

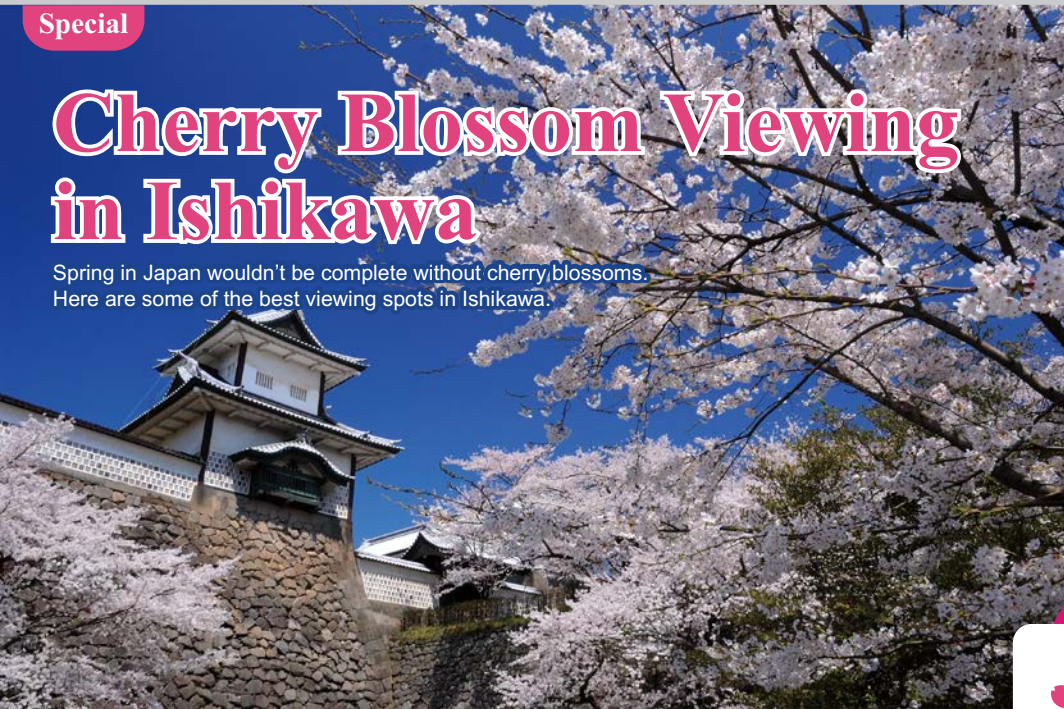
# Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter



Special

## Cherry Blossom Viewing in Ishikawa

Spring in Japan wouldn't be complete without cherry blossoms.  
Here are some of the best viewing spots in Ishikawa.



### Kenrokuen Garden & Kanazawa Castle 1 (Kanazawa)

Witness the beautiful sight of cherry blossoms in full bloom at Kenrokuen, one of Japan's great gardens, and at Kanazawa Castle Park, the symbol of the castle town. A free 7 day 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: 20 mins by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Kenrokuen Garden • Kanazawa Castle Park

### Noto Sakura Station 2 (Anamizu Town)

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

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



### Kazue-machi Teahouse District (Kanazawa) 1

When spring arrives, the Kazue-machi Teahouse District cherry trees by the Asano River intensifies the great scenery of the old tea houses.

- Blooming Period: Early April – Mid April
- Access: 20 mins by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Hashiba-cho



### 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: 40 mins by train from Kanazawa Station → 15 mins walk from Daishoji Station



Available from  
1st April

# Journey across the new golden route with the Hokuriku Arch Pass!

**Osaka-Tokyo Hokuriku Arch Pass** Adults: **¥24,000** Children: **¥12,000**  
(Valid for 7 continuous days)

This Japan Rail ticket takes you between the Tokyo Metropolitan Area and the Kansai Region via the Hokuriku Region.



Example for a 7-10 day trip from Tokyo to Osaka

- ▼[Day 1] Arrive at Haneda or Narita airport
- ▼[Day 2-3] Sightseeing in Tokyo (Senso-ji Temple, Shinjuku etc.)
- ▼[Day 4] Nagano Prefecture (Zenko-ji Temple, Snow Monkeys etc.)  
\* 1.5 hr by Hokuriku Shinkansen
- ▼[Day 5-7] Ishikawa Prefecture (Kenrokuen Garden, Higashi Chayagai, Wakura Onsen, Natadera Temple etc.)  
\* 1 hr by Hokuriku Shinkansen
- ▼[Day 8-9] Kyoto & Osaka (Fushimi Inari Shrine, Kinkaku-ji Temple, Shinsekai)  
\* 2 hr by JR limited express train
- ▼[Day 10] Depart from Kansai Airport

## Openings

**Hanayome Noren Museum** 4

Open  
9th April  
2016



Hanayome Noren curtains are displayed only on wedding days for brides and can be seen mainly in the Noto region. The majority are made with Kaga Yuzen dying techniques and are highly valuable.

The museum has Hanayome Noren curtain exhibitions, curtain-passing sessions and a tatami room for tea parties and relaxing breaks.

- Address: Umadashi-machi Tsu-bu 49, Ipponsugi-dori, Nanao
- Open: 9:00 – 17:00
- Closed: 4th Tuesday of every month
- Admission: Adults: ¥550 (Groups of 20+: ¥450)
- Elementary & Jr. High School Students: ¥250 Infants: Free
- Access: 1 hr by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Nanao Station, 5 mins walk



### Hanayome Noren Curtain-passing Session

Experience what it is like to put on a bride's outfit and pass through the Hanayome Noren curtains. Men's outfits are also available. Whether you are celebrating an anniversary or want something special for your trip, why not give it a try?

- Session Fee: ¥3,000 per person
- Session Hours: 10:00 – 16:00
- \* Last admission 15:30
- Duration: 20 – 30 mins



Open  
6th February  
2016

## Duty free counter for 5 shopping districts in the Musashi area including Omicho Market

A duty free counter for 5 shopping districts in the Kanazawa Musashi area has opened at the Kuromon Koji information desk located on the first floor of Meitetsu Mza. As well as duty free services, tourist information and currency exchange services are also provided here. Multilingual staff will be of course present so you can feel at ease. Enjoy your time in the Musashi area with added convenience and comfort.

- Meitetsu Mza 1F, Musashi-machi 15-1, Kanazawa 10:00 – 19:30
- Access: 5 mins by Kanazawa Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Musashigatsuji • Omi-cho Market



## Events

**Seihaku Festival (Nanao)** 4



This is Nanao's beautiful spring festival. Japan's largest Hikiyama float is paraded through the city measuring at 12m high, 20t in weight and wheels with a 2m diameter.

- Dates: 3rd – 5th May
- Access: 1 hr by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Nanao Station
- Enquiries: Nanao Tourism Association TEL: 0767-53-8424
- <http://www.nanaoh.net/index.php>



**Otabi Festival (Komatsu)** 5

This 360 year old festival is held in Komatsu every May. The highlight of the event is when the beautiful Hikiyama floats line up at the city hall.

- Dates: 13th – 15th May
- Access: 20 mins by limited express train from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Komatsu Station
- <http://www.komatsuguide.jp/index.php/otabimatsuri/detail/tanosimu>



## ● Kagaya No.1 in Japan for 36 4 consecutive years

Wakura Onsen's Kagaya topped the list of Japan's 100 best hotels for a 36th consecutive year. Visit Japan's top hotel to experience Japanese hospitality at its finest.

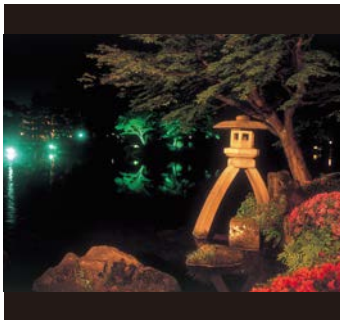
■ Enquiries: 0767-62-4111 <http://www.kagaya.co.jp/>



## ● Foreign visitors to Kenrokuen Garden exceeds 290,000!

Kenrokuen Garden, Ishikawa's main tourist attraction, had over 290,000 visitors in 2015 which is the highest record to date!

A free light-up event will be held throughout the cherry blossom season, and the changing scenery with the seasons is a great reason to visit the garden.



### Kenrokuen Light-up 1 Information

- Early Spring -  
11th - 20th March  
Plum garden and early spring flowers in bloom  
- Cherry Blossom Season -  
Early April  
\* Event held when the cherry blossoms bloom  
■ Dates & Details →  
<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/japanese/top.html>

## ● Geisha Evenings in KANAZAWA 1



Splendorous Kanazawa Geisha performances with English commentary.

Get to know Ishikawa's proud traditions of the Kaga Hyakumangoku.

- Dates: 27th March - 29th April Mon, Wed, Fri, Sun (20 performances in total)
- Venue: Higashi Chaya District Teahouse KAIKARO
- Time: 18:00 - 19:00 (Reception from 17:15, Closes at 19:30)
- Admission: ¥3,500 - ¥7,000
- Bookings: 090-2832-5175

\* Further details → <http://geisha.artexinc.com>

## ● Ishikawa Prefecture Facebook page launched



Ishikawa now has a Facebook page in English and Japanese showing the great tourist attractions of the prefecture.

Take a look at the page as posts with tourist information are made regularly.



<https://www.facebook.com/Discover-Ishikawa-Japan-1707686196110375/>

## ● Starry night cruise (Katayamazu, Lake Shibayama) 6



A tour of Lake Shibayama and Katayamazu Onsen is given during the magnificent illumination of the 70m high water fountain and the Ukimido house.

The lights from the hot spring villas reflected on the lake's surface, along with a pleasant night breeze adds to the relaxing sensation of the cruise.

- Dates: 29<sup>th</sup> April - 31<sup>st</sup> October
- Departure Times: 20:15, 20:45, 21:30 (Cruise takes 30 mins)
- Departure Location: Katayamazu Onsen: Yunomoto Park
- Fare: ¥800
- Enquiries: Katayamazu Onsen Tourism Association 0761-74-1123  
<http://www.katayamazu-spa.or.jp/>  
[MOVIE] → <http://tabimati.net/movie/?p=51020>

## ● KANAZAWA SAMURAI TOURS 1



This is a sightseeing tour conducted by an English speaking guide who is familiar with the history and culture of Kanazawa. Tour buses depart from Kanazawa Station.

- Tour name: Kanazawa Samurai Tours
- Tickets: ¥6,000 (Adults) ¥3,000 (Children: 7-12) Infants (6 and under) Free
- Dates & Time: Tue - Fri 9:00 - 12:00 (Excluding 29<sup>th</sup> April - 6<sup>th</sup> May, 29<sup>th</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> January)
- Tour Details: Kanazawa Station - Nagamachi Samurai District - Higashi Chaya District - Kanazawa Castle & Kenrokuen Garden - End
- Bookings:  
Website: <http://kanazawatravel.jp/kst/>  
Or Email: [nakamura@hokkokukanko.co.jp](mailto:nakamura@hokkokukanko.co.jp)