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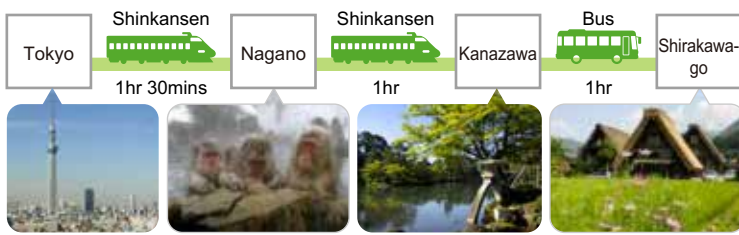
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3rd March 2015 Hokuriku Shinkansen Opening is fast approaching!



- **Kanazawa ⇄ Tokyo 2hrs 28mins**
- **Kagayaki express train – 18 round trips per day!**
Please see separate page for regular service and special service timetables.
- **Ride the Hokuriku Shinkansen with the Japan Rail Pass!**
Gran Class unavailable.
<http://www.japanrailpass.net/>
- **Quality on board facilities**
Plentiful legroom even on standard carriages
Power outlets on all seats
Toilets with warm water nozzles



Travel Fair The Hokuriku Shinkansen is being promoted at various travel expos! Come and take a look.

- **Germany Travel Exhibition (ITB Berlin 2015)**
Mar 4 – Mar 8 The Messe Berlin Exhibition Ground
- **Thailand International Travel Fair (TIFF)**
Feb 25 – Mar 1 Queen Sirikit National Convention Center Bangkok
- **Singapore International Travel Fair (Travel Revolution 2015)**
Mar 27 – Mar 29 Marina Bay Sands level B2 Exhibition Halls D, E and F
- **Malaysia Travel Exhibition (MATTA Fair KL)**
Mar 13 – Mar 15 Putra World Trade Centre (PWTC)

Discount Tickets for the Hokuriku Shinkansen!

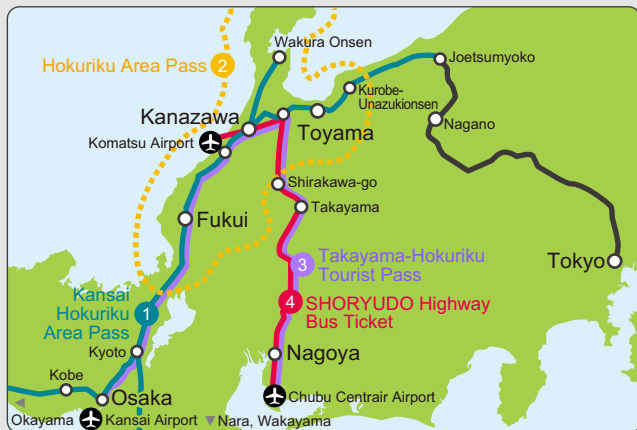
- 1 Kansai Hokuriku Area Pass**
A bargain unlimited train pass from Kansai International Airport to the Kansai and Hokuriku regions. (Hokuriku Shinkansen Areas of Validity: Between Kanazawa and Joetsu Myoko) *Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki unavailable.
- 2 Hokuriku Area Pass**
Hokuriku region (Toyama, Ishikawa and Fukui) unlimited train rides! (Hokuriku Shinkansen Areas of Validity: Between Kanazawa and Kurobe-Unazuki) *Hokuriku Shinkansen Kagayaki unavailable.

More great discount tickets!

- 3 Takayama-Hokuriku Tourist Pass**
Unlimited pass for JR trains and buses between Nagoya, Kanazawa and Osaka.
- 4 SHORYUDO Highway Bus Ticket**
Unlimited highway bus rides between Kanazawa, Shirakawa-go, Takayama and Nagoya. This convenient bargain of a pass will get you to some of Japan's most prominent sightseeing spots including Kanazawa castle town, world heritage Shirakawa-go and Takayama.



More buses between Kanazawa and Shirakawa-go – 8 round trips per day!
(From 14th March 2015)
Easier access to Shirakawa-go and Takayama from Kanazawa.
<http://www.hokutetsu.co.jp/news/270314takayama.pdf>



Gyokusenin-maru Garden 1

Garden of Light
Opens
7th March!

What is Gyokusenin-maru Garden?

This inner garden of Kanazawa Castle with its high stone walls is one of a kind. It has a history that is older than Kenrokuen Garden and the garden has been restored to its former glory of 380 years ago through research and documentation.



◀ Light-up displays featuring three transitional colour themes will be on show throughout the year on days before holidays. Discover another dazzling side of Kanazawa at night. (Fri, Sat and days before holidays - from sunset to 21:00)

▶ Indulge on original Japanese confectionery and matcha tea at the Gyokusen-an rest area.



Volunteer Guides at the Castle and Garden

Feel free to ask about Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden specialist guides. *Guides are only available at the reception on site and cannot be booked in advance. (Reception hours: 9:30 – 15:30)

- Enquiries Kanazawa Castle Kenrokuen Management Office (TEL: 076-234-3800)
- Access 20mins by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Kenrokuen-shita

Cherry Blossoms

Kenrokuen Garden & Kanazawa Castle (Kanazawa City) 1

Witness the beautiful sight of cherry blossoms in full bloom at one of Japan's great gardens and symbol of the castle town at Kenrokuen and Kanazawa Castle Park. A light-up event will be held during the blooming period.

- Blooming Period: early April – mid April
- Enquiries: Kanazawa Castle Kenrokuen Management Office (TEL: 076-234-3800)
- Access: 20mins by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Kenrokuen-shita

Noto Sakura Station (Anamizu Town) 2

The view of the tunnel of cherry blossoms from the train carriages is a must see. Noto Satoyama Satoumi sightseeing trains and vinyl decorated wrapped trains are also running.

- Blooming Period: mid April – late April
- Enquiries: NotoTetsudou Corporation (TEL: 0768-52-4422)
- Access: 1hr by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Change to Noto Tetsudo railway at Wakura Onsen Station, approximately 30mins.

Daishoji River Boat (Kaga City) 3

Be enchanted by pure Japanese elegance with views of the cherry blossoms from a houseboat gently floating down the river.

- Blooming Period: early April – mid April
- Enquiries: Kaga Tabi Machi Net (TEL 0761-72-6678)
- Access: 40mins by train from Kanazawa Station → 15mins walk from Daishoji Station



What's New



Kagaya Inn No.1 for 35th Consecutive Year 4

Wakura hot spring Kagaya has been crowned number 1 for the 35th consecutive year out of the 100 hotels and lodges of Japan chosen by specialists. Experience Japan's number 1 for hospitality yourself!

■ Enquiries (TEL 0767-62-4111)
<http://www.kagaya.co.jp/>

5 Noto Satoyama Satoumi Sightseeing Trains Per day! 5

Lose yourself in the enchanting scenery of the Noto region in 70 minutes between Nanao and Anamizu.

<http://www.nototetsu.co.jp/satoyamasatoumisyouisai.pdf>

Mazinger Z Train in Service!



■ Enquiries: NotoTetudou Corporation (TEL: 0768-52-4422)
<http://www.nototetsu.co.jp/html/zikoku.html>



Tourist Information Centres 4



Tourist Information Centres

Tourist information centres in Ishikawa that have been approved by the Japan National Tourism Organization (JNTO) have risen by 9 to 19. Services are provided with the utmost dedication. Look out for the sign of approval and feel free to ask for information.

■ List of Tourist Information Centres (JNTO)
<http://www.jnto.go.jp/eng/arrange/travel/guide/voffice.php>



Tax-Free Stores

There are now more items exempt from taxes and claiming back tax has been made easier. Stores with tax-free shopping has also increased.

■ List of Tax-Free Stores (JNTO)
<http://tax-freeshop.jnto.go.jp/eng/shop-list.php>
(64 shops currently listed as of 18th February 2015)

Foreign Currency Exchange Service at Kanazawa Station From March 2015!

Travel money exchange counter coming to Nippon Travel Agency Kanazawa branch at Kanazawa Station on 7th March!

Money can be exchanged with 33 different foreign currencies!



Openings



Hotel Mystays Kanazawa Grand Opening! (23rd November 2014) 1

5mins walk from Kanazawa Station. All of the spacious rooms are 30m2 or larger.

■ Enquiries: TEL 076-290-5255
<http://www.mystays.com/location/kanazawa/>



AB Hotel Kanazawa Opening (18th April 2015) 1

1min walk from Kanazawa Station. Grand opening of a conveniently located hotel!

■ Enquiries: TEL 076-221-1305
<http://www.ab-hotel.jp/>



Public Hotel Shintatemachi Opening (28th January 2015) 1

10mins walk to Kenrokuen Garden. A new guesthouse in the centre of Kanazawa.

■ Enquiries: FAX 076-231-5335
E-mail info@pb-hotel.com
<http://pb-hotel.com/>



Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel Renewal Opening (October 2014) 1

The hotel is refurbished with an interior that displays the traditional culture of Kanazawa.

■ Enquiries: TEL 076-231-2411
http://www.tokyuhotelsjapan.com/en/TH/TH_KANAZ/index.html



Sainoniwa Hotel Opening (9th March 2015) 1

Kanazawa style of elegance with gardens with the colors of the four seasons.

■ Enquiries: TEL 076-235-5111
<http://www.sainoniwa-hotel.jp/>

Topics



◀ Kanazawa Castle & Kenrokuen Garden Light-Up ~Shinkansen Opening Special Event~ 1

■ Mar 14 (Sat) – Mar 22 (Sun) 18:30 – 21:00



▼ Kanazawa Castle Projection Mapping 1

■ Dates: May 3 – May 4 (17:30 – 21:00)

Be amazed by one of Japan's largest high quality light shows.

■ Enquiries: Shinkansen Kanazawa Opening Memorial Project Committee / Kanazawa City Hall (TEL: 076-220-2759)

*Image is of previous event



▲ Seihaku Festival (Nanao City) 4

Japan's largest Hikiyama float is paraded through the city.

■ Dates: May 3 – May 5

■ Access: 1hr by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Nanao Station

■ Enquiries: TEL 0767-53-8424 Nanao Tourism Association

Otabi Festival (Komatsu City) 6

See the magnificent Hikiyama floats and adorable children's Kabuki theatre.

■ Dates: May 8 – May 10

■ Access: 20mins by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Komatsu Station



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