Day Trips from Kanazawa  Self-drive to Noto

9:00 Depart Kanazawa

🚗 40 minutes

1 9:40 Chirihama Beach Driveway  千里浜なぎさドライブウェイ
The only sandy beach in Japan that is open to cars. Traffic runs in both directions on the 8 km stretch.

11:00 Wajima Morning Market  輪島朝市
One of the three biggest morning markets in Japan, with over 200 stalls selling freshly caught fish, homegrown fruits and vegetables and locally made crafts.

(Lunch: Wajima)
13:00 Wajima Kiriko Art Museum  [輪島キリコ会館]
The museum displays kiriko, towering lanterns carried in processions during summer festivals in Noto.

13:45 Senmaida Rice Terraces  [白米千枚田]
Enjoy the splendid view of 1,000 small rice paddies on the steep slopes along the Japan Sea.
14:40 Magaki no Sato [間垣の里]
The traditional village where bamboo fences called magaki are erected to protect houses from strong salty winds in winter and the western sun in summer.

15:30 Yase Cliff [ヤセの断崖]
A precipitous cliff jutting out into the Sea of Japan. The rugged coast and strangely shaped rocks can be seen from the deck.
16:25 Ganmon Cave 〔巌門〕

Sea cave formed as water eroded a sizeable hole into a rock rising out of the sea. You can walk down on the path to the rock and enter a cave beside the gate.

18:30 Back to Kanazawa and return the car