



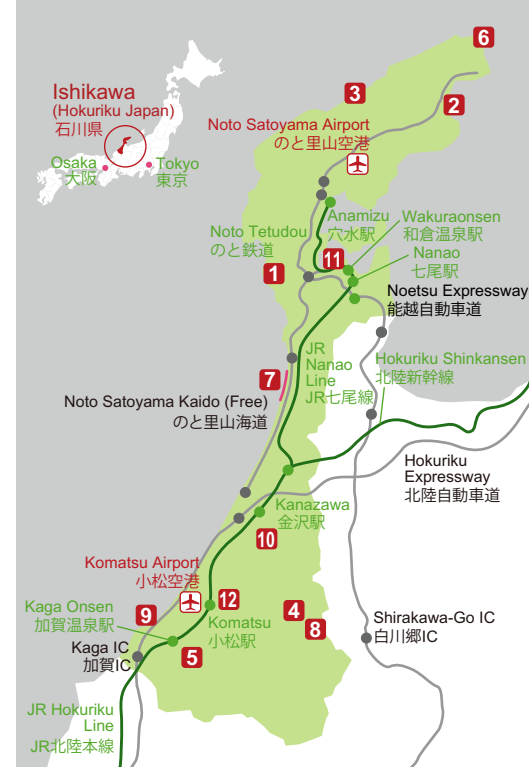
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Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

2021 is here at last! It goes without saying that the coronavirus pandemic made 2020 a very difficult year worldwide. There's still work to be done before all of that is finally behind us, but hopefully, life will return to normal sooner than later. We hope that our newsletter continues to be a valuable resource for helpful sightseeing information!

Tourism-related businesses across the prefecture, like restaurants and hotels, have begun displaying this sticker and written declaration, as a way to visibly indicate the efforts they take to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The sticker's design is used throughout Ishikawa, for a sense of unity and consistency.



Special
Feature

Avoiding Enclosed Spaces Was Never So Much Fun!

Ganmon



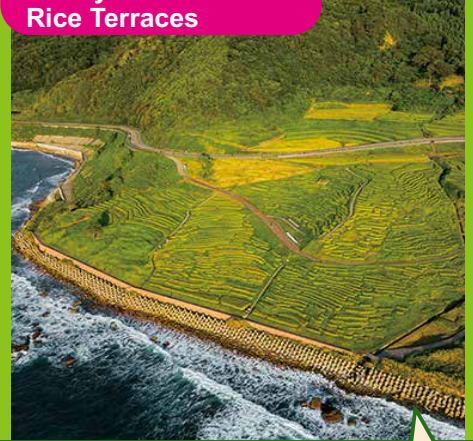
This 15 m tall natural tunnel was carved through the rock by the rough waters of the Sea of Japan. **1**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/ganmon/>

This uninhabited island just off the coast is defined by its sheer cliffs, rising 28 m straight up out of the sea. **2**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/mitsukejima/>



Mitsukejima Island

Shiroyone Senmaida Rice Terraces



Over a thousand small rice fields cover the steep hills along this coastline. **3**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/senmaida-rice-terraces/>

Enjoy the Beauty of Nature

Ishikawa is full of spectacular natural beauty! The coastlines of the Noto Peninsula are lined with sharp cliffs and remarkable rock formations created by the harsh waves of the Sea of Japan, while the mountains of Ishikawa are home to beautiful gorges and other breathtaking scenery.

Tedori Canyon



Located in the foothills of Mt. Hakusan, this 8 km canyon is lined with spectacular rocky bluffs 20–30 m high. **4**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/tedori-canyon/>

A 1.3 km walking path runs along this gorge, next to the charming hot spring town of Yamanaka Onsen. A great place to experience the beauty of the changing seasons! **5**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/kakusenkei-gorge/>

Kakusenkei Gorge



Cape Rokko



This cape, located at the tip of the Noto Peninsula, is one of the only places in Japan where you can see both sunrises and sunsets on the sea. **6**
<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/cape-rokko/>

Chirihama Nagisa Driveway

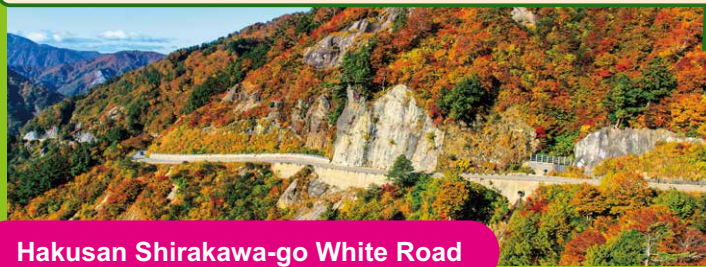


This 8 km stretch of coastline is the only place in Japan where you can drive directly along the surf! Bicycle rentals are also available, for a great time biking on the beach. **7**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/chirihama-nagisa-driveway/>

Enjoy a 33.3 km mountain drive through the magnificent scenery of Hakusan National Park to Shirakawa-go, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Observation decks along the way offer incredible views of waterfalls, pristine beech forests, and more. (Currently undergoing repair work; reopening in June.) **8**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/hakusan-shirakawa-go-white-road/>

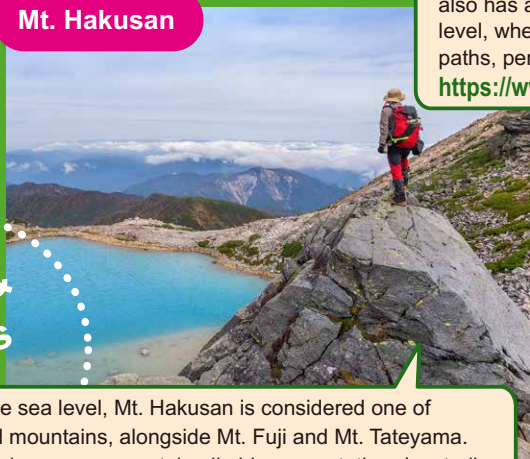


Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road

Mt. Hakusan

Active Fun in the Great Outdoors

Hikes & Walks



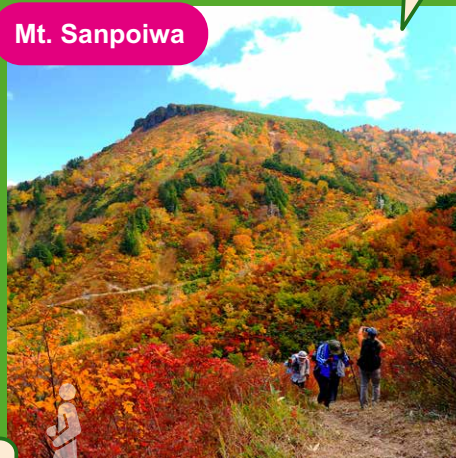
Rising 2,702 m above sea level, Mt. Hakusan is considered one of Japan's three sacred mountains, alongside Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama. Whether you're a beginner or a mountain-climbing expert, there's a trail here that's perfect for you! **8**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/hiking-mt-hakusan/>

This 1,736 m mountain offers a panoramic view of Mt. Hakusan and the Northern Alps. The Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road also has a parking area on this mountain, 1,445 m above sea level, where travelers can enjoy a walk along mountain ridge paths, perfect for beginners! **8**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/mt-sanpoiwa-hiking/>

Mt. Sanpoiwa



Kaga Coast Nature Trail



Located behind the Higashi Chaya District, this 141 m mountain is near the heart of Kanazawa, making it great for a casual hike — and from the top, you're rewarded with an incredible view of Kanazawa! **10**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/mt-utatsu/>

Mt. Utatsu



A 4 km walk along the gentle curves and rolling hills of the coastline of Kaga. Enjoy the natural beauty of the sandy hills and cliffs carved out by the rough waves, with a unique feel through each of the four seasons. **9**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/kaga-coast-nature-trail/>

Suzu Point Nature Trail



This walking trail extends from the reef area through a natural forest, eventually arriving at a sandy beach. The trail offers plenty of variety along its 8 km length, for a wonderful way to experience the grandeur of nature. **6**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/misaki-nature-trail/>



Cycling in the Hakusan Area

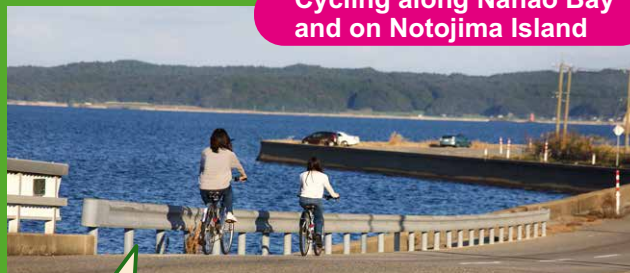
Cycling



Take a local train 30 minutes out from Kanazawa for a wonderful cycling destination: enjoy biking past rice fields surrounded by mountains, waterfalls, crystal-clear rivers, and other gorgeous Japanese countryside scenery. **10**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/hakusan-cycling/>

Cycling along Nanao Bay and on Notojima Island



Enjoy the refreshing sea breeze as you bike along the placid Nanao Bay, or enjoy a guided bicycle tour of Notojima Island led by a local, for an up-close look at island life. **11**

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/spots/nanao-bay-notojima-cycling/>

Grand Openings

Nezumitamon Gate & Bridge

Opened Jul.
18, 2020

Nezumitamon Gate and Bridge, serving as an entrance to the Kanaya Demaru citadel (now Oyama-jinja Shrine), where the feudal lord's family residence was located. After some 140 years, they have both been rebuilt! Visitors can now go directly from Kanazawa Castle Park to Oyama-jinja Shrine, passing first through Nezumitamon Gate, then crossing Nezumitamon Bridge — from there, it's not a long walk to the Nagamachi Samurai District, for a great new tour route of this beautiful castle town. Nezumitamon Gate and Bridge are also lit up on Fridays, Saturdays, and the nights before national holidays, for a lovely way to enjoy their stately, old-fashioned beauty.



<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kanazawajou/e/nezumitamon/>



National Crafts Museum

Opened Oct. 25, 2020

Japan's only national museum dedicated to crafts was recently relocated from Tokyo to Kanazawa, along with its incredible collection of some 1,900 items, including works by living national treasures and items that reveal the history of Japanese crafts.

Hours: 9:30 to 17:30 (last admission at 17:00)

Closed: Mon., during exhibition changes, and new year holidays

Admission: Paid (price varies by exhibition)

Access: Take the Kenrokuen Shuttle Bus to Pref. Museum of Art/Seisonkaku bus stop

<https://www.momat.go.jp/english/cg/>

Wakura Onsen Omatsuri Hall

Opened Jun. 1, 2020

This museum, dedicated to the region's festivals, opened last June in the hot spring town of Wakura Onsen. See a life-size model of a huge festival float 12 m tall, or enjoy a simulated festival experience — it's the next best thing to actually visiting during festivals!

Hours: 9:30 to 17:00 (last admission at 16:30)

Closed: 2nd & 4th Wed. and new year holidays

Admission: ¥800

Access: 20 min. walk from JR Wakuraonsen Sta.



<https://wakura-omatsuri.com/en/>

New Hotels



◆ Hyatt Centric Kanazawa **Opened Aug. 1, 2020**

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/japan/hyatt-centric-kanazawa/kmqct>

◆ eph Kanazawa **Opened Aug. 1, 2020**

<https://eph-hotel.com/kanazawa/>

◆ Super Hotel Premier Kanazawaeki Higashiguchi **Opened Sep. 5, 2020**

<https://www.superhoteljapan.com/en/s-hotels/kanazawa/>

◆ Daiwa Roynet Hotel Kanazawa Ekinishi **Opened Dec. 4, 2020**

<https://www.daiwaroynet.jp/en/kanazawa-ekinishi/>

◆ Henn na Hotel Komatsu **Opened Dec. 24, 2020**

<https://www.hennnahotel.com/komatsu/> (in Japanese only)

Helpful Info

As part of our website redesign last year, we have added a new Travel Trade & Media page.

<https://www.ishikawatravel.jp/en/travel-trade-and-media/>

The Learning Materials section features e-learning materials, including quizzes, as well as webinar videos showing off suggested itineraries, while the Photo Download section offers hundreds of royalty-free photos from Ishikawa that you can use in printed itinerary guides or flyers.

Coronavirus Updates for Ishikawa (in Japanese)

<https://stopcovid19.pref.ishikawa.jp/>

JNTO Coronavirus (COVID-19) Advisory Information (in English)

<https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/>

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