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# Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

Special  
Feature

1300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Noto Province!

Experience both the **intensity** and the **peacefulness** of Noto



## Noto's Kiriko Festivals

The Noto peninsula is home to many ancient festivals that are still celebrated to this day. Among these are the Kiriko festivals, celebrated from July through September across the Noto peninsula, which are a must-see. These traditional events are recognized as "Japan Heritage" by the Agency for Cultural Affairs. The giant Kiriko lanterns, which can reach up to 15m in height and 2 tons in weight, are carried around town by local groups of strapping young men. Come enjoy the sights of the rich cultural tradition of Kiriko festivals!

Visit the link below for more information and  
schedules for the Kiriko festivals.

<https://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/kiriko/en/index.php>

Check It Out!

**Come to the Issaki-Houtou festival in Nanao,  
where once a year men of the sea gather and  
go wild! ①**

**Date** Saturday August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
**Location** Issaki, Nanao City  
**Access** ~1 hour by train from Kanazawa Station to JR Wakura Onsen station, then ~10min on foot

**Come see a free public performance and  
experience the impressive power of  
Gojinjo Taiko drumming! ②**

**Date** April 28th to November 4th\*  
\* Every day from July to September except August 30th  
\* July 31st and August 1st performances at Meifune-Taisai festival  
8:30pm-8:50pm  
**Performance Time** Wajima Kiroko Art Museum, Omotenashi Plaza (Wajima Marine Town)  
**Location** 2 hours by limited express bus from Kanazawa Station to Wajima Marine Town  
**Access** [http://www.gojinjodaiko.jp/en\\_top.html](http://www.gojinjodaiko.jp/en_top.html)



**Come see Noto's  
beautiful scenery,  
including Tsukumo bay**



Tsukumo bay stretches 1km to the East and West and 1.5km to the North and South, with 13km of densely-forested coastline. The beautiful sight of the clear sea water intertwining with the landscape has made this one of Japan's Top 100 Scenic Spots. Try walking along the coastline of Tsukumo bay, where you can see the local wildlife from close-up, or enjoy a luxurious time aboard a cruise boat as you view the clear water of the bay.

**Location** Noto-cho Otsusaka  
**Access** 45min from Noto Satoyama Airport by Furusato Taxi; 2 hours and 40 minutes by bus (Ushitsu-Mawaki Limited Express), get off at Otsusaka, then 4 minutes on foot



## Seashore viewing path ③ (Noto Marine Center)

**Hour of operation** 9:00am~5:00pm  
**Time required** ~1 hour  
**Cost** Free

## Tsukumo Bay Seaside Park Cruise Boat ③

**Hours of Operation** 8:00am~5:00pm  
**Time required** ~40min  
**Cost** Adults ¥1,000,  
Children ¥500

departure  
times based  
on demand





## Unique Cycling Experience Kurashi no saikuru

### Notojima Island

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The cycling tour guided by enthusiastic biology & environment specialists is now available! Notojima as an island benefits from a microclimate and is sunk in clear & still seawater. Easy to reach by bridge, it offers a fascinating landscape on its gently eroded coastlines. People lived here for thousands of years and drew their existence from abundant fishery resources and agriculture. Discover fisherman villages with traditional houses and their shiny black-tiled roofs scattered in harbors, tranquil farming fields with sea and mountain views. Bilingual guide.

Reception desk location:  
Kodamachi, Notojima

Access:  
58 min. by train from JR Kanazawa Station,  
get off at JR Wakura Onsen Station,  
then 26min by local bus (pick-up service possible)

[Tour Schedule]

[Cost (including bike rental, guide and insurance)]

[Inquiries and Reservations]

[Other]

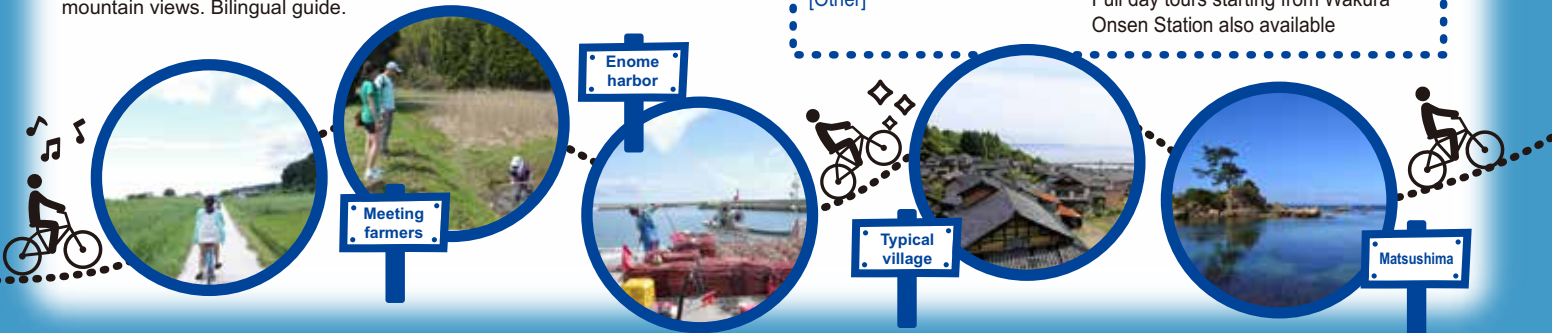
① 9:00am-12:30pm ② 1:30pm-5:00pm  
(Private tours available)

Adults ¥6,300, Children ¥4,000

info@notonote.com

Mr. Hajime KOYAMA

Full day tours starting from Wakura  
Onsen Station also available



## Enjoy summer to the fullest with fireworks and onsen!

Enjoy viewing fireworks from the comfort of a hot  
spring at one of Ishikawa's many onsen resorts!

### Katayamazu Onsen Fireworks Festival

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During the month of August, there are daily fireworks displays at Katayamazu Onsen. On August 16th, the gentle light of countless lanterns on Lake Shibayama make for a romantic sight. Enjoy the sight of fireworks brilliantly illuminating the surface of the lake in tandem with the lake's giant fountain.

[Date] August 1<sup>st</sup> (Wed) ~ August 31<sup>st</sup> (Fri)  
Starts at ~9:15pm, continues for ~10min

[Location] Lake Shibayama shore

### Wakura Onsen Summer Fireworks

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The Sanshaku-dama fireworks used at this festival are some of the largest in the Hokuriku region! Come see them and watch as the night sky over Wakura Onsen is lit up by over 3,000 fireworks.

[Date] August 2nd (Thurs)  
8:30pm~9:30pm

[Location] Wakura Onsen Wakuwaku  
Plaza (Wakura Harbor)

Summertime means fun at  
the beach!  
Come enjoy the Sea of Japan!

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Location: Uchinada Beach (15min by train from Hokutetsu  
Kanazawa Station to Hokutetsu Uchinada Station,  
then 15min by foot)

## Enjoy nature and see beautiful sights of Mount Hakusan on the Sanpo-Iwadake Trek!

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Location: Chugu, Hakusan City  
(~1hr30min by car from JR Kanazawa Station)

Mount Hakusan is one of the three most famous mountains in Japan alongside Mount Tateyama and Mount Fuji. The Hakusan-Shirakawa White Road winds through the beautiful nature surrounding Hakusan. Along the way, you'll find the Sanpo-Iwadake parking lot, which is the start of a mountain trail leading up to Sanpo-Iwadake peak. After a ~50min trek, you'll be treated to a gorgeous 360° view of not only Hakusan, but also many other mountains of the Northern Alps, including Tateyama, Mount Hotakadake, and Mount Norikura.

[Climbing Season]

June 15th to November 10th  
(Dates subject to change)

[Time Required]

About 50min walking distance  
one-way from Sanpo-Iwadake Parking Lot

Access information available via the link below

<http://hs-whiteroad.jp/en/>



# News

## Newly-renovated Ocean View Corridor at Notojima Aquarium (as of April 27<sup>th</sup>) 4

Enjoy a sweeping view of the entirety of a huge fish tank, or get up-close and personal with the fish in a viewing dome in this newly-renovated exhibit, which also features projection mapping, a first for aquariums along the Sea of Japan! You'll feel just like you're walking on the sea floor as you walk through this beautiful corridor.

- [Location] Notojima Magarimachi, Nanao (~1hr by train from JR Kanazawa Station to JR Wakura Onsen Station, then ~30min by bus to Notojima Seaside Park)
- [Hours of Operation] 9:00am~5:00pm (March 20<sup>th</sup>~November 30<sup>th</sup>)  
9:00am~4:30pm (December 1<sup>st</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>)  
\*No entry 30min before closing
- [Cost] Middle School age and below (older than 3y.o.) ¥510  
Adults (High School age and up) ¥1,850

## New Komatsu City Tourism Website 8

Check it out!

Komatsu City, famous as the home of Natadera Temple and Awazu Onsen and for its rich Kabuki culture, has a new tourism website available in English, Japanese, and Mandarin. Check out the new website for information on Komatsu's many popular spots!

<https://www.explorekomatsu.com/en/>



## Have fun learning about gold leaf at the newly-reopened Hakukokan Gold Leaf Museum! 9

This museum has a lot to offer to kids and adults alike, including projection mapping shows in the Gold Leaf Chamber and informational sections where you can learn about the history of gold leaf and how it's made. You can even see what you'd look like in a gold leaf helmet and set of armor with an interactive virtual display! Informational panels with 8 different languages (Japanese, English, Mandarin, Korean, Russian, French, Spanish, and German) are available. The museum also has a gift shop, an activity corner, and a café where you can eat gold leaf ice cream, making it perfect for individuals or groups.

- [Location] 2 Chome-1-1 Morito, Kanazawa  
(20min by car from JR Kanazawa Station, parking space for up to 6 large tour buses available)
- [Hours of Operation] 9:00am~6:00pm \*Open year-round (closed on January 1st)  
Activity sign-up ends at 4:00pm/Café closes at 5:00pm

[Visit the link below more information or to make a reservation] <https://enkanazawa.hakuichi.co.jp/>



## Lodging Information

Ishikawa has excellent onsen resorts in each of its three main areas.



### Noto Area

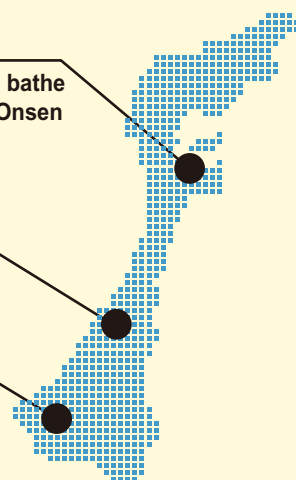
You can look at the sea as you bathe at Wakura Onsen and Wajima Onsen

### Kanazawa Area

Okuzashiki, Yuwaku Onsen, and Fukutani Onsen

### Kaga-Hakusan Area

Kaga Onsen Town, which consists of four different onsen resorts (Yamanaka, Yamashiro, Katayamaz, and Awazu), and Hakusan Ichirino Onsen in Hakusan



Visit the link below for lodging information:

<https://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/english/attraction/accomodation.html>

## Ruby Roman Grapes

These premium grapes grown in Ishikawa are known for their size, sweetness, and red color. They're in season from late August to mid-September. Available for purchase at any of the following locations (single grapes also available for purchase)

- Roadside Station Takamatsu (Noto Satoyama Kaido Takamatsu Service Area)
- Korinbo Daiwa (Kanazawa)
- Meitetsu M'za (Kanazawa)
- Kanazawa Hyakubangai (Kanazawa Station)

[Access to Roadside Station Takamatsu]  
~45min from Kanazawa Station by Hokutetsu Noto Bus (Togi Express Line) to Takamatsu Service Area

Hot Tip!

