

Kanazawa and peaceful Noto Peninsula

As well as the Kanazawa’s authentic Samurai culture, you will discover incredible hidden gems in Noto, off-the-beaten-path of Japan. It is home to coastal scenery, jagged coastlines, thriving agricultural traditions, and centuries-old craft cultures.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Feel Japanese unchanged scenery and in touch with local residents through cycling tour in Notojima Island.
- Create your own piece of Wajima lacquerware, the Japan’s highest-quality lacquerware.
- Discover the traditional lifestyle in 1,000-year-old Wajima Morning Market



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Day	Activities	Stay
Day 1	Kanazawa Visit Omicho Market, Nagamachi Samurai District, Kenroku-en garden, Higashi Chaya District.	Kanazawa
Day 2	Noto Going up to Noto Peninsula. Join a cycling tour in Notojima Island or visit Noto Shokusai Market and Ipponsugi Street.	Notojima Island / Wakura Onsen
Day 3	Noto Travel by local train and bus. Visit Wajima Lacquerware Museum, Wajima lacquerware workshop, Wajima Kiriko Art Museum, Senmaida Rice Terraces.	Wajima / Around Wajima
Day 4	Visit Wajima morning market.	

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Day 1

11:00 Arrive at Kanazawa Station and drop off luggage at hotel.

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12:00 Omicho Market [近江町市場]

Omi-cho Market has been the largest fresh food market in Kanazawa since the Edo period. Its busy network of covered streets holds over 180 stall and restaurants that sell fresh seafood, vegetables, fruit, and many other local products.



(Lunch: Omicho Market)



15 minutes

or



5 minutes

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13:30 Nagamachi Samurai District [長町武家屋敷]

Nagamachi is a well-preserved neighborhood of samurai houses. The cobblestone streets and tiled earthen walls are characteristic of wealthier samurai districts in Kanazawa. One highlight is the Nomura Residence. Enjoy its inner garden with tranquil streams and a miniature waterfall.



15 minutes

or



5 minutes

3

15:00 Kenrokuen Garden [兼六園]

Kenrokuen was constructed by feudal lords of Kaga clan as the outer garden of Kanazawa Castle. The garden's appearance changes dramatically every season, with cherry blossoms in spring and Yukizuri (a set of ropes to protect trees from the region's heavy snowfall) in winter.



10 minutes

or



20 minutes

4

16:30 Higashi Chaya District [ひがし茶屋街]

The district's traditional buildings and lattice-work windows retain the atmosphere of their 200-year history. Today, many of these buildings function as cafes, restaurants, sweet shops and craft shops, but some are still geisha teahouses. Two traditional teahouses, 'Shima' and 'Kaikaro', are open to public.



Day 2

11:23 Depart Kanazawa Sta. by express train



59 minutes

12:22 Arrive at Wakura onsen Sta.



30 minutes



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13:30 Cycling Tour in Notojima Island

〔能登島サイクリングツアー〕

The cycling tour guided by bilingual enthusiastic biology & environment specialists is available. Discover fisherman villages with traditional houses and their shiny black-tiled roofs scattered in harbors, tranquil farming fields with sea and mountain views.



Stay: Notojima island

OR

Day 2

9:52 Depart Kanazawa Sta. by local train



1 hour 30 minutes

11:19 Arrive at Nanao Sta.



15 minutes

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11:40 Noto Shokusai Market [能登食祭市場]

The Noto Shokusai Market is a seafood market built on a wharf. Self-grilling stations let patrons cook and eat their purchases on the spot. The market also has restaurants and stalls selling local vegetables, fruits, and souvenirs.



(Lunch)



10 minutes

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13:30 Ipponsugi Street [一本杉通り]

This shopping street flourished when Nanao was an important port of call for merchant ships called kitamaebune. Many of the street's shops such as soy sauce factory, seaweed store, Japanese-style candles shop, tea house, are housed in old buildings, some from as early as the late 1800s.



Stay: Wakura Onsen

Day 3

9:37 Depart Wakura onsen Sta. by local train



10:11 Arrive at Anamizu Sta.

10:15 Depart Anamizu Sta. by local bus



11:08 Arrive at Wajima



15 minutes

or



5 minutes



8 11:30 Wajima Lacquerware Museum [輪島塗会館]

The museum exhibits superb examples of Wajima lacquerware as well as modern and historic tools used in its creation. A shop on the first floor sells a variety of Wajima lacquerware, including bowls, cups, chopsticks, dishes, and boxes.



(Lunch: Wajima)



10 minutes

9 13:30 Wajima Lacquerware Workshop [輪島塗工房]

Wajima is the biggest lacquerware producer in Japan, and Wajima lacquerware is particularly valued for its durability. Visitors can observe professional lacquerware artisans and try drawing designs or applying gold powder to chopsticks or dishes.



Lunch L'Atelier de NOTO





When you visit Wajima, a must-visit for lunch is L'Atelier de NOTO, just a few minutes walk from the quiet, residential Asaichi part of town. Housed inside a renovated traditional abode, this elegant eatery is helmed by Wajimaborn chef Ikehata Toshiya, who trained at France's esteemed L'Atelier de Joël Robuchon. He now creates authentic yet progressive French fare that spotlights local ingredients such as marinated mackerel with lemon flavoured foam, or a special 'Noto confit' with fois gras. The ice-cold waters around Wajima are also renowned for their oyster farms and their superb sea urchin, which are harvested by traditional female ama free divers – some over 70 years old – so keep an eye out for any specials showcasing these ingredients.



10 14:30 Wajima Kiriko Art Museum [輪島キリコ会館]

The museum displays kiriko, towering lanterns carried in processions during summer festivals on the Noto Peninsula. The collection includes kiriko from all over Noto, including some of the largest at up to 15 meters tall.



 30 minutes or  60 minutes

11 16:30 Senmaida Rice Terraces [白米千枚田]



Zig-zagging, hillside rice paddies contrasting with the blue sea form a view that draws photographers from around the world to the Shiroyone Senmaida rice terraces. The beauty of Shiroyone Senmaida changes dramatically with the seasons.



9:00 Wajima Morning Market [輪島朝市]

Wajima Morning Market is one of the three biggest morning markets in Japan, with over 200 stalls. Its history dates back over 1,000 years when locals would barter for fish and vegetables during shrine festivals.



 15 minutes or  5 minutes

11:40 Depart Wajima by express bus

 2 hours 12 minutes

13:52 Arrive at Kanazawa Sta.



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10 days & 9 nights

Day	Activities	Stay
Day 1	Tokyo Arrive at Tokyo Airport	Tokyo
Day 2	Tokyo Visit Asakusa Kannon Temple, Tokyo National Museum, the Imperial East Garden and Meiji Shrine	Tokyo
Day 3	Full day excursion to Fuji-Hankone-Izu National Park	Tokyo
Day 4	Kanazawa Depart by shinkansen (bullet train) to Kanazawa. Visit Omicho Market, Nagamachi Samurai District, Kenroku-en garden, Higashi Chaya District.	Kanazawa
Day 5	Noto Going up north to Noto Peninsula. Cycling tour in Notojima Island. Or, Visit Noto Shokusai Market and Ipponsugi Street.	Notojima Island / Wakura Onsen
Day 6	Noto Travel by local train and bus. Visit Wajima lacquerware workshop, sake brewery, Wajima kiriko museum, Senmaida rice terraces.	Wajima / Around Wajima
Day 7-8	Kyoto Visit Wajima morning market. Heading to Kyoto via Kanazawa. Visit Nijo Castle, Nishiki Market, Kiyomizu Temple, Kinkakuji Temple (Golden Pavillion) and Ryoanji Temple.	Kyoto
Day 9	Full day excursion to Hiroshima	Kyoto
Day 10	Transfer to Osaka Airport and board a flight back home	

