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KANAZAWA

Kanazawa(金沢), pop. 455,000, the capital of Ishikawa Prefecture, is a veritable storehouse of nature and history. This city, originally a small village, remained for nearly 300 years from 1580 under the control of the Maedas, the second largest clan in feudal Japan, and gradually developed into an important industrial, administrative and cultural center. Its modern industries are textile, machinery and metal working. It is also home to time-honored industries that turn out highly refined traditional products, such as Kaga-yuzen silk fabrics, Kutani and Ohi pottery, Kaga-braided gold lacquer, metal foils and various artistic objects

made from paulownia. In the area of culture, Noh dramas of the Kaga-Hosho school, tea ceremony and flower arranging are especially enjoyed by the citizens.

Kanazawa is one of the few typical castletowns still remaining in Japan. Here, one can see many winding paths and blind alleys which form a labyrinth effectively designed to thwart an enemy's attack. The streets lined on either side with latticed doors and earthen walls remind one of old Japan. The city's scenic beauty is particularly enhanced by the crystal clear waters of the Sai and Asano Rivers flowing through the city.

Access:

1. By Air:

To	From	Operated by	Time required	One-way fare (¥)	Access from Komatsu Airport to Kanazawa
Kanazawa (Komatsu)	Tokyo (Haneda)	ANA JAL	1 hr.	20,100	45-60 min. by bus from Komatsu Airport (¥1,100) Bus (12 min. ¥260) to Komatsu Sta. & JR limited express (20 min. ¥1,520) / local train (35 min. ¥480)

2. By JR Train:

From	Train type and name	Time required	Fare (¥)
Tokyo ↓ Change at Echigoyuzawa ↓ Kanazawa	Joetsu Shinkansen "Toki" Limited Express "Hakutaka"	1 hr. 10-35 min. 2 hrs. 33-53 min.	12,710
Ueno ↓ Kanazawa	Sleeper train "Hokuriku" Lv. Ueno at 23:03	7 hrs. 31 min.	17,110
Tokyo ↓ Change at Maibara ↓ Kanazawa	Tokaido Shinkansen "Hikari" (stopping at Maibara) "Kodama" Limited Express "Shirasagi"	2 hrs. 10-14 min. 3 hrs. 17-27 min. 1 hr. 50 min-2 hrs.	15,570
Osaka / Kyoto ↓ Kanazawa	Limited Express "Raicho," "Thunderbird"	2 hrs. 30-55 min. (fr. Osaka) 2 hrs. 10-30 min. (fr. Kyoto)	7,440 (fr. Osaka) 6,710 (fr. Kyoto)
Nagoya ↓ Kanazawa	Limited Express "Shirasagi"	2 hrs. 51 min-3 hrs. 01 min.	7,130

JR fares for Shinkansen and limited express include the reserved seat charge.

3. By Bus:

To	From	Time required	Fare (¥)	Remarks
Kanazawa	Shinjuku / Ikebukuro (Tokyo)	7 hrs. 30 min.	7,840	Seibu Bus: Tel. (03) 5910-2525 JR Bus Kanto: Tel. (03) 3844-0496
	Kyoto	4 hrs. 20 min.	4,060	Keihan Bus: Tel. (075) 661-8200 West Japan JR Bus: Tel. (06) 6371-0111
	Nagoya	4 hrs.	4,060	Meitetsu Bus: Tel. (052) 582-0489 JR Tokai Bus: Tel. (052) 563-0489

Places of Interest: (Numbers correspond to those on the City Map.)

① **Oyama Shrine** (尾山神社), 10 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta., was built in 1599 in dedication to the first Lord Maeda. It is noted for its magnificent three-story "Shinmon" Gate of Dutch design, built in 1875, and third-floor stained glass windows.

② **Nagamachi Bukeyashiki-ato** (Nagamachi Samurai Residence Site 長町武家屋敷跡), 10 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. This traditional samurai residential area, lined with earthen walls, is located west of Korimbo and alongside the Onosho reservoir. The area is said to have got its name from the fact that the family of a regent named Naga, who owned 33,000 koku (1 koku=5.119 bushels) of rice,

resided there for many generations. The lane where the Nagamachi-Yuzen-kan is located is paved with flat stones and lined on both sides with earthen walls, which give it a marvelous traditional atmosphere. At present, the mansion of the Nomura family built in mid-19th century still stands here, as it was in the feudal period. This is also the location of the Kanazawa Old Shop Museum, which exhibits commercial goods that could have been found in the old shops of the Kanazawa area.

The Nomura Residence (野村家), a 5-min. walk from Korimbo Bus Stop, a 10-min. bus ride from Kanazawa Sta., are the old houses of the Maeda clan's samurai warriors of the mid-19th century. The houses are surrounded by traditional tile-roofed mud walls and located in the Nagamachi quarter. One can enter the Nomura Family residence, which is famous for its elaborate rooms and garden. Open: 8:30-17:30 (Apr.-Sep.), 8:30-16:30 (Oct.-Mar.); Closed: Dec. 26-31. Admission: ¥500.

3 Nagamachi Yuzen-kan (長町友禅館), **ex-Saihitsu-an** (旧彩筆庵) near Korimbo Bus Stop, a 10-min. bus ride from Kanazawa Sta., offers a complete explanation of the Yuzen dyeing process and a chance to see Yuzen hand-painting techniques. Open: 9:00-17:00; Closed: New Year's holiday & event period. Admission: ¥350.

4 Kanazawa Castle Park (金沢城公園), 13 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. to Kenrokuen-shita Bus Stop, then a 5-min. walk, is famous for the site of Kanazawa Castle which has been the residential castle of the Maeda family since Toshiie Maeda first entered the castle in 1583 and basic fortifications began. In 1881 all the castle walls apart from Ishikawa-mon Gate, were destroyed by fire. Finally, over period of 3 years, three structures Hishiyagura, Gojukken-nagaya, and Hashizumemon Tsuzuki-yagura were restored in 2001. (These three are Open: 7:00-16:30; Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 3; Admission: ¥300.) They are the largest scale wooden castle structures built since the Meiji Period in Japan.

5 Kenrokuen Garden (兼六園), 10 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta., is considered one of the three most beautiful landscape gardens in Japan along with Kairakuen in Mito and Korakuen in Okayama. The garden, first laid out in 1676 and enlarged to its present size of about 10 ha. in the early 1800s, was an outer garden of Kanazawa Castle. True to the name of Kenroku (lit. "Combined Six"), it boasts six prominent features, namely, vastness, solemnity, careful arrangement, venerability, coolness (induced by running water) and scenic charm. Open: 7:00-18:00 (Mar. 1-Oct. 15), 8:00-16:30 (Oct. 16-Feb. 28). Admission: ¥300.

Chashitsu Shigure-tei (茶室時雨亭) in Kenrokuen Garden, Renchi-tei, the building and its garden that used to stand here, was destroyed in the great fire of 1759, and when it was rebuilt in 1773, the villa called Shigure-tei was erected here in front of the water fountain. That building was demolished in the beginning of the Meiji Period, and reproduced again on this spot in Mar. 2000. Its 10-mat and 8-mat sized tatami rooms have been partially restored from the floor plan of the time.

6 Seisonkaku (成巽閣), in the southeast of Kenrokuen Garden, is a lovely two-story structure of splendid design (now designated as an Important Cultural Property) built in 1863 by the 13th lord of the Maeda family for his mother's retirement residence. It houses a rich

collection of art objects handed down in the Maeda family from generation to generation. Open: 9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: Wed. (if Wed. is a holiday, closed on the following day) & Dec. 29-Jan. 2. Admission: ¥700.

7 Museum for Traditional Products and Crafts (石川県立伝統産業工芸館), next to Seisonkaku. The museum displays Kutani pottery, Kaga Yuzen dyeing, Wajima lacquerware, gold leaf and other traditional craft products. Open: 9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: 3rd Thu. (Apr.-Nov.), every Thu. (Dec. - Mar.), Dec. 29-Jan.3. Admission (Permanent exhibition on the 2nd floor): ¥250.

8 Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art (石川県立美術館), 5-min. walk from Seisonkaku, offers the best permanent collection of Kutani pottery, dyed fabrics, old Japanese paintings and various other art objects. Open: 9:30-17:00; Closed: during the periods of changing exhibits & late Dec.-early Jan. Admission: depending on exhibitions. (Closed under repair till Sep. 26, 2008. Most of the collection are planning to be exhibited in Ishikawa Pref. History Museum and other museums in Toyama and Niigata prefectures in this period.)

9 Ishikawa Prefectural History Museum (石川県立歴史博物館), 5-min. walk from Dewamachi Bus Stop, displays historical and cultural implements from the Paleolithic to Modern ages. The building itself was built about a century ago and designated an important cultural property. Open: 9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: Dec. 25-Jan. 3 & period of inventory; Admission: ¥250.

10 Honda Museum (本多蔵品館), 5-min. walk from Dewamachi Bus Stop, reached in 15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta., exhibits art objects, armor and household utensils of the Hondas, the chief retainer of the Maeda lords. Open: 9:00-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: Thu. (Nov.-Feb.) & Dec. 29-Jan. 2. Admission: ¥500.

11 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa (金沢21世紀美術館), next Kanazawa City Hall. The museum has fabulous collections of contemporary art as their permanent exhibition. Also, offers several workshops and other temporary exhibitions. Open: 10:00-18:00 (Sun.-Thu.), 10:00-20:00 (Fri. & Sat.); Closed: Mon. (the following day if Mon. is a holiday) and Dec. 29-Jan. 1. Admission: depend on exhibitions. More details, <http://www.kanazawa21.jp/en/index.html>

12 Kanazawa Nakamura Memorial Museum (金沢市立中村記念美術館), behind Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art. The museum, once the residence of Nakamura Eishun, a wealthy sake brewer, houses a collection of old Kutani pottery and tea ceremony utensils. Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: Dec.29-Jan.3. Admission: ¥300.

13 Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater (石川県立能楽堂), 15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. The regular Noh performances are held at 13:00 on the 1st Sun. of each month (2nd Sun. in Apr. and Sep.), and on Jan. 15th. No performances in Aug. Open: 9:00-16:30. Admission: Free. Tel: (076) 264-2598. (Need to contact before visiting.)

14 Gyokusen-en (玉泉園), close to Kenrokuen-shita Bus Stop. One can walk around this Edo-style garden and taste Maccha tea served with sweets (additional charge of ¥500-¥700) while appreciating the beauty of the garden. Open: 9:00-16:00 (Mar.-early Dec.); Closed: Wed. (the following day if Wed. is a holiday) & early Dec.-Feb. Admission: ¥500.

One-day Walking Route in Kanazawa :

Kanazawa Sta. 10-min. bus **1 Oyama Shrine** 10-min. walk **2 Nagamachi Bukeyashiki-ato House**, **3 Nagamachi Yuzen-kan**

..... 15-min. walk **Ishikawa Prefectural Products Center** 6-min. walk **4 Ishikawa-mon Gate, Kanazawa Castle Park** 3-min. walk **5 Kenrokuen Garden**,

6 Seisonkaku **7 Museum for Traditional Products and Crafts** 5-min. walk **8 Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art** 5-min. walk

9 Honda Museum 10-min. bus **Kanazawa Sta.**
(Dewamachi Bus Stop)

- [15] **Myoryuji Temple** (妙立寺), 15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. to Hirokoji Bus Stop, then a 5-min. walk, this is famous for its complicated structure and tricky devices such as staircases, labyrinthine corridors, hidden chambers, secret tunnels and trick doors, hence its common name Ninja-dera (Temple of the Ninja). Open: 9:00-16:30 (9:00-16:00 late Nov.-late Feb.); Closed: Nov.13, Jan.1. Admission: ¥800. Tel. (076)241-0888. (reservation required in Japanese)
- [16] **Kutani Pottery Kosen Kiln** (九谷光仙窯), 15 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. to Nomachi Bus Stop, then a 5-min. walk, is the one and only kiln in Kanazawa City founded in 1870. It demonstrates the entire process of making Kutani pottery. Open: 9:00-17:00; Closed: Year-end & New Year's holiday. Admission: Free.
- [17] **Ochaya Shima** (お茶屋志摩), 10 min. by bus from Kanazawa Sta. to Hashiba-cho Bus Stop. After 5-min. walk, there is Chaya-machi

Street lined with former Geisha houses built in the early 19th century featuring wooden latticed windows and large doors, retaining the atmosphere of this former pleasure quarter. One can see the interior of Shima house and watch the Geisha perform Japanese music and dance. Open: 9:00-18:00. Admission: ¥400.

- [18] **Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum** (金沢市立安江金箔工芸館), a 6-min. walk from West Exit of Kanazawa Sta., offers an attentive explanation of gold leaf making process. Visitors can join a workshop and actually touch a piece of gold leaf. 98 percent of Japan's gold leaf is produced in Kanazawa. Open: 9:30-17:00 (enter by 16:30); Closed: Dec. 29-Jan. 3. Admission: ¥300 (including tea and sweets).
- [19] **Yuwaku Spa** (湯涌温泉), 30 min. by bus (No.12) from Kanazawa Sta., is a quiet and rural hot spring resort lying at the foot of Mt. Io.

Accommodations :

Numbers ①-⑪ correspond to those on the map on page 4/4.

Name of facility	Tel.	Fax	Room rate (¥)	Name of facility	Tel.	Fax	Room rate (¥)
Kanazawa:				⑫ Kanazawa Manten Hotel (H)	(076)265-0100	(076)265-0120	¥
① Kanazawa Miyako Hotel (H)	(076)261-2111	(076)261-2113	¥¥	⑬ APA Hotel Kanazawa-Station-Mae (H)	(076)231-8111	(076)231-8112	¥¥
② Kanazawa Sky Hotel (H)	(076)233-2233	(076)233-1407	¥¥¥	⑭ Castle Inn Kanazawa (BH) [W]	(076)223-6300	(076)265-6365	¥
③ Kanazawa New Grand Hotel (H)	(076)233-1311	(076)233-1591	¥¥¥	⑮ Hotel Mikage (BH)	(076)243-2232	(076)243-2324	¥
④ Kanazawa Excel Hotel Tokyu (H)	(076)231-2411	(076)263-0154	¥¥¥	⑯ Kashimaya Ryokan (R)	(076)221-0187	(076)221-7142	¥¥
⑤ Hotel Acty (H)	(076)233-3900	(076)233-3005	¥¥	⑰ Iritaya (M)	(076)265-6700	—	¥
⑥ Smile Hotel (H)	(076)263-0011	(076)263-0014	¥¥	⑱ Pension Raspberry (P)	(076)223-0757	(076)233-3591	¥
⑦ Camellia Inn Yukitsubaki (P)	(076)223-5725	(076)223-5798	¥¥	⑲ Hakuchoro Hotel (H)	(076)222-1212	(076)222-1120	¥¥¥
⑧ Chaya Ryokan (R)	(076)231-2225	(076)231-2227	¥¥¥	⑳ Kanazawa Youth Hostel (Y)	(076)252-3414	(076)252-8590	¥
⑨ Nakayasu Ryokan (R)	(076)231-3128	(076)232-3250	¥	㉑ Hotel Hinodeya (BH) [W]	(076)231-5224	(076)221-2426	¥
⑩ Murataya Ryokan (R) [W]	(076)263-0455	(076)263-0456	¥				
⑪ Kanazawa Central Hotel (BH)	(076)263-5311	(076)262-1444	¥				

Accommodations (continued):

Name of facility	Tel.	Fax.	Room rate (¥)
Yuwaku Spa:			
Kanaya Ryokan (R)	(076)235-1211	(076)235-1214	¥¥¥
Atarashiya (R)	(076)235-1011	(076)235-1024	¥¥¥

Remarks:

H = Hotel	Rate for a twin room.
R = Ryokan	Rate per person.
BH = Business Hotel	Rate per person.
Y = Youth Hostel	Rate per person.
M = Minshuku (family-run inn)	Rate per person.
P = Pension	Rate per person.
[W] = Welcome Inn member	

¥¥¥	more than 15,000 yen
¥¥	8,001 yen – 15,000 yen
¥	8,000 yen or less

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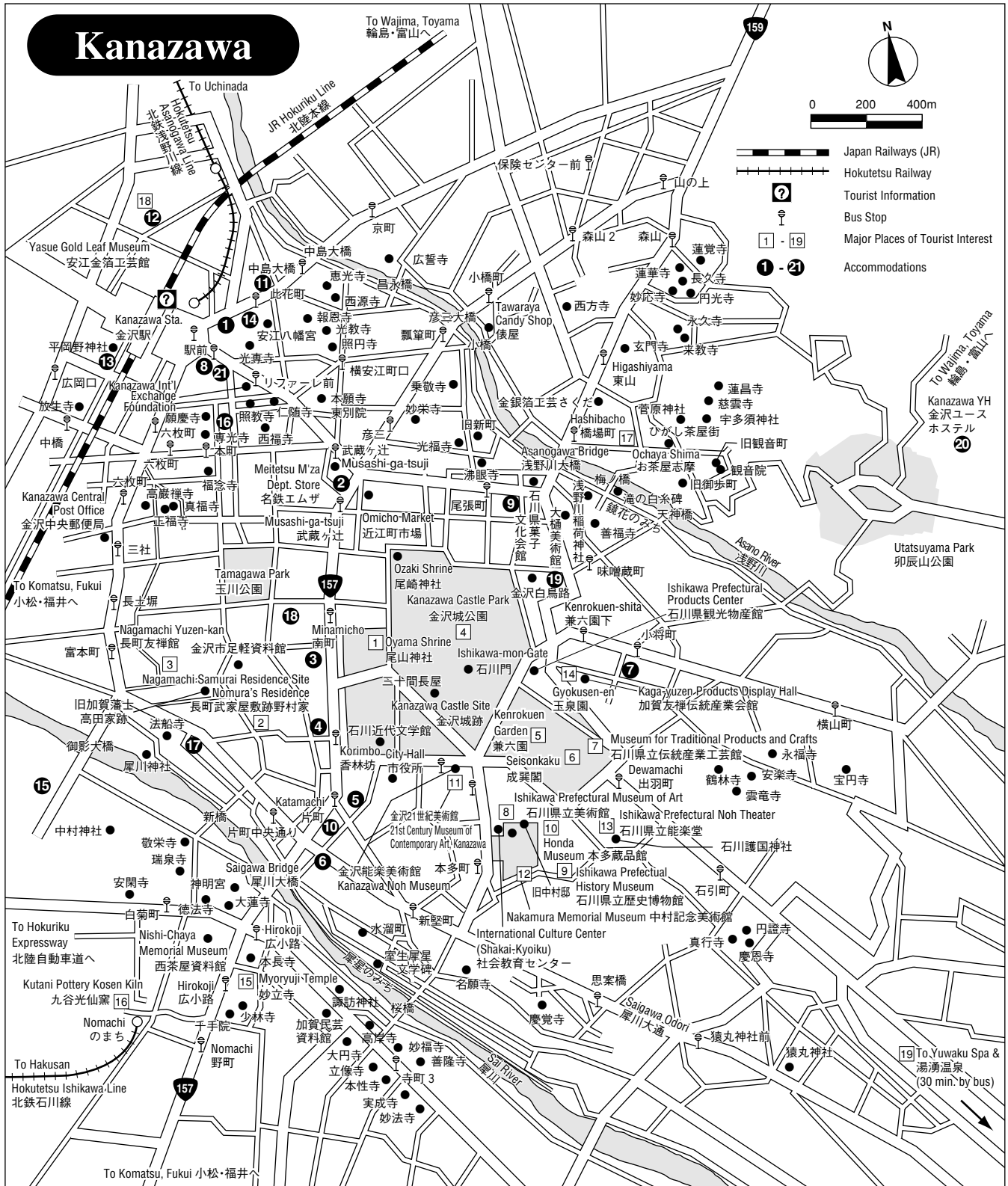
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