

Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

Spring News and Recommended Events

Introducing fun spring activities and spots perfect for enjoying spring



Kanazawa

Kenrokuen – Kanazawa Castle 1

Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's three most famous gardens, and Kanazawa Castle, symbol of Kanazawa's feudal past, are both great locations to view beautiful sakura blossoms in the spring.

For about one week during the peak blooming period (March 31st to April 8th last year), entry into Kenrokuen will be free, and there will be a special light-up event in the evenings (from 6PM to 9:30PM in previous years).

Access: 20min via Kanazawa Loop Bus departing Kanazawa Station, get off at Kenrokuen – Kanazawa Castle bus stop

Blooming Period
Early-to-Mid April

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



Ishikawa Flower-Viewing Spots

Nothing says spring in Japan quite like cherry blossoms! Come visit one of Ishikawa's many famous sakura-viewing spots and enjoy the beauty of spring.



Health Road 2

Located along a now-defunct train line, this 10km avenue features around 2,000 sakura trees, and is well-known amongst locals as a "sakura road".

Location: Nomi City, Koza-machi – Raimaru-machi

Access: 40min via car from Kanazawa Station

http://www.city.nomi.ishikawa.jp.e.bg.hp.transer.com/museum/kenko_road.html

Nomi



Komatsu



Image provided by the Komatsu Tourism and Local Products Network

Blooming Period
Early April

<https://www.explorekomatsu.com/en/attractions/>

Rojo Park 3

This Japanese-style park was originally built within the third enclosure of the castle of Maeda Toshitsune, third generation feudal lord of Kaga Domain. Known for its gorgeous sakura blossoms, it features about 130 trees of many varieties including Yoshino cherry, weeping cherry, and Yaezakura. At night, 600 paper lanterns illuminate the park as flower-viewers continue their revelry.

Access: ~30min via local train from Kanazawa Station, get off at Komatsu Station, then ~15min walking

Noto Sakura Station 4

About 100 sakura trees form a natural tunnel of blossoms on either side of this train platform. The Noto Satoyama-Satoumi Train slows down as it passes through this station to let passengers view the beautiful views of the Noto Peninsula in spring.

Access: ~1hr via Limited Express train from Kanazawa Station, transfer at Wakura Onsen Station, ride Noto Railway to Noto-Kashima Station

Blooming Period
Mid-to-Late April



<https://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/english/kanko/20033.html>

Anamizu

Events

Geisha Evenings in Kanazawa 1

Enjoy watching and participating in the traditional songs, dances, and games of Kanazawa's geigi (the local term for geisha), along with explanations in English. The hostess of the establishment will also explain the cultural background of geisha in English.

Date/Time: March 25th through April 19th (Excluding Saturdays and Sundays) from 6PM to 7:30PM

Location: Teahouse Kaikaro

Apply online

Cost: ¥7,000~10,000

<http://geishaevenings.jp>

Otani River Koi-Nobori Festival 5

Near the Otani River estuary in Suzu, around 450 Koi-Nobori carp streamers of many colors and sizes make for an elegant display as they appear to swim through the sky on the wind. There are a variety of other attractions such as barbecues, local goods vendors, performances of local arts, and even weddings.

Date/Time: May 3rd, 4th 10AM~4PM

Location: Suzu, Otani-machi, near Otani River estuary

Access: 2hr 40min from Kanazawa Station via Suzu Limited Express Bus, get off at Otani bus stop



Tomohata Festival 6

This festival, held every year at Mifune Shrine to pray for a plentiful fish harvest, is registered as an Ishikawa Intangible Cultural Property. A fleet of nine boats, outfitted with a colorful array of flags and streamers, cruise around Ogi bay while ringing bells and beating drums, making for a splendid sight.

Date/Time: May 2nd (6AM~, 2:30PM~), May 3rd (7AM~, 1PM~)

Location: Noto-cho Ogi District

Access: 2hr40min via Suzu-Ushitsu Limited Express bus from Kanazawa Station, get off at Ogi Port bus stop



Seihaku-sai Festival 7

At over 12 meters tall and weighing over 20 tons, the Seihakusai festival floats are the largest of their kind in Japan. Three of these massive floats are paraded all around Nanao throughout the festival, which is registered as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage. Tourists can also try their hand at pulling the floats.

Planned gathering spots for the three floats: Ōtokonushi Shrine (May 4th ~12:30PM), Noto Shokusai Market (May 5th ~11:00AM), Nanao Station (May 5th ~12:45PM), Sentaï Bridge (May 5th ~3:40PM)

Date/Time: May 3rd to 5th (starts at 9PM on the 3rd)

Location: Central Nanao

Access: ~50min via limited express train from Kanazawa Station, get off at Nanao Station

Otabi Matsuri 3

With over 350 years of history and featuring Kabuki performances by children atop gorgeously decorated festival floats, Otabi Matsuri is one of Ishikawa's most famous festivals. The 8 gorgeous illuminated floats and the children's Kabuki performances are must-sees.

Date/Time: May 10th~12th

The 8 floats are gathered together on the 10th, while the children's Kabuki performances are held multiple times throughout the day every day of the festival

Location: Uhashi Shrine, Moto-Orihiyoshi Shrine

Access: 20min via limited express train from Kanazawa Station to Komatsu Station, then 3min walking from Komatsu Station Western exit



News

Regular Flights Between Hong Kong and Komatsu for Summer Flight Schedule 3



Operation Period:

April 3rd~October 26th 2019

Flight days: Wednesdays and Saturdays (twice a week)

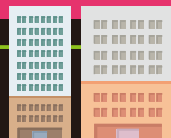
Times:

Departing Hong Kong 9:45AM → Arriving Komatsu 2:55PM

Departing Komatsu 4:30PM → Arriving Hong Kong 8PM

New Hotel Openings in Kanazawa 1

- The Square Hotel Kanazawa (Opened November 27th, 2018)
<https://www.the-squarehotel.com/en/skz/>
- Mitsui Garden Hotel Kanazawa (Opened January 11th, 2019)
<https://www.gardenhotels.co.jp/kanazawa/eng/>
- Hotel Intergate Kanazawa (Opens March 16th 2019)
<https://www.intergatehotels.jp/en/kanazawa/>
- Unizo Inn Express Kanazawa Ekimae (Opens April 10th 2019)
<https://www.unizo-hotel.co.jp/en/express-kanazawa.ekimae/>

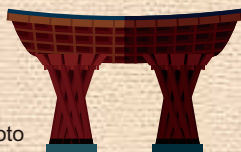




With only one more year until the Tokyo Paralympic Games, accessibility is an important concern here in Japan. In this special feature, we're introducing a model course of Ishikawa tourist spots that people with disabilities, the elderly, and their friends and family can all enjoy without stressing over wheelchair accessibility.

Day 1

Kanazawa Station



Morning: Come to Kanazawa via Tokyo or Kyoto

Afternoon



15min

Kenrokuen Garden and Kanazawa Castle

Kenrokuen Garden, one of Japan's three most famous gardens, and Kanazawa Castle, symbol of Kanazawa's feudal past, both have wheelchair-accessible routes available.

<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kenrokuen/e/course.html>

At the reception kiosks located at the entrances, wheelchairs and other mobility assistance tools (such as attachable third wheels and person-drawn towing devices) are available for rental to assist with moving around on the gravel paths.



There are 4 wheelchair-accessible restrooms within the garden grounds.

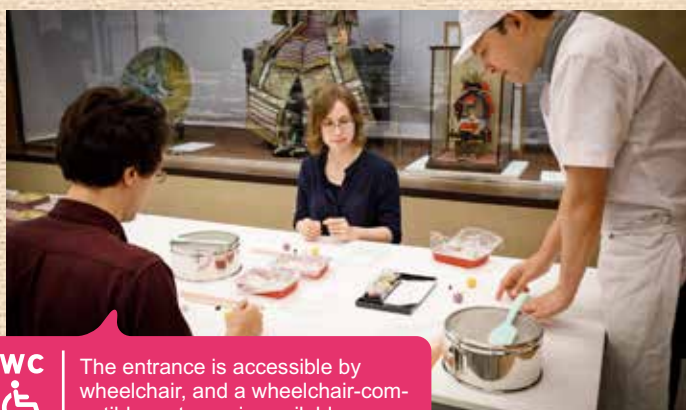
<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/kenrokuen/e/facilities.html>



500m

Ishikawa Local Products Center

At the Ishikawa Local Products Center, located near Kenrokuen, there are a variety of cultural activities available such as gold leafing and making traditional Japanese sweets.



The entrance is accessible by wheelchair, and a wheelchair-compatible restroom is available.

<https://kanazawa-kankou.jp/en/>

Barrier-free Information (Japanese only)

http://barifuri.jp/portal/facility/show_images/2123#equipment

Day 2

Omicho Market

A bustling market with around 180 shops and over 300 years of history, Omicho Market features a variety of local goods including fresh seafood, vegetables, and fruit, as well as pickled goods, sweets, flowers, and even clothing. In the early morning the market is less busy, making it an ideal time to enjoy the market without the crowds.



<https://visitkanazawa.jp/mustgoplace/touristspot/area3/2>

2.5km



10min

Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art

This modern art museum, located in the heart of downtown Kanazawa, is completely barrier-free, so visitors with disabilities can enjoy viewing the art without any inconvenience. There is also a restaurant located within the museum.

Wheelchairs are available for rental, and service dogs are permitted within the building.



<https://www.kanazawa21.jp/en/>



800m

D.T. Suzuki Museum

At this museum, you can learn about the life and works of Daisetsu Suzuki, Buddhist scholar and Kanazawa native known for introducing Zen Buddhism to the world. It is also designed to be a tranquil space perfect for quiet contemplation. The building was designed by world-renowned architect Yoshio Taniguchi.



The entrance is sloped to accommodate wheelchairs, which are available for rental.

<https://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/daisetz/english/index.html>

Barrier-free Information (Japanese only)

http://www.barifuri.jp/portal/facility/show_images/2034#equipment

For transport around the city, there are taxi companies with taxis designed to accommodate wheelchairs. For details, please contact the International Tourism Department.

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