



# Kanazawa

2h30 from Tokyo & 2h10 from Kyoto



## Getting to Kanazawa

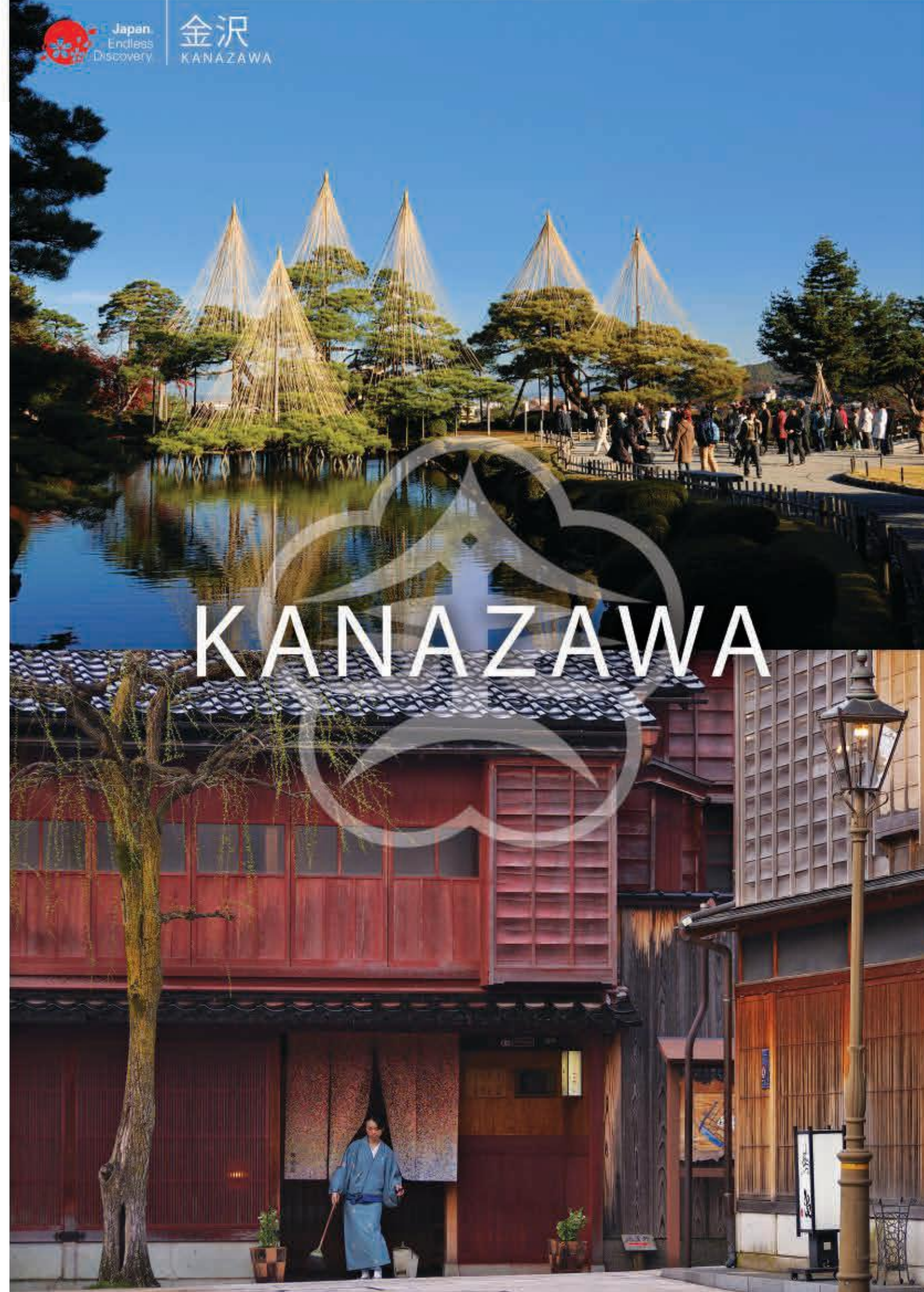
New shinkansen since March 2015  
Tokyo – Kanazawa in 2h28 only



From Tokyo	From Kyoto
Shinkansen 2h28	JR Express 2h10
Bus 7h30	Bus 4h00
Plane 1h10	Car 3h30



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Kanazawa official homepage in English  
<http://www.kanazawa-tourism.com/>



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Kanazawa took its place in Nippon history when it became the capital city of the Kaga province, the biggest in Japan during the 16th century. Around the Maeda clan's imposing castle, soon stood majestic samurai houses, rich warehouses, craftsmen's ateliers and numerous temples. During the Edo period (1603-1868), the city saw the development of a particularly refined culture. It was so thriving that it became Japan's fourth town after Tokyo, Osaka and Kyoto.

Time went by, sparing Kanazawa from natural disasters and wars. That is why Kanazawa appears today as an amazing conservatory for ancient Japanese traditions and artistic refinement. The intact old market, geisha districts, samurai or craftsmen quarters make it one of Japan's most enjoyable historic centres, without forgetting its most exquisite culinary traditions.

Registered in UNESCO's Creative Cities Network in the field of Crafts and Folk Arts, Kanazawa has also known how to anchor itself in our time with remarkable architectural realisations such as its station or the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art.



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art ↑↔  
D.T. Suzuki Museum ↘  
Kanazawa Station ↓

## Modernity



## Hyakumangoku Festival

(1st weekend of June)

Traditional show of firefighters, from Edo period →  
Samurai parades re-enacted in the streets ↓  
Nô theatre performed outside in Kanazawa Castle ↙



## History

Kenrokuen Garden ↖  
Nomura Samurai Family Residence ←  
Higashi Chaya District ↑  
Kanazawa Castle →  
Naga-machi Buke Yashiki District ↓



## Cuisine

Omicho Market ↖  
and its seafood selection  
Kaga cuisine: ↑  
delicious and visually exquisite  
Kanazawa's famed sake →  
Wagashi, Japan's confectionery ←



## Crafts

The subtle art of lacquerware ←  
Gold leaf work ↑  
Kaga Yûzen silk dyeing →

