

Ishikawa's History and Culture are Built on the Maeda Clan of the Kaga Domain

Back in the days of the samurai, the Kaga Domain maintained a "cultural promotion policy," leading this feudal domain to develop a tradition of peerless craft techniques and to cultivate traditional performing arts such as Noh, beloved among the samurai and the common people alike. These destinations offer a great way to experience the arts and crafts that grew out of Ishikawa's unique cultural environment!

Look for this symbol to find out how each destination is connected to Ishikawa's samurai culture.

Kanazawa Castle Park

The site of the castle where the feudal lords of the Kaga Domain lived.



Explore the different kinds of stone walls around the castle!

The castle grounds are like a museum of stone walls! Take a closer look to make your walk more interesting!

Ishikawa Cultural Properties Conservation Studio

Advanced restoration techniques help preserve arts and crafts from the days of the samurai for future generations.



The only place in Japan with full-time visitor hours to see restoration work in progress! See expert artisanal skills from up close!

Restoring byobu folding screens, old documents, lacquerware, and more.

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art

Learn about the arts and crafts that the Kaga Domain promoted throughout history.



Pheasant-Shaped Glazed Incense Burner (National Treasure)

Classical Japanese art, including Old Kutani Ware; these ceramics are beloved worldwide.

The perfect destination for art lovers! The permanent exhibition includes the Pheasant-Shaped Glazed Incense Burner, a must-see national treasure!

See Back for More Details on Each Destination!

Ishikawa Red Brick Museums

The buildings themselves are designated as important cultural properties, and their beautiful glass-walled resting area makes a great place to take a break from walking.



Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History

Learn about the history of Ishikawa, built on a foundation of samurai culture.



See the feudal lord's procession!

Experience the thrill of local festivals on a 3D screen!



Take a photo of yourself looking just like someone from long ago!



Learn about the days of the samurai and other parts of history, with fun hands-on experiences for the whole family!

Kaga-Honda Museum

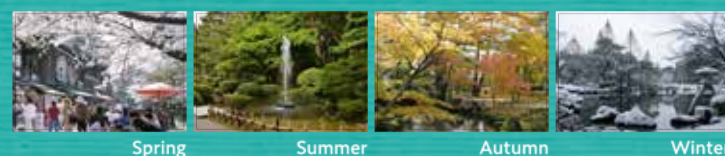
See armaments and other items that were used by the samurai.

Swords, armor, and more that were once used by the Honda Clan, chief vassals of the Kaga Domain during the Edo era (17th to late 19th century). An exciting chance to see many items once owned and used by the samurai!



Kenrokuen Garden

Originally made as a private garden for the lords of the Kaga Domain.



Enjoy spectacular beauty through all four seasons, perfect for photos!

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and Crafts

See some of Japan's finest traditional crafts, whose foundations were laid by the Kaga Domain.



The museum gift shop features a great selection of unique crafts!

Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater

The world's oldest stage performance art, beloved by everyone from the samurai to the common people.



Check the show schedule on the web — if there isn't a performance on a given day, you can enjoy a closer look at this unique stage!

Enjoy a guided tour of this uniquely Japanese style of theater.

Key:

- Walking Route between Nearby Destinations
- Walking Time in Minutes
- Destination Entrance
- Information Center
- Parking

Shiunoki Cultural Complex Basement Parking

Shiunoki Cultural Complex

National Crafts Museum (Opens summer 2020)

Midori-no Komichi Path

D. T. Suzuki Museum

Ishibiki Parking

Hondanomori Hall

Ishikawa Gokoku Shrine



Walking Map

Around Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa Castle Park

Explore Samurai Culture

Save Money with Special Discount Tickets

Scan QR Code for Smartphone Version

Access from Kanazawa Station to the Kenrokuen Garden Area

Kenrokuen Shuttle Bus

Get on from Bus Platform 6 outside the East Gate of Kanazawa Station.

Kanazawa Loop Bus

By Bus Left Loop Right Loop

Get on the Left or Right Loop from Bus Platform 7 outside the East Gate of Kanazawa Station.

http://www.hokutetsu.co.jp/en/en_round

By Taxi About 10 minutes from Kanazawa Station

Discount Tickets

+1 Kenrokuen+1 Ticket

¥500 (¥400 each for groups of 30 or more)

Includes admission to Kenrokuen Garden and one of the destinations listed below.

- Kanazawa Castle Park (Hishi Yagura Tower, Gojikken Nagaya Warehouse, Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura Tower, and Hashizume-mon Gate)
- The Fourth High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange, Ishikawa (Ishikawa Modern Literature Museum) • Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History • Kaga-Honda Museum
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and Crafts

Double Ticket Ishikawa Red Brick Museum Double Ticket

Adults ¥500, college students ¥400, free admission for kids under 18

Includes admission to the Kaga-Honda Museum and the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History.

Kenrokuen Garden

Discount Tickets
+1 Accepted

Considered one of Japan's finest gardens, Kenrokuen Garden was originally made over a long period by order of the lords of the Kaga Domain, and today it is an iconic feudal lord garden from the Edo era (17th to late 19th century). This garden is located in central Kanazawa, offering a place to enjoy natural beauty through all four seasons, even in the middle of the city.



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stops

8 7 9 — 1 min. (Katsurazaka Gate)
6 — 1 min. (Kodatsuno Gate)
5 9 8 6 — 2 min. (Mayumizaka Gate)

- Open 7:00 to 18:00 Mar. 1 to Oct. 15 and 8:00 to 17:00 Oct. 16 to end of Feb.
- Open 365 days a year
- Admission: Adults 18 and up ¥320, kids 6-17 ¥100

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

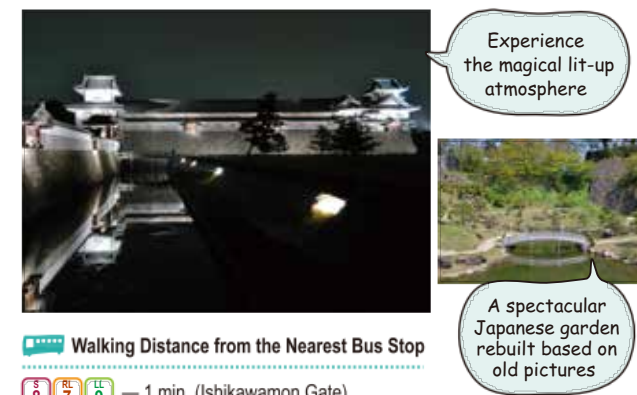
Foreign Language Support

Website: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), and Korean
Pamphlets: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), Korean, French, Spanish, Italian, and Thai
On-Site Signage: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean

Kanazawa Castle Park

Discount Tickets
+1 Accepted

Kanazawa Castle, originally built in 1580, serves as a symbol of the city's historic and cultural heritage. Today, this park where the castle once stood features an open feel and beautiful greenery. On Fridays, Saturdays, and the night before each national holiday, the park stays open until 21:00, lit up for visitors to enjoy.



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

6 7 9 — 1 min. (Ishikawamon Gate)

2 min. from the Katsurazaka Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 7:00 to 18:00 Mar. 1 to Oct. 15 8:00 to 17:00 Oct. 16 to end of Feb.
- Sections of the castle that require paid admission are open 9:00 to 16:30 (Last admission at 16:00)
- Open 365 days a year
- Free admission Admission to Hishi Yagura Tower, Gokjken Nagaya Warehouse, Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura Tower, and Hashizume-mon Gate: Adults 18 and up ¥320, kids 6-17 ¥100

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

Experience the magical lit-up atmosphere

A spectacular Japanese garden rebuilt based on old pictures

Foreign Language Support

Website: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), and Korean
Pamphlets: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), Korean, French, Spanish, Italian, and Thai
On-Site Signage: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art

Discount Tickets
+1 Accepted

This museum's broad collection features art and crafts from long ago up through the modern era, including everyday items decorated with Kaga maki-e gold and silver decorations owned by the samurai, a collection of Kutani Ware, traditional craft items produced by living national treasures, and more. The museum also boasts a broad collection of Old Kutani Ware, considered the origin of the world-famous Kutani Ware. These ceramics are certain to captivate, with their dynamic designs and bold colors.



The dynamic designs and bold colors of Old Kutani Ware

Glazed incense burners originally used in tea ceremony, now national treasure

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stops

5 9 8 8 — 3 min.
6 — 2 min.

2 min. from the Zuishinzaka Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:30 to 18:00
- Closed for new year holidays and during exhibit changes
- Standard Admission: Adults ¥370, college students ¥290, free admission for kids under 18 (Separate fee required for special exhibitions)

http://www.ishibi.pref.ishikawa.jp/e_home/

Foreign Language Support

Website: English
Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English
Voice Guide: English, Chinese and Korean

Ishikawa Cultural Properties Conservation Studio

Free Admission

A modern facility built into a former army building with a charmingly old-fashioned feel. This studio is the only place in Japan where visitors can watch through windows as experts restore old cultural properties like mounted scrolls, byobu folding screens, old documents, lacquerware, and more. Visitors can also learn about the restoration process through videos and informational panels.



See expert techniques from up close

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stops

5 9 8 8 — 2 min.
6 — 3 min.

2 min. from the Zuishinzaka Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:30 to 17:00
- Closed for new year holidays
- Free Admission

<http://www.ishibi.pref.ishikawa.jp/jpc/cars/>

Foreign Language Support

Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History

Discount Tickets
+1 Double Ticket Accepted

See a diorama of the over 2,000 vassals who would accompany the feudal lord during the Edo era (17th to late 19th century) as they made the trip to and from Edo (now Tokyo) on foot, giant 3D videos of Ishikawa's exciting festivals at the museum movie theater, and more, as you learn about the history and culture of Ishikawa. The free Hands-On Interaction Hall offers plenty to enjoy for kids and adults alike!



Diorama of the history of the lord's procession!

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

6 — 3 min.

5 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00 (Last admission at 16:30)
- Closed for new year holidays and during exhibit changes
- Admission: Adults ¥300, college students ¥240, free admission for kids under 18 (Separate fee required for special exhibitions)

<https://ishikawa-rekihaku.jp/en/>

Foreign Language Support

Website: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), and Korean
Pamphlets: English, Chinese (Simplified & Traditional), and Korean
On-Site Signage: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
Exhibit Signage: English (Some informational printouts also available)
Voice Guide: English, Chinese, and Korean

Kaga-Honda Museum

Discount Tickets
+1 Double Ticket Accepted

Explore a collection of items owned by the Honda Clan, chief vassals of the Kaga Domain during the Edo era (17th to late 19th century): armaments, horse harnesses, old documents, arts and crafts, and much more. View suits of armor, helmets, swords, and spears from up close, for a unique look at the days of the samurai.



Learn about the history of the samurai through actual historic items!

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

6 — 3 min.

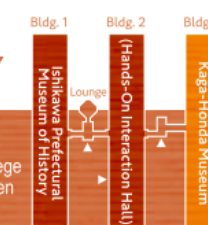
5 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00 (Last admission at 16:30)
- Closed Thu. (Dec. to Feb.), new year holidays, and during exhibit changes
- Admission: Adults ¥400, college students ¥300, free admission for kids under 18

<http://honda-museum.jp/english/>

Foreign Language Support

Website: English
Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English



Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater

Free Admission*

Noh is the world's oldest performing art, handed down from generation to generation almost entirely unchanged, and has been awarded intangible cultural heritage recognition by UNESCO. Noh was particularly beloved by the feudal lords of the Kaga Domain, who promoted it among both the samurai and the common people. On days without performances, visitors can have a closer look at the unique features of the stage, such as the large jars buried underneath: a traditional way of helping the sound of the stage resonate.



Some performances feature explanations in English

Performance Schedule

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

6 — 1 min.

3 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00 (days without performances) (Last admission for tours at 16:30)
- Closed Mon., holidays, and new year holidays
- *Free admission for tours of the stage (Only available on days with no performances)

<https://noh-theater.jp/en/>

Foreign Language Support

Pamphlets: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
On-Site Signage: English
Performance Explanations: English (some performances)

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and Crafts

Discount Tickets
+1 Accepted

See 36 different traditional crafts from Ishikawa all in one place, including Kutani Ware, Wajima Lacquerware, Kaga Yuzen dyeing, Kanazawa gold leaf, and more. Learn about the beauty and pleasures of these various local traditional crafts, and how they still remain a part of everyday life. The museum gift shop also features a great selection of craft items at affordable prices!



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

6 — 1 min.

Connects directly to Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00
- Closed 3rd Thu. of Apr. to Nov., every Thu. of Dec. to Mar., and new year holidays
- Free admission to 1st floor; 2nd floor admission: Adults 18 and up ¥260, Adults 65 and up ¥210, kids 6-17 ¥100, kids under 6 free

<http://www.ishikawa-densankan.jp/english/index.html>

Foreign Language Support

Website: English
Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English
Voice Guide: English, Chinese and Korean

Ishikawa Red Brick Museums

These three red brick buildings were originally built around 1909, to serve as military armories; after the war, they were used for the Kanazawa College of Art before becoming these museums. These historic buildings have been faithfully restored to their original exterior appearance.

