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Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

Special

Autumn leaves in Ishikawa

Hakusan Shirakawago White Road 1

Hakusan City, Ishikawa Pref. – Shirakawa Village Ono District, Gifu Pref.

Autumn
leaves period:
Early October –
Late October

The 33.3km stretch of road has many great spots for viewing autumn leaves. There are also many waterfalls including the Ubagataki waterfall which is one of the top 100 waterfalls in Japan.

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

Extra tour from Kanazawa Station to Shirakawago/Takayama via Hakusan Shirakawago White Road

White Ring Co.,
http://whitering.co.jp/home_jp.html



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Kakusenkei Gorge 2

Take a walk along the path that follows the stream and get a 360° view of breath taking scenery.
<http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/>
(Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association)

Access:
25 minutes by train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at JR Kaga Onsen Station → 24 minutes by Kaga CAN Bus on the Interior Route → Alight at Yamanaka Onsen Kiku no Yu/Yamanaka-za



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Early December

Kenrokuen Garden 3

The garden is a symbol of Ishikawa and is popular amongst both tourists and locals. Many come to view the outstanding scenery when the leaves turn red.
<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kenrokuen/index.html>

Access:
20 minutes by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Kenrokuen-shita



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Natadera Temple 4

This temple has 1300 years of history and is surrounded by natural beauty. The expansive grounds have dazzling scenery with its harmonious blend of rocky mountains, lakes and red autumn leaves.
<http://www.natadera.com/>

Access:
25 minutes by train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at JR Kaga Onsen Station → 30 minutes by Kaga CAN Bus on the Interior Route → Alight at Natadera Temple



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Yamanotera Temple Area 5

There is a total of 16 temples in the area. One of these is the Hongyoji Temple which has been dubbed "the Japanese maple temple". Explore the area and view the seasonal colours of the flora, including beech trees that are 700 years old.
<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/sys/data?page-id=6686>

Access:
1 hour by train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at JR Nanao Station → 15 minute walk

Events & News



Hanayome-Noren Tourist Train in Service



JR West will be running the Hanayome-Noren bridal dress tourist train from 3rd October. Trains will run between Kanazawa and Wakura Onsen, and the ride will be about 80 minutes long, 20 minutes slower than the normal limited express train, to give passengers time to soak up the amazing views from the spacious carriages. Hop on board to get a great view of Ishikawa!



- Service Dates
Weekends and public holidays (Mon/Tue/Fri services till end of December also)
- Departure Times
From Kanazawa: 10:15, 14:15
From Wakura Onsen: 12:07, 16:03
- Capacity
52 seats (all reserved seating)
- Fare
¥2,750 (Kanazawa – Wakura Onsen)
- Ticket Office
JR Ticket Offices and major travel agents in Japan

Don't just ride the Hanayome-Noren train, jump on the Okunoto tour bus too!

Noto Peninsula Tour Bus – Noto Kojji

- Service Period
3rd October 2015 – 27th March 2016 (Weekends and public holidays)
- Course

11:55 Depart from Wakura Onsen Station



Mitsukejima

Shiroyone Senmaida



Wajima Kiriko Art Museum



17:20 Arrive at Wakura Onsen Station

- Fare
Adult: ¥5,500 Child: ¥3,300 (Includes bento lunch and entrance to Wajima Kiriko Art Museum)
*Reservations are to be made by 12:00pm the day before the tour date)
- Enquiries
Hokuriku Railroad Reservation Centre (9:00-18:00)
TEL: 076-234-0123

Crab fishing season begins!

Crab fishing season will at long last start from 6th November! The Ishikawa snow crabs known as Kano Crabs are dubbed as winter's King of Flavour, and these crabs are at their best between November and February. In conjunction with the start of crab season there will be crab tasting events up and down the prefecture.



Wajima Crab Festival 2015 6

When: 15th November 9:00 – 14:00
Where: Wajima Marine Town Special Event Site

■ Access:
2 hours by Hokutetsu Okunoto express bus from Kanazawa Station to Wajima → Alight at Marine Town

Wajima, Shiroyone Senmaida – Azeno Kirameki 8

10th October 2015 – 13th March 2016 *scheduled

A magical illumination display is held at the Senmaida rice fields in Wajima, Noto. The fields are lit up with 21,000 solar LEDs and made it to the Guinness Book of World Records in 2012. The lights change between pink and gold every 30 minutes giving off a wonderful ambience.

<http://wajimanavi.lg.jp/www/event/detail.jsp?id=1480>

■ Access:
2 hours by express bus for Noto from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Wajima Eki-Mae → 20 minutes by special bus → Alight at Senmaida

Images from last year's event ▼
<http://www.ikwajimagyokyo.jf-net.ne.jp/news/2014/1001.html>

First Crab of the Season Festival 7

When: 15th November 10am – 1pm
Where: Hazuchiwo gakudo, Yamashiro Onsen, Kaga City

■ Access:
25 minutes by train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at JR Kaga Onsen Station → 45 minutes by Kaga CAN Bus on the Interior Route → Alight at Yamashiro Onsen

<http://tabimati.net/event/detail.php?p=491>

Recommended crab season special menu!

Kanimen

Kanimen is made from crab shells stuffed with crab meat and innards, and is put into oden hot pot dishes. It is a popular choice on the Kanazawa oden menu available only during crab fishing season.



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Kanazawa Castle / Kenrokuen

Light-up – Autumn 3

Admission to the garden is free during the light-up period. The illuminated snow covers and autumn leaves during November should not be missed.

Dates: 18th September – 20th September, 18:30 – 21:00
2nd October – 4th October, 18:30 – 21:00
20th November – 29th November, 17:30 – 21:00



Takayama-Hokuriku Area Tourist Pass is Back!

The Takayama-Hokuriku Area Tourist has been made available again since July. The pass can be used for: JR conventional lines between Kansai International Airport and Osaka; Hokuriku Shinkansen trains between Kanazawa and Toyama; and highway buses between Shintakaoka, Gokayama and Shirakawago. The pass provides unlimited rides on these services for 5 days. Use the pass to visit Ishikawa!

Fare: ¥13,500 (¥6,750 for 6 – 12 year olds)

Details: ▶ <http://touristpass.jp/ja/>



Shoryudo Express Bus Ticket is Back! (from 1st October)

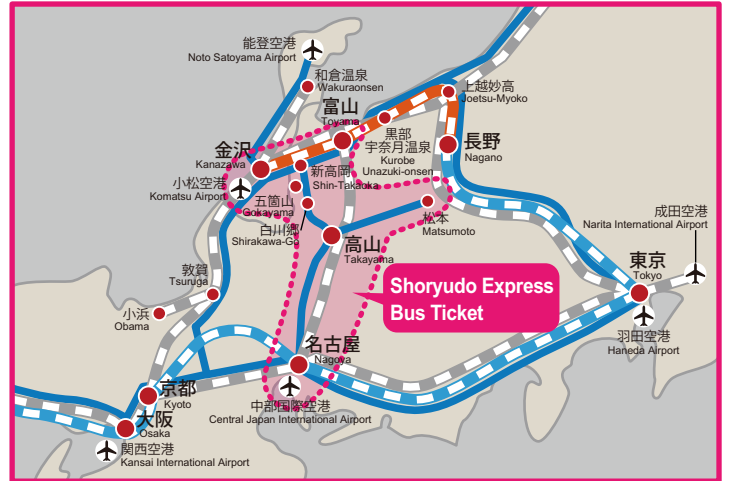
The Shoryudo Express Bus Ticket allowed unlimited rides on all express buses between Kanazawa, Shirakawa, Takayama, and Nagoya. But wait, there is more! The ticket now allows for buses that go to Gokayama Gashozukuri and Matsumoto City in Nagano Prefecture. Take advantage of this great deal and visit Kanazawa, Shirakawago world heritages and more!

Available for purchase in the following countries and regions:

Korea, China, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Malaysia

1) 3 day pass: ¥7,000 2) 5 day pass: ¥14,000

Details: ▶ <http://www.meitetsu.co.jp/eng/ticket-info/shoryudo.html>



Topics



Kenrokuen Yukizuri 3

Yukizuri snow covers to protect tree branches from heavy snowfall will be put up in Kenrokuen garden on 1st November. Each rope is manually attached one by one. Come and visit the garden to marvel at the works getting ready for winter.



Ishikawa tourist spot added to the Michelin Guide

Michelin Green Guide Japan, which has been used by many travelers to Ishikawa, recently added Ishikawa's Natadera Temple to the guide with one star. This now takes the number of featured places from Ishikawa to 39.

Tourist information centre opened in Nanao Station

A tourist information centre opened at the main entrance of JR Nanao Station. The centre has touchpad terminals installed making it convenient for tourists from abroad to get travel information about the Noto region.



Ishikawa produced Tengumai sake wins gold at USA awards ceremony 10

Tengumai Yamahai Junmai Daiginjo sake, brewed by Syata Syuzou brewery in Hakusan, won gold in the Sake Best of Class category at the Los Angeles International Wine & Spirits Competition. Sake season is approaching as we move from autumn to winter. Travelers to Ishikawa should definitely try the local liquor.

