

# Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

## Recommended Autumn Events and Information

Introducing spots perfect  
for enjoying autumn, and  
fun autumn activities.

### Autumn Leaf Viewing Spots

#### Kenrokuen

Kanazawa 1

**Viewing period:** Early November to Early December  
Ishikawa's most famous tourist spot. The view of its pond and famous lantern beautifully arranged against the backdrop of the changing leaves is a must-see. An autumn leaves light-up event will also be held.

**November 17th (Fri) ~ December 9th (Sat) 17:30~21:00**

● **Access:** 20min by bus from Kanazawa Station, get off at Kenrokuen-shita bus stop  
<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kenrokuen/index.html>

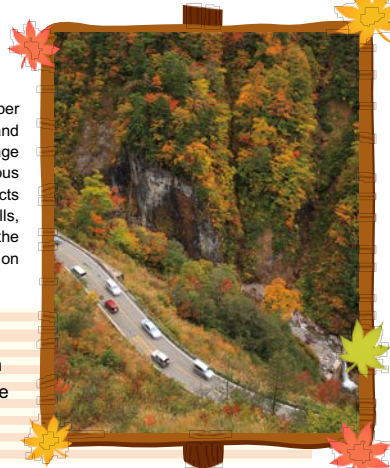


#### Hakusan-Shirakawagō White Road

From Hakusan City to Shirakawa Village, Ono District, Gifu Prefecture 2

**Viewing period:** Early October to Late October  
Along this 33km road connecting Hakusan and the village of Shirakawagō, a World Heritage Site, there are several spots with gorgeous views. There is a walking path which connects the Jidani Valley Park to Ubagataki Falls, where you can enjoy walking while viewing the autumn leaves and waterfalls. (15~20min on foot, one-way)

● **Access:** ~90min to Shirakawagō Interchange from Kanazawa Station by car, ~70min from Chūgū Toll Gate  
<http://hs-whiteroad.jp/>



#### Kakusenkei Valley

Kaga City Yamanaka Onsen

**Viewing period:** Early November to Late November  
Colorful leaves brighten up this ~1.3km long river valley in the autumn, making for a beautiful sight. You can enjoy a 360° view of the leaves from the walking path alongside the river.

● **Access:** 25min from Kanazawa Station by train, get off at Kaga Onsen Station, then 24min by tour bus (CANBUS) Yamamawari route, get off at Yamanaka Onsen Kiku-no-yu-Yamanaka-za bus stop  
<http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/>



#### Natadera

Komatsu City 4

**Viewing Period:** Early November to Late November  
During autumn at Natadera, a temple with over 1300 years of history, the temple's ponds and stone formations make for a gorgeous view against a colorful backdrop of autumn leaves.

● **Access:** 25min from Kanazawa Station by train, get off at Kaga Onsen Station, then 35min by tour bus (CANBUS) Yamamawari route, get off at Natadera bus stop  
<http://www.natadera.com/>

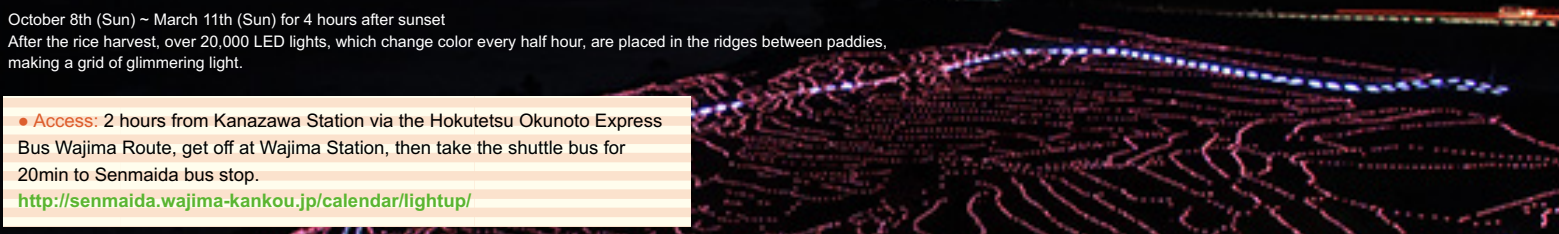


### Autumn Spots

#### Shiroyone Senmaida Terraced Rice Paddies Light-Up 5

October 8th (Sun) ~ March 11th (Sun) for 4 hours after sunset  
After the rice harvest, over 20,000 LED lights, which change color every half hour, are placed in the ridges between paddies, making a grid of shimmering light.

● **Access:** 2 hours from Kanazawa Station via the Hokutetsu Okunoto Express Bus Wajima Route, get off at Wajima Station, then take the shuttle bus for 20min to Senmaida bus stop.  
<http://senmaida.wajima-kankou.jp/calendar/lightup/>







## Japanese Cooking Activity

## Kanazawa Salon 1

A cooking class with a focus on Japanese fermented foods. In this atmospheric old Japanese-style house, you can learn how to make everything from the most basic dashi-maki egg, a staple of Japanese cooking, to a full-course meal, all in English.

## • Sample pricing

Half course (7 dishes): ¥3,200~  
Full course (11 dishes): ¥6,800

## • Time Required

Half course: 2 hours,  
Full course: 3.5 hours

## • Access:

15min walking  
from Kanazawa  
Station

English Available

up to 8 participants

reservation required

<http://www.cookingkanazawa.com/>

## Kanazawa Sushi 1

Make Oshizushi (pressed sushi) using 10 local ingredients in this cooking activity.

## • Cost: ¥2,700

## • Time required: 30~40min

• Access: 7min by bus from Kanazawa Station, get off at Hashiba-chō bus stop (located within the Higashi-chayagai tea district)

Groups ok

reservation required

<http://kanawasushi.com/experience/>

## Oshizushi-making Activity



## News

## New Promotional Video for Ishikawa Prefecture Aimed at Foreign Tourists Completed



Ishikawa Prefecture has produced a new promotional video in hopes of raising awareness of Ishikawa overseas. With a 20 minute version and a 5 minute version, the video advertises Ishikawa's many merits, such as its history and culture, its beautiful four seasons and delicious food, and its ease of access. It was uploaded on Youtube in July. Please give it a look!

Full Video (20min) <https://youtu.be/cJLjW625V7I>Short Video (5min) [https://youtu.be/tjI3\\_xwNynI](https://youtu.be/tjI3_xwNynI)

## Niwaka Workshop 6

You can make soba noodles using buckwheat flour produced locally in Torigoe and then eat your own handmade noodles. At the end of September you can also enjoy the beautiful sight of the buckwheat flowers in full bloom.

- Cost 1 bowl (up to 4 people): ¥2,000
- cost of activity: ¥500
- cost of soba sample: ¥100
- Time required: 1 hour
- Access: 60min by car from Kanazawa Station

Groups ok

reservations required

<http://www.niwakakoubou.jp/>

## Soba-making Activity



## Wagashi-making activity



Groups ok

reservations required

## Koshiyama Kanseido 1

Learn how to make wagashi (traditional Japanese sweets) from a professional in this activity.

## • Cost: ¥1,000

## • Time required: 40min

• Access: 10min walking from Kanazawa Station

<http://www.koshiyamakanseido.jp/wagashi-taiken.html>

## Tawaraya 1

At Tawaraya, a confectionery in operation for over 180 years, you can use bamboo chopsticks to scoop viscous honey-like candy from a wooden barrel into a pot-shaped container which you can take home with you.

## • Cost: ¥1,500

## • Time required: 30min

• Access: 5min by bus from Kanazawa station, get off at Kobashi bus stop

Groups ok

reservations required

<http://www.ame-tawaraya.co.jp/index.html>

## Sugar bottling activity



## Yamato Shōyu-Miso 7

In this cooking activity, you can try making miso soup with two different kinds of miso—one with a long fermentation period, and another with a shorter one—so you can taste the difference in flavor.

## • Cost: ¥1,000 • Time Required: 20min

• Access: 30min by bus from Kanazawa station, get off at Ōno bus stop, walk for 3min

English Available

groups ok

reservation required

<http://www.yamato-soysauce-miso.co.jp/koujipark.html>

## Miso Soup Cooking Activity



## Kenrokuen 1 Yukizuri Raising

From November 1st until mid-December, Kenrokuen's professional gardeners will be raising Yukizuri, conical bamboo and rope support structures which protect Kenrokuen's trees from the weight of the heavy snow. Come watch the skilled gardeners at work and enjoy the sight of a traditional winter staple in Ishikawa.



## Start of Express Bus Route from Kanazawa to Sendai



- Cost: ¥9,500~9,900 one-way
- Days of Operation: Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Holidays, Days Before Holidays

Departs Kanazawa Station (22:10) →  
Arrives at Sendai Station (7:20)

Departs Sendai Station (23:00) →  
Arrives at Kanazawa Station (8:10)

See homepage for more details: <https://www.nishinihonjrbus.co.jp/search/>



## Special Feature

# Autumn Tour of Ishikawa's Modern Architecture

Some of the best features of Ishikawa prefecture are its many historical townscapes, which have been preserved since the time of the samurai thanks to Ishikawa being largely unaffected by the ravages of war for so many years. However, there are also many excellent examples of modern architecture which blend seamlessly with the more traditional surrounding architecture. Why not try experiencing traditional samurai culture while also viewing modern works of architecture?



## Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art 1

A modern art museum in the center of Kanazawa. The circular building has ceiling-to-floor glass windows on all sides, and ignores the concept of a "main entrance", so visitors can enter freely via any entrance. In this free and open environment, locals and tourists alike can casually enjoy viewing modern art.

Cost:	Both free and admission-fee areas (see homepage for details)
Hours of Operation:	Free Areas: 9:00~22:00 Admission-fee Areas: 10:00~18:00
Access:	15min by bus from Kanazawa Station, get off at Hirosaka-21st Century Museum bus stop
Inquiries:	<a href="http://www.kanazawa21.jp/">http://www.kanazawa21.jp/</a>



©D.T.Suzuki Museum

## D.T. Suzuki Museum 1

This museum was opened to convey the ideas and teach about the impact of D.T. Suzuki, a world-renowned Buddhist philosopher who lived in Kanazawa, and to create a space for visitors to quietly contemplate. The building is designed around three long-roofed buildings connected by three cloisters, creating a quiet space which encourages visitors to learn, reflect, and think deeply.

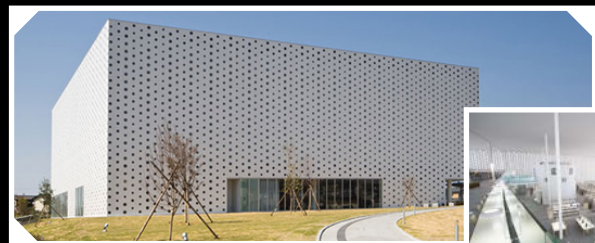
Cost:	Adult ¥300 Under 18 Free
Hours of Operation:	9:30~17:00
Access:	15min by bus from Kanazawa Station, get off at Honda-machi bus stop
Inquiries:	<a href="http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/daisetz/english/index.html">http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/daisetz/english/index.html</a>



## Nishida Kitarō Museum of Philosophy 8

This building was designed with the theme of "thinking" in mind. The interior is convoluted, almost like a maze, forcing visitors to think carefully about the path they take as they progress through the building. The area around the building is beautifully illuminated from sunset until 21:30.

Cost:	Adults ¥300, Under 18 Free
Hours of Operation:	9:00~21:00
Access:	30min by train from Kanazawa Station, get off at Unoke Station, then 20min walking
Inquiries:	<a href="http://www.nishidatetsugakukan.org/index.html">http://www.nishidatetsugakukan.org/index.html</a>



## Kanazawa Umimirai Library 7

In Japan, we associate autumn with reading. This stunningly unique library, housed in an all-white building dotted with countless circular windows, has been favorably reviewed overseas; it placed on the World's 20 Most Stunning Libraries ranking in an American travel guide and was included on a list of the world's best super-libraries by the BBC.

Cost:	Free
Hours of Operation:	Weekdays 10:00~19:00, Weekends and Holidays 10:00~17:00
Access:	7min walking from Kanazawa station to Nakabashi bus stop, 20min by bus to Kanazawa Umimirai Library bus stop
Inquiries:	<a href="http://www.lib.kanazawa.ishikawa.jp/umimirai/index.html">http://www.lib.kanazawa.ishikawa.jp/umimirai/index.html</a>

## Tsuzumi-mon Gate (Kanazawa Station) 1

This beautiful gate acts as the main entrance to Kanazawa city center from Kanazawa station. It was designed to resemble a tsuzumi, a hand drum used in Kaga Hōshō Noh performances, a traditional form of Noh theater originating in Kanazawa. The station's design has been highly praised overseas, and was included in American travel publication Travel and Leisure's list of the World's Most Beautiful Train Stations.

