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# Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

Recommended Autumn Information

## Fun Autumn Activities

Enjoy the colorful autumn leaves!



### New Trekking Trail on Hakusan-Shirakawago White Road 1

A new trekking trail has opened along the Hakusan-Shirakawago White Road, a 33.3km road connecting Hakusan in Ishikawa Prefecture with the historical village of Shirakawago in Gifu Prefecture. The new 3.4km (round-trip) trail is beautifully maintained, so even novice mountaineers give it a try. The trail goes along mountain ridges which offer incredible views, and from the peak of Sanpo-Iwadake mountain you can see a 360° panoramic view of Hakusan and Tateyama, two of Japan's Three Holy Mountains.

**Access** 1hr 25min by car from Kanazawa Station to Chugu Toll Booth → 35min by car from Chugu Toll Booth to Toga no Kidai Parking Lot



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

Check out the driving course on page 3 which includes this spot! ⇩

Enjoy walking along a quiet path



### Shiosai no Michi 2

You can look out over the peaceful waters of Anamizu Bay as you stroll along this 2km walking path. Enjoy the relaxing sounds of the wind blowing through the trees, the gentle lapping of waves against the shore, and the wind blowing off the sea. In the evenings, you can also see beautiful sight of the sun setting over Nanao Bay in the distance.

**Location** Anamizu-machi, Kawashima  
<https://goo.gl/maps/5e4cGdHkqvq3ybCo7>

**Access** 1hr via Limited Express train from Kanazawa Station to Wakura Onsen Station → Transfer to Noto Railway, get off at Anamizu Station → 10min walking



Enjoy cycling along the coastline!

### Nanao Bay Cycling Course 3

The Noto Peninsula is surrounded by beautiful coastline on all sides, making it the perfect place to enjoy cycling while viewing gorgeous scenic views.



**Start Point** Wakura Onsen Station  
**End Point** Noto Railway Nishigishi Station  
**Distance** 20km one-way

**Bicycle Rental Shop** Wakura Onsen Tourism Center (1hr via train from Kanazawa Station → get off at Wakura Onsen Station → 20min walking)

**Rental Times** 9AM to 5PM

On the Noto Railway you can take your rental bicycle with you on the train, so you can take the train back to Wakura Onsen Station after completing the course.

▶ Course Map (Google Maps): <https://bit.ly/2Mx1ea1>

Enjoy cycling through nature!

### Tedori Canyon Road 4

This cycling path runs along an old abandoned railway line that goes through Tedori Canyon. The path offers beautiful views of the canyon, including the Watagataki waterfall, and is completely separated from the roadway, making it the perfect place for a relaxing cycling tour. In September, along the way you can also enjoy the sight of the buckwheat fields in bloom.



**Start and End Point** Tsurugi Station Buckwheat Fields

**Halfway Point** Roadside Station Sena

**Distance** ~42km (round trip)

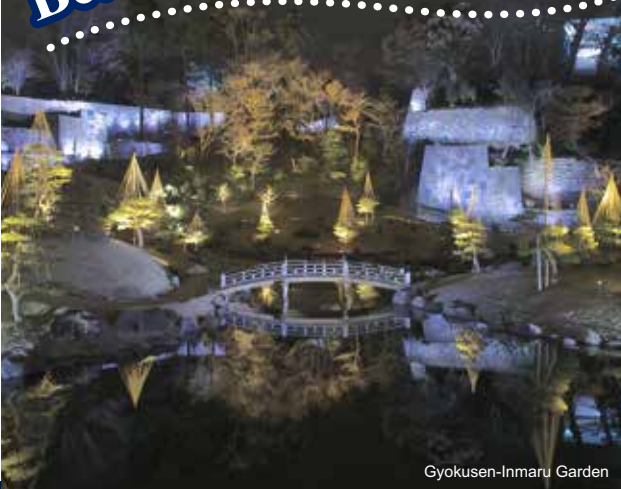
**Car Rental Service** Hakusan City Tourism Association  
Access: ~30min via train from Hokuriku Rail Nomachi Station (Kanazawa) to Hokuriku Rail Tsurugi Station → 2min walking

**Rental Times** 9AM to 5PM (Reception closes at 4PM)

▶ Course Map (Google Maps): <https://bit.ly/2Rg52IT>

# Ishikawa's Nighttime Attractions

## Beautiful Illuminations



Gyokusen-Inmaru Garden



### • Kanazawa Castle Park and Gyokusen-Inmaru Garden 5

Every evening on Fridays, Saturdays, and days before holidays, Gyokusen-Inmaru Garden and Kanazawa Castle Park are opened to the public. In Gyokusen-Inmaru Garden, you can see a repeating 7-minute illumination show that uses the old stone walls of Kanazawa Castle as a backdrop.

**Time:** Sunset to 9PM

<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kanazawajou/e/night/index.html>

### • Kenrokuen Garden 5

Once every season, Kenrokuen Garden has a limited-time nighttime illumination event during which the garden's foliage is lit up in a fantastic display of light. During the autumn illumination, visitors can see the rare combination of beautiful autumn leaves on display along with one of Kenrokuen's seasonal icons, the Yukizuri (conical rope supports which protect the trees from Ishikawa's heavy winter snow).



**Event Period:** September 13<sup>th</sup> (Friday) to 17<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday) 7PM to 9PM  
November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Saturday) to 24<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 5:30PM to 9PM

**Access:** 20min via bus from Kanazawa Station Kenrokuen (Eastern) Exit → Get off at Hirosaka or Kenrokuen-shita Bus Stop

### • Senmaida Rice Fields Illumination 6

During the event period, over 25,000 LED lights illuminate the Shiroyone Senmaida Rice Fields, symbol of the Noto region's Satoyama-Satoumi ecological system (recognized as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage site). As darkness falls after sunset, the gently glowing lights outlining the fields make for a romantic sight.

**Event Period:** October 19<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 2019 to March 15<sup>th</sup> (Sunday) 2020  
4 hours after sunset

**Location:** Wajima, Shiroyone-machi, Ha-99-5

**Access:** 2hrs via Wajima Limited Express bus from Kanazawa Station → Get off at Wajima Station → 20min via route bus → Get off at Shiroyone Senmaida bus stop

\* During the event period, a short-term bus departing from Wajima Station is also available



<http://senmaida.wajima-kankou.jp/en/>

### • Sakura-gai Beachside Illumination 7

During this event, the Masuhogaura coastline near the (Former) Longest Bench in the World is lit up by countless LED lights. The lights come in bright pink, representing the delicate pink Sakura-gai seashells which are known to wash up along the Masuhogaura coastline, and deep blue, representing the deep blue sea.

**Event Period:** August 10<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) to November 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) 2019  
4 hours after sunset

**Location:** Hakui-gun, Shika-machi, Togiryokei-cho, Ta-2-11

**Access:** 30min via Limited Express Train from Kanazawa Station to Hakui Station → 55min via bus from Hakui Station, get off at Togi bus stop



## Relaxing Nighttime Walks

### • Higashi-Chayagai and Kazuemachi Teahouse Districts 5

When evening falls, the Higashi-Chayagai teahouse district is illuminated by the gentle light of lanterns hanging from the eaves of the teahouses. The muffled sounds of shamisen and taiko drums can sometimes be heard coming from the teahouses, giving the area a relaxed atmosphere in stark contrast to the bustle of the morning and afternoon. Located along the Asano-gawa riverside a mere 5 minute walk from Higashi-Chayagai is Kazuemachi, where cobblestone paths and stairs weave through the quiet teahouse district, making it a perfect spot to enjoy a peaceful nighttime stroll.

**Access:** 7min via bus from Kanazawa Station's Kenrokuen (Eastern) Exit → Get off at Hashiba-cho bus stop → 5min walking



Higashi-Chayagai Teahouse District



Kazuemachi Teahouse District



## Omicho Market Tour and Cooking Class 5

On this new tour, you can experience Kanazawa's unique culinary culture at Omicho Market. Participants will explore the market along with a local culinary expert and select seasonal ingredients which they will then use to make a full meal.

There are many other tours and activities available, including a Geigi (Geisha) Performance and Dinner Experience, a Temari-Sushi Making activity, a Temple Meditation activity, and a cycling tour. Starting in September, a new free Japanese cooking activity will also be available.



<b>Time required</b>	2.5 Hours
<b>Cost</b>	¥6,300 (tax included) Covers: Ingredients, apron, cooking utensils
<b>Location</b>	Omicho Market
<b>Maximum/Minimum Number of Participants</b>	Max. 10, Min. 4
<b>Reservations and Inquiries</b>	Kohaku Inc. TEL: (+81) 80-5708-5610 E-mail: info@in-kanazawa.com

<https://www.in-kanazawa.com/>

## Experience Ishikawa to the fullest on a new "Green Tour"

On these new tours, which start and finish in Kanazawa, international tourists can visit little-known spots that would normally be out of their reach. Participants can experience Ishikawa's unique local culture on a deeper level, all with the assistance of an English-speaking guide.

**Kanazawa-Noto and Kanazawa-Kaga Day Trips:** Experience Zen meditation at historic temples; enjoy fresh local cuisine for lunch; see waterfalls and autumn leaves with a local nature guide on a tour of the Hakusan foothills; walk around the streets of Kaga Onsen's hot spring town

**Kanazawa Night Tour:** Taste Kanazawa's local cuisine as you tour its izakayas (Japanese-style pubs) and bars, and experience a different side to the city as you walk through its streets at night.

<b>Minimum Number of Participants</b>	2
<b>Cost</b>	¥7,000
<b>Reservations and Inquiries</b>	Maruichi Kanko Co., Ltd./Green Tour TEL: (+81)76-266-4401 E-mail: kikaku@maruichi-gp.co.jp

<https://www.maruichi-gp.co.jp/>



## Recommended Autumn Driving Tour 8

Enjoy the beautiful autumn leaves and nature to the fullest on this driving course.



Shishiku Plateau



Lake Kiba Park



Hashitate Fishing Port



Yamanaka Onsen/Kakusenkei Gorge



Nata-dera Temple



Tadori Canyon



Shirakawago

### Day 1

#### Depart from Kanazawa

- ① Shishiku Plateau
- ② Lake Kiba Park  
(Enjoy lunch while looking out over Lake Kiba)
- ③ Nata-dera Temple  
(Famous spot for autumn leaves)
- ④ Amagozen Cape
- ⑤ Hashitate Fishing Port  
(Watch the beautiful sunset)
- ⑥ Yamanaka Onsen  
(Spend the night)

### Day 2

- ⑥ Walk along the Kakusenkei Gorge  
(Famous spot for autumn leaves)
- ⑦ Tadori Gorge  
Wakagataki Waterfall
- ⑧ Hakusan-Shirakawago  
White Road  
Sanpo-Iwadake Mountain  
(Famous spot for autumn leaves)
- ⑨ Shirakawago  
Arrive in Kanazawa

## Rental Car Excursion Campaign



As part of this new campaign, international tourists renting cars from participating car rental shops in Ishikawa Prefecture can receive coupons for special local gifts at roadside stations or tourist locations and discounted entrance fees to various tourist attractions within the prefecture. Ishikawa has a lot to offer outside of Kanazawa, so why not enjoy the beautiful nature and relaxing hot springs of Noto and Kaga on a relaxing drive through the countryside?

**Campaign Period:** July 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020

**Coupon Distribution Method:** Receive coupons when renting a car

**Inquiries:** Ishikawa Prefecture International Tourism Division

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<https://ishikawa-roadtrips.jp/>