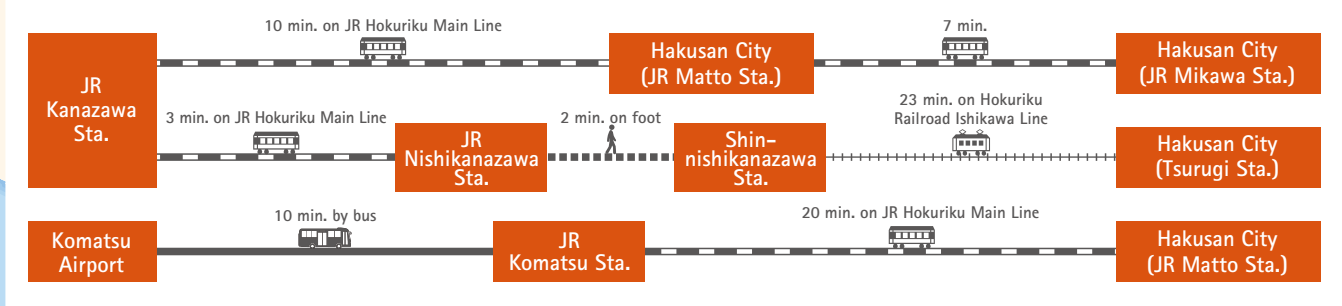




Access to Hakusan City from Kanazawa Station and Komatsu Airport



Access to Ishikawa from Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka	Tokyo Sta.-Kanazawa Sta.	JR Hokuriku Shinkansen (Kagayaki/Hakutaka)	2hr. 28min. -3hr.15min.
	Haneda, Tokyo-Komatsu	Airplane	1hr.
	Nagoya Sta.-Kanazawa Sta.	JR Shirasagi Ltd. Exp.Train	2hr. 25min.
	Osaka Sta.-Kanazawa Sta.	JR Thunderbird Ltd. Exp.Train	2hr. 30min.

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## 感得旅 The Hakusan Brand Experience

**TSURUGI AREA**

### Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine – “Okagura o ageyo” Dance

After walking around the site, visitors enter the worship hall and there is a religious dance conducted on behalf of the visitors for the deities. The bells of the maihime (female religious dancers) ring out and the atmosphere is solemn, creating a unique cultural experience.

● Contact: Hakusan City Tourism League  
● Address: Nu 85 4-chome, Tsurugi Hon-machi, Hakusan City. Tel: 076-259-5893 (Reservations required by one week before)  
● Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ● Fee: ¥2,000/person (available to groups of 5+)

**MATTO-MIKAWA AREA**

### Taiko-no-Sato Japanese Drum Workshop

This is a hands-on Japanese drum workshop run by Asano Taiko, an established instrument shop and manufacturer of Japanese drums since 1609. There is a display of percussion instruments from around the world, and visitors can try beating a huge drum or making a miniature drum.

● Contact: The Asano Foundation for Taiko Culture Research  
● Address: 586 Fukudome-machi, Hakusan City. Tel: 076-277-1721  
● Hours: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ● Closed: Tuesdays (Subject to additional irregular closures)  
● Admission: ¥350 (Adults), ¥250 (Children)

**TSURUGI AREA**

### Kaga Shishigashira Lion Heads

In the Tsurugi area, Kaga Shishigashira carved wooden lion heads made by experienced artisans are appreciated for warding off bad luck/evil and keeping houses safe. At Chida Kobo it is possible to purchase and also watch how the lion heads are made.

● Contact: Chida Kobo ● Address: 98 Yahata-machi, Hakusan City Tel: 076-272-1696  
● Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ● Closed: Tuesdays

**HAKUSANROKU SHIRAMINE AREA**

### Hakusan Kobo – Weaving Workshop

Ushikubi-tsumugi pongee (silk) originates in the Shiramine village and is a type of textile that uses dupion silk from double cocoons. At this workshop you can view the weaving process and also try your hand at weaving a coaster with an authentic hand loom.

● Contact: Ori-no-Shiryokan Hakusan Kobo ● Address: Nu 17 Shiramine, Hakusan City Tel: 076-259-2859  
● Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Reservations required from Jan. to Mar.) ● Closed: Thursdays  
● Viewing fee: ¥400 ● Workshop fee: ¥500/person (Time: 15 min.)

### Ski Resorts

There are two ski fields in the Hakusanroku area both with a variety of trails – Hakusan Seymour Ski Field and Hakusan Ichirino Onsen Ski Field.

Access is easy – by bus from Kanazawa City, and ski hire is also available.

### Onsen Resorts

The active volcano of Mt. Hakusan has given rise to 14 onsen resorts (hot springs) within Hakusan City, and a variety of soothing waters can be enjoyed. Together with great scenery and cuisine you can hop from one to another for the ultimate in relaxation.

TOURIST INFORMATION (sightseeing, accommodation, transportation, and more)

Hakusan City Tourism League	TEL 076-259-5893	http://www.urara-hakusanbito.com/
International Affairs Section, Tourism Division, Hakusan City Hall	TEL 076-274-9520	toshikouryu@city.hakusan.lg.jp
Hakusan International Salon	TEL 076-274-3371	misalon@asagaotv.ne.jp

Closed on Mondays, this salon is a three minute walk from JR Matto Station, open as a meeting place for Japanese people and visitors. Tourists are welcome.

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2017 marks the 1300th anniversary since the first pilgrimage to the peak of Mt. Hakusan

The spiritual places of sacred Mt. Hakusan

# Hakusan City Ishikawa

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Hakusan City is located at the foot of the sacred Mt. Hakusan which is believed by many to be a special “power spot” and a folk cultural asset. Please come and feel the power of Mt. Hakusan.

Entrance to Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine



## A Drive in the Hakusanroku Area —

Experience the Grandeur of Nature and the Mountain Village

### Mt. Hakusan

Mt. Hakusan is a famous mountain that is considered one of Japan's "Three Sacred Mountains" alongside Mt. Fuji and Mt. Tateyama. Its tallest peak is 2,702m. In 717, the monk Taicho first climbed Mt. Hakusan, therefore regarded as the origin of Hakusan Shugen (a Japanese religious tradition), and in 2017 it will be 1300 years since this event. The mountain is also home to many rare plants and is popular with climbers.

- Access: 2 hrs. 10 min. by Hokuriku Railroad Hakusan Climbers' Express Bus from JR Kanazawa Station to the start of the trail (Bettodeai bus stop)
- Climbing season: Jul. 1 ~ Mid-Oct.



In the Hakusanroku area, which sprawls around the foot of Mt. Hakusan, you can taste the local cuisine made from local ingredients, while you enjoy the grandeur of nature. In Shiramine village, about 90 minutes by car from Kanazawa station, you can experience an old-fashioned community. Renting a car is recommended.

### Michi-no-Eki Sena Roadside Station



Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road, Gifu Prefecture and Fukui Prefecture. Stop here to obtain information about Hakusan City, buy specialty products, and taste 'Hakusan Hyakuzen' cuisine made with local produce.

- Access: 70 min. by car from JR Kanazawa Station [Hakusan Specialty Products Center]
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:30 p.m.
- Closed: Wednesdays (Open every day from Jun to Oct)

### Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road



This specially constructed toll road stretches 33.3km between Hakusanroku and Shirakawa-go. Here you can enjoy the majestic scenery nestled below Mt. Hakusan, such as natural stands of Japanese beech and 7 amazing waterfalls including Ubagataki Waterfall (one of Japan's Top 100 Waterfalls).

- Access: 90 min. by car from JR Kanazawa Station
- Road open: Mid-Jun. to Mid-Nov.
- Jun-Aug: 7:00 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.
- Sep-Nov: 8:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Toll: Regular car: ¥1,600 (one way)

### Tedori Gorge



Tedori Gorge, created by the Tedori River that flows from Mt. Hakusan to the Japan Sea, is a beautiful 8km stretch of gorge which includes the 32m high dynamic Watagataki Waterfall. The name Watagataki means 'cotton falls' and they were named due to the mist which looks like cotton dancing in the air. Boats are available in summer for downstream rafting.

- Access: 60 min. by car from JR Kanazawa Station
- Hours: 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Location: Shimoyoshitani-machi

### Shiramine Preservation District for a Group of Traditional Buildings

Shiramine village, located at the foot of Mt. Hakusan, has a unique culture born from the natural environment with its high snowfall. In 2012 it was selected as a Preservation District for a Group of Traditional Buildings. There are many old houses dating back hundreds of years, including Yamagishi House with its remarkable 3-story mud walls. At the Yukidaruma Café (Snowman Café) in the town, you can enjoy light meals and rustic sweets.

- Access: From JR Kanazawa Sta., 1 hr. 45 min. by Hokuriku Railway Bus, or 1 hr. 30 min. by car



### Shiramine Snowman Festival



At this festival, the residents of Shiramine district create unique snowmen of various sizes to fill the village. At sundown, the snowmen are lit with candles to create a magical scene. Local Shiramine food is sold outside houses, so even amidst the cold you are sure to keep warm and in good spirits!

- Access: 1 hr. 45 min. \* by Hokuriku Railway Bus from JR Kanazawa Sta. (\*Travel time may vary.) Tour buses also run on festival day.
- Dates: Late Jan.: Kuwajima Lights on from Early Feb.: Shiramine 5:00 p.m.

## Enjoy the Town on a Rental Bicycle —

The Tsurugi Area – Home to Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine



### Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine

Mt. Hakusan is believed to be a sacred mountain and this shrine is the main shrine of approx. 3000 others in Japan dedicated to this mountain. The rear shrine lies within Hakusan National Park. 1000-year-old trees dominate the grounds, creating a solemn atmosphere. Worshippers pray for various things – bountiful harvests, safety commute, academic excellence and marriage.

- Access: From Tsurugi Sta., 5 min. by Kaga Hakusan Bus, or 15 min. by bicycle



The Tsurugi area is located at the apex of an alluvial fan spreading to the Japan Sea. The area is blessed with natural springs, leading to the establishment of a number of sake and soy sauce breweries. Tsurugi station is accessible by train from Kanazawa on the Hokuriku Railroad Ishikawa Line.

### Ishikawa Woodland Park (Jumoku Koen)



In this huge park, there is a grassed picnic and recreation area as well as a woodland area with lots of trees. There are over 1,000 cherry blossom trees, making it a popular spot for hanami picnics in spring. In summer it is a great spot to enjoy the shade and in fall you can enjoy the fall leaves. Get your picnic basket ready and head outdoors!

- Access: 20 min. by bicycle from Tsurugi Sta.
- Hours: 8:30am ~ 5:00pm

### Shishiku Plateau



Shishiku Plateau is a tourist resort located at 650m above sea level. At the foot of the hill there are exhibits of Asian lion heads including Japan's biggest lion head, exhibits from the Horai Festival, souvenirs and restaurants. There is a fantastic view of the Japan Sea from the summit of the gondola, and visitors can enjoy hiking or beginner tandem paragliding.

- Access: 20 min. by bicycle from Tsurugi Sta.
- Hours: 10:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Tuesdays

### Horai Festival



This is an 800-year-old fall harvest festival of Kinkengu Shrine. Portable shrines and lion dancing teams parade their way through the streets, and the 5m high dolls representing historic figures are a must-see. The streets of the town are lined with food stalls, and the center of Tsurugi is alive with festivities well into the night.

- Access: Within walking distance of Tsurugi Sta.
- Dates: Early Oct.

### Ishikawa Insect Museum (Fureai Konchu-kan)



This museum houses exhibits of insects from around the world. Also recommended is the Butterfly Garden hothouse with year-round summer conditions, where you can see over 1,000 butterflies including some rare species.

- Access: 10 min. by bicycle from Tsurugi Sta.
- Hours: 9:30 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m. (Closes at 4:30 p.m. Nov.~Mar.)
- Closed: Tuesdays
- Admission: ¥410 (Adults)

### Manzairaku Sake Kura Shop



The sake brand Hakusan Kikusake is the joint brand of four breweries in Hakusan City. One of those breweries is Manzairaku. Its shop building is reminiscent of a merchant family house from centuries ago. You can buy Hakusan Kikusake and also taste test various sake types.

- Access: From Tsurugi Sta., 15 min. on foot, or 5 min. by bicycle
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Tuesdays

### Ohagiya Eatery

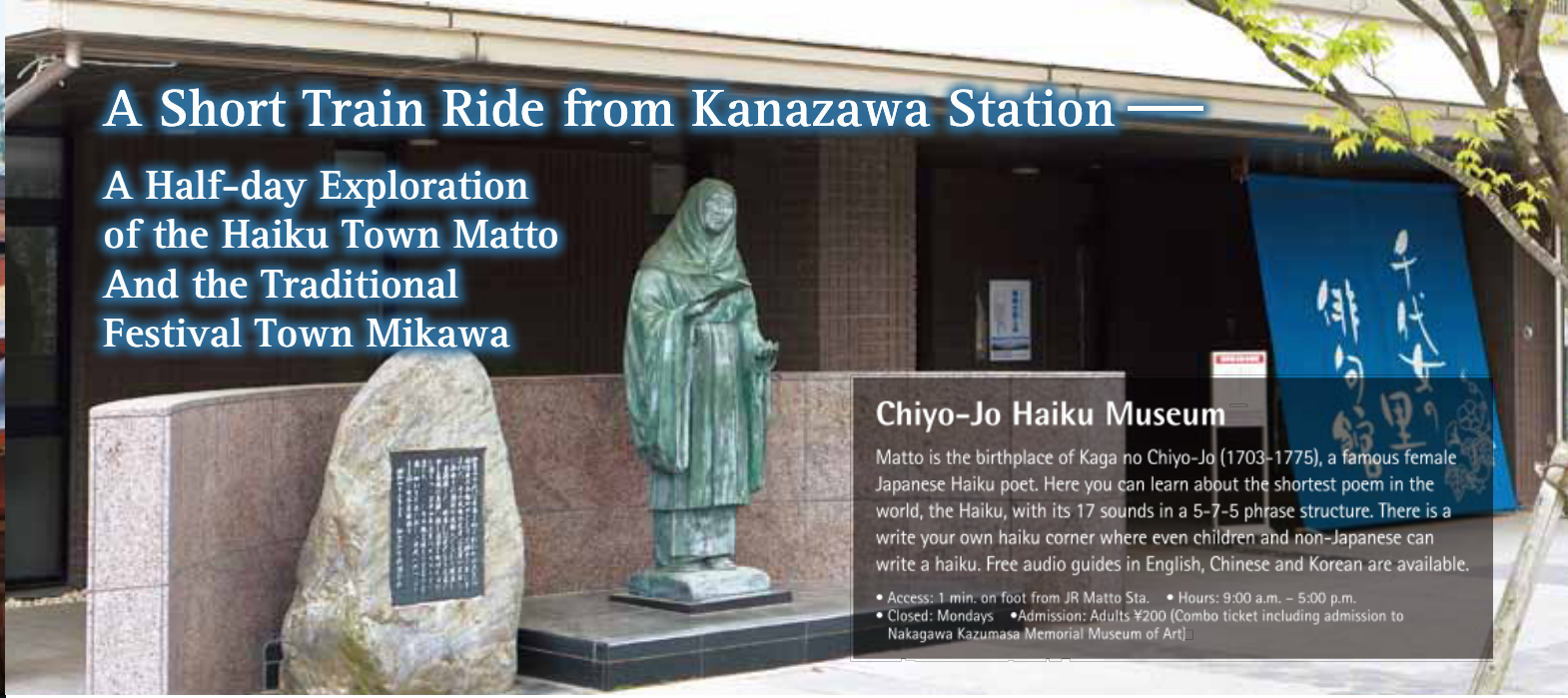


In this eatery, located inconspicuously in front of the large Torii gate on the approach to Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine, the lunch set meal using local ingredients is recommended. Here, you can eat 'Horaizushi' which is a traditional bamboo leaf-wrapped sushi from Tsurugi.

- Access: On the road up to Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m. (to 5:00 p.m. on weekends and national holidays)
- Closed: Wednesdays in winter (open every day except in winter)

## A Short Train Ride from Kanazawa Station —

A Half-day Exploration of the Haiku Town Matto And the Traditional Festival Town Mikawa



### Chiyo-Jo Haiku Museum

Matto is the birthplace of Kaga no Chiyo-Jo (1703-1775), a famous female Japanese Haiku poet. Here you can learn about the shortest poem in the world, the Haiku, with its 17 sounds in a 5-7-5 phrase structure. There is a write your own haiku corner where even children and non-Japanese can write a haiku. Free audio guides in English, Chinese and Korean are available.

- Access: 1 min. on foot from JR Matto Sta.
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Mondays
- Admission: Adults ¥200 (Combo ticket including admission to Nakagawa Kazumasa Memorial Museum of Art)



The Matto/Mikawa area is an area with delicious rice and Japanese sake produced in the middle of the Kaga plains which lie to the North-west of the city facing the Japan Sea. By local train from JR Kanazawa station to Matto station it is a mere 10 minutes, or 17 minutes to Mikawa station.

### Mikawa Okaeri Festival



This is the annual festival of the Fujitsuka-jinja Shrine which commemorates the history of the port which flourished with maritime trade over 200 years ago. Youths in traditional Japanese costume lead the parade with bugles, followed by an amazing display of 13 colorfully lacquered floats and gold portable shrines weaving through the streets lined with food stalls. The best time to enjoy the festival is from evening till night.

- Access: Within walking distance of JR Mikawa Sta.
- Dates: 3rd weekend of May

### Matto Furusato-kan, Folk Museum



Hakusan City inherited this building which was the residence of Mohei Yoshida (a 20th Century warehouse operator) and it is now open to the public. The Japanese garden created over 12 years by a gardener in the early 20th Century is well worth a look with its exquisite rocks, lanterns and seasonal changes. There is also Matto 23 Café onsite where you can enjoy peace and quiet along with local Japanese sweets and tea.

- Access: 1 min. on foot from JR Matto Sta. South Exit
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Mondays
- Admission: Free

### Roots of Ishikawa Museum



There is much to see at this museum, including the Roots of Ishikawa exhibit as a re-creation of the Governor's office in 1872 when Mikawa was once the base for the Prefectural Office, as well as a display about the Mikawa Okaeri Festival. Mikawa previously flourished with maritime trade, and the walk from the Mikawa station to this museum is also enjoyable.

- Access: 15 min. on foot from JR Mikawa Sta.
- Hours: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Mondays
- Admission: ¥300 (Adults)

### Nakagawa Kazumasa Memorial Museum of Art



This small museum of art is the personal museum of Kazumasa Nakagawa (1893-1991), modern master of western painting in Japan, who was active in various areas of art such as oil painting, ink painting and pottery. The museum was opened in Matto, the home town of his mother, with personal donations of his art.

- Access: 1 min. on foot from JR Matto Sta. South Exit
- Closed: 9:00 a.m. ~ 5:00 p.m.
- Closed: Mondays
- Admission: Adults ¥200 (Combo ticket including admission to Chiyo-Jo Haiku Museum)

### Takasago Saryo Restaurant



Shuzouten. A taste of France in a Japanese sake storehouse.

- Access: 10 min. on foot from JR Matto Sta.
- Closed: Irregular closures. Please enquire.
- Hours: Lunch: 11:30 a.m. ~ 2:30 p.m. Dinner: 5:30 p.m. ~ 9:30 p.m. (to 9:00 p.m. on Sundays)

### Mikawa 37 Café



This café is situated in the waiting area at JR Mikawa station. It serves original dishes born from collaborations with well-known local eateries, such as seafood fresh from the port of Mikawa, fermented foods, and other popular handmade items. If you are waiting for a train, why not try one of their dishes?

- Access: Inside JR Mikawa Station building
- Hours: 7:00 a.m. ~ 8:00 p.m.
- Closed: Open every day

### MODEL COURSE



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by bicycle  
Rental fees: ¥500/day (power-assisted bicycle), ¥200/day (regular bicycle)  
Rented at Hakusan City Tourism League

### MODEL COURSE (half day)

