokan & Hotel Cooperative Association 076-221-1147

## Tourist Information

Ishikawa Prefecture  
Kanazawa Tourist Information Center

JR Kanazawa Station East Exit; RO-1 Hirooka-machi, Kanazawa-shi

076-232-6200

Hours: 9:00-19:00  
Open everyday except for end of the year holidays 12/31-1/2

- sightseeing, lodging guide
- information on tourist sites
- sightseeing information supported by the internet
- information on traditional handicrafts



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