

Ishikawa's History and Culture are Built on the Maeda Family 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!

Conservation and Restoration Studio of Cultural Properties, Ishikawa Prefecture

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



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

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

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art

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



Shallow Kokutani (Old Kutani) Bowl with Design of Phoenix in Overglaze Enamels (Pref. Cultural Property)

The perfect destination for art lovers! The permanent exhibition includes this pheasant-shaped glazed incense burner, a must-see national treasure!

Incense Burner in the Shape of Pheasant Decorated with Overglaze Enamels (National Treasure) by Nonomura Ninsei

National Crafts Museum

Japan's only national art museum focused on crafts and design!



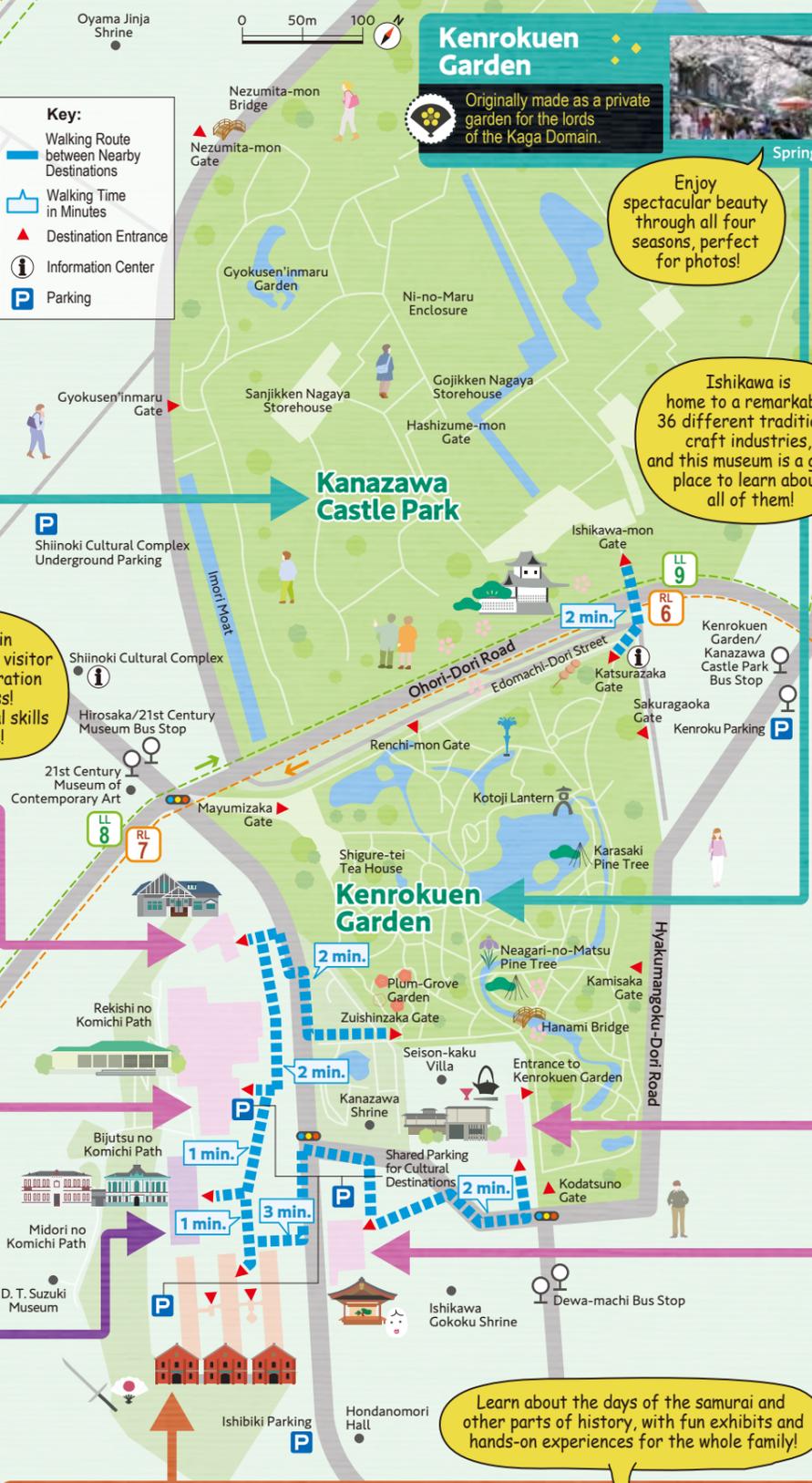
Left to Right: Old 9th Division Command Headquarters, and Old Army Generals Club



Untitled (13-09-04) by Jun Kaneko, 2013



Orchard: Sunlight Penetrating Fruit, Fruit in Sunlight Filtering through Leaves by Hashimoto Masayuki, 1978-1988



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Originally made as a private garden for the lords of the Kaga Domain.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 is home to a remarkable 36 different traditional craft industries, and this museum is a great place to learn about all of them!

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, for free!

Enjoy a uniquely Japanese style of theater.

Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History

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

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



See letters written by old feudal lords!



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

Kaga-Honda Museum

See armaments and other items that once belonged to the samurai.

Swords, armor, and more that were once used by the Honda Family, chief vassals of the Kaga Domain during the Edo period (1603-1868). An exciting chance to see many items once owned and used by the samurai!



Access from Kanazawa Station to the Kenrokuen Garden Area

- Local Buses** Outside the East Gate of Kanazawa Station...
 - Get on any bus at Platform 3 or 7, and get off at Hirosaka/21st Century Museum bus stop.
 - Get on any bus at Platform 6 (EXCEPT buses bound for Yanagibashi), and get off at Kenrokuen Garden/Kanazawa Castle Park or Dewa-machi bus stop.
- By Bus**
 - Kanazawa Loop Bus** Outside the East Gate of Kanazawa Station, from Bus Platform 6, board a **RL 00-Right Loop** or **LL 00-Left Loop** bus, then get off at Hirosaka/21st Century Museum bus stop or Kenrokuen Garden/Kanazawa Castle Park bus stop.
- By Taxi** About 10 minutes from Kanazawa Station

Note: Public transportation details may vary - check the website for up-to-date information.

Discount Tickets

相互割引 Area Discounts
Show your ticket stub from one of these destinations to get discounts at any of the others.

- National Crafts Museum • Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and Crafts
- 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
- Kanazawa Nakamura Memorial Museum • Great People of Kanazawa Memorial Museum

+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 Storehouse, Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura Tower, and Hashizume-mon Gate)
- Fourth High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange (Ishikawa Modern Literature Museum)
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and Crafts • Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art
- Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History • Kaga-Honda Museum

Kenrokuen Garden



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 period (1603–1868). 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

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

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

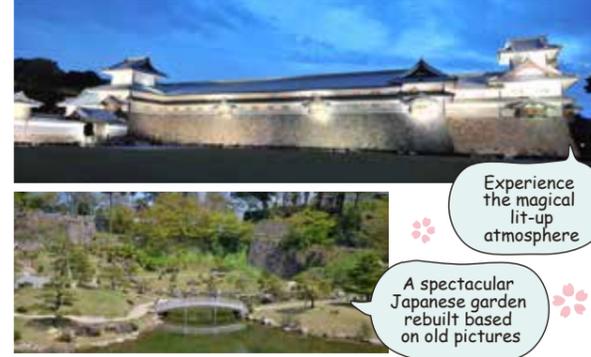
- Open 7:00 to 18:00 Mar. 1 to Oct. 15, and 8:00 to 17:00 Oct. 16 to end of Feb. (Shigure-tei Tea House is open 9:00 to 16:30; last admission at 16:00)
- Open 365 days a year (Shigure-tei Tea House is closed for new year holidays)
- Admission: Adults 18 and up ¥320, kids 6–17 ¥100



Kanazawa Castle Park



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.



Experience the magical lit-up atmosphere

A spectacular Japanese garden rebuilt based on old pictures

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 6 9 — 1 min. (Ishikawa-mon Gate)

- 2 min. from the Katsurazaka Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 7:00 to 18:00 Mar. 1 to Oct. 15, and 8:00 to 17:00 Oct. 16 to end of Feb. (Hishi Yagura Tower, Gojikken Nagaya Storehouse, Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura Tower, Hashizume-mon Gate, Kahoku-mon Gate, Nezumita-mon Gate, and Gyokusen'an open 9:00 to 16:30; last admission at 16:00)
- Open 365 days a year (Gyokusen'an is closed for new year holidays)
- Free admission (For Hishi Yagura Tower, Gojikken Nagaya Storehouse, Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura Tower, and Hashizume-mon Gate: Adults 18 and up ¥320, kids 6–17 ¥100)

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



National Crafts Museum



This art museum specializes in modern and contemporary crafts and design. Visitors can explore exhibitions of its collection, as well as special and joint exhibitions. The museum also features the relocated studio of the lacquer artist Matsuda Gonroku, a digital craft-viewing system, an art library with specialized books, and a shop with a variety of unique items. The buildings themselves, originally built over a century ago to serve as army facilities, are worth a visit on their own.



See craft items from various angles with 3D digital data

Studio of Matsuda Gonroku, a lacquer artist nicknamed "the god of lacquer"

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 7 8 — 7 min.
- 5 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- 4 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:30 to 17:30 (Last admission at 17:00)
- Closed Mon. (or following day if a holiday), new year holidays, and during exhibit changes
- Admission: Varies by exhibition

Foreign Language Support
Website: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English
Voice Guide: Varies by exhibition
List of Works: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
Pamphlets: English



Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art



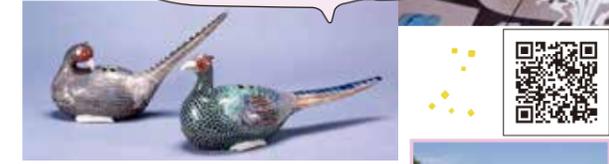
This museum's broad collection features art and crafts from long ago up through the contemporary era, including everyday items decorated with Kaga *maki-e* gold and silver decorations owned by the samurai, a collection of Kutani ware, traditional craft items produced by living national treasures, and 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

Have a closer look at expert techniques, at the Conservation and Restoration Studio of Cultural Properties next door

Incense burners originally used in tea ceremony; the one on the right is a National Treasure



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 7 8 — 5 min. ♀ 5 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- 2 min. from the Zuishinzaka Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:30 to 18:00
- Closed for new year holidays and during exhibit changes
- Permanent Exhibition Admission: Adults ¥370, college students ¥290, free admission for kids under 18 (separate admission fees apply for special exhibitions)

Foreign Language Support
Website: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
Pamphlets: English, Simplified Chinese, and Korean
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English
Voice Guide: English, Chinese, and Korean



Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History



See a diorama of the over 2,000 vassals who would accompany the feudal lord during the Edo period (1603–1868) 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.



Diorama of the feudal lord's procession!

Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 7 8 — 8 min. ♀ 5 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- 5 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

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

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 leaflets also available)
Voice Guide: English, Chinese, and Korean



Kaga-Honda Museum



Explore a collection of items owned by the Honda Family, chief vassals of the Kaga Domain during the Edo period (1603–1868): 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

- 7 8 — 8 min. ♀ 5 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- 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

Foreign Language Support
Website: English
Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English



Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater



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. The main stage at this theater is a Registered Tangible Cultural Property.



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 3 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- 2 min. from the Kodatsuno Gate of Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00 (stage tours; last admission at 16:30)
- Closed Mon., holidays, and new year holidays
- *Free admission for stage tours (Only available on days with no performances)

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



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!



Walking Distance from the Nearest Bus Stop

- 1 min. from Dewa-machi bus stop

- Connects directly to Kenrokuen Garden

- Open 9:00 to 17:00 (Last admission at 16:45)
- 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 18–64 ¥260, adults 65 and up ¥210, kids 6–17 ¥100, kids under 6 free

Foreign Language Support
Website: English
Pamphlets: English
On-Site Signage: English
Exhibit Signage: English (explanations of 36 different crafts)



Ishikawa Red Brick Museum

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.

