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Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter

Enjoy Japan's Winter Season in Ishikawa

Special
Feature

Facing the Sea of Japan, Ishikawa has a uniquely beautiful winter season. Here, you can enjoy all of the true charms of winter such as seasonal fish and relaxing onsen.

This issue introduces the true charms of winter that you can enjoy in each area of Ishikawa.

Kanazawa

Kenrokuen Garden "Yukizuri" 1

Due to the high water content of the snow in Ishikawa, the Japanese technique of Yukizuri is used starting in November every year to protect tree branches from the weight of heavy snowfall.

- ◆ **Garden Hours** 7:00~18:00 (Oct. 6th to end of February: 8:00~17:00)
- ◆ **Entrance fee** ¥310
- ◆ **Access** 15 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → exit the bus at the "Kenrokuenshita" stop

Kanazawa Castle・Kenrokuen Garden Light-up ~Winter Stage~

Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden are lit up at night, creating a magical scenery that you ordinarily cannot enjoy.

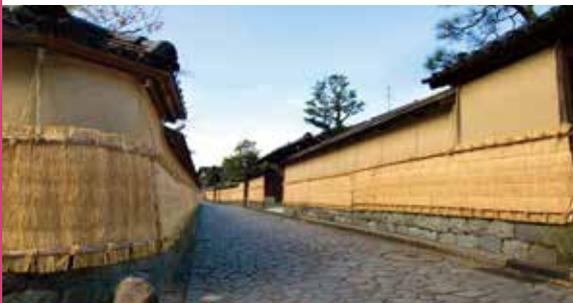
- ◆ **Date** Feb. 1st to Feb. 19th 2019, 17:30~21:00
- ◆ **Entrance fee** Free



Nagamachi Samurai District "Komogake" 1

During winter at the remnants of the Nagamachi Samurai District, the mud walls lining the streets are covered with woven straw mats for protection against the snow in a process known as "Komogake".

- ◆ **Access** 10 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → exit the bus at the "Korinbo" stop → 5 minute walk to the Nagamachi Samurai District



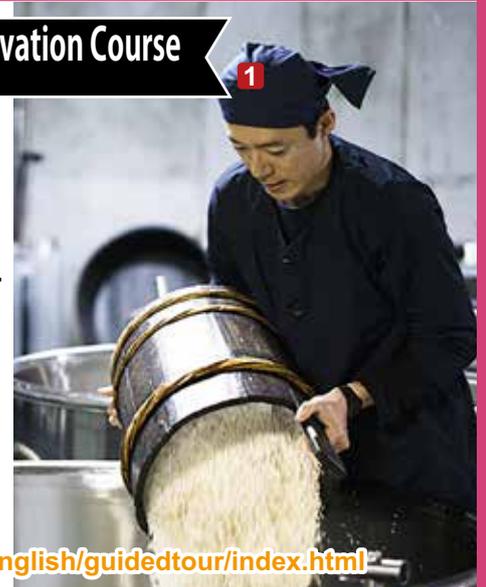
Sake Brewer/Warehouse Observation Course 1 (available in English and French)

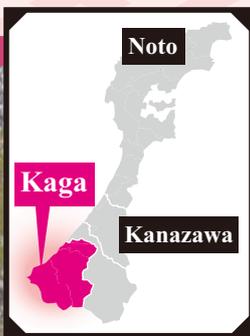
The oldest sake brewers in Kanazawa: Fukumitsuya

Winter is the season for preparing Japanese rice wine. After observing the manufacturing process inside the sake warehouse, enjoy sampling sake and experiencing the depth and deliciousness of Japanese rice wine.

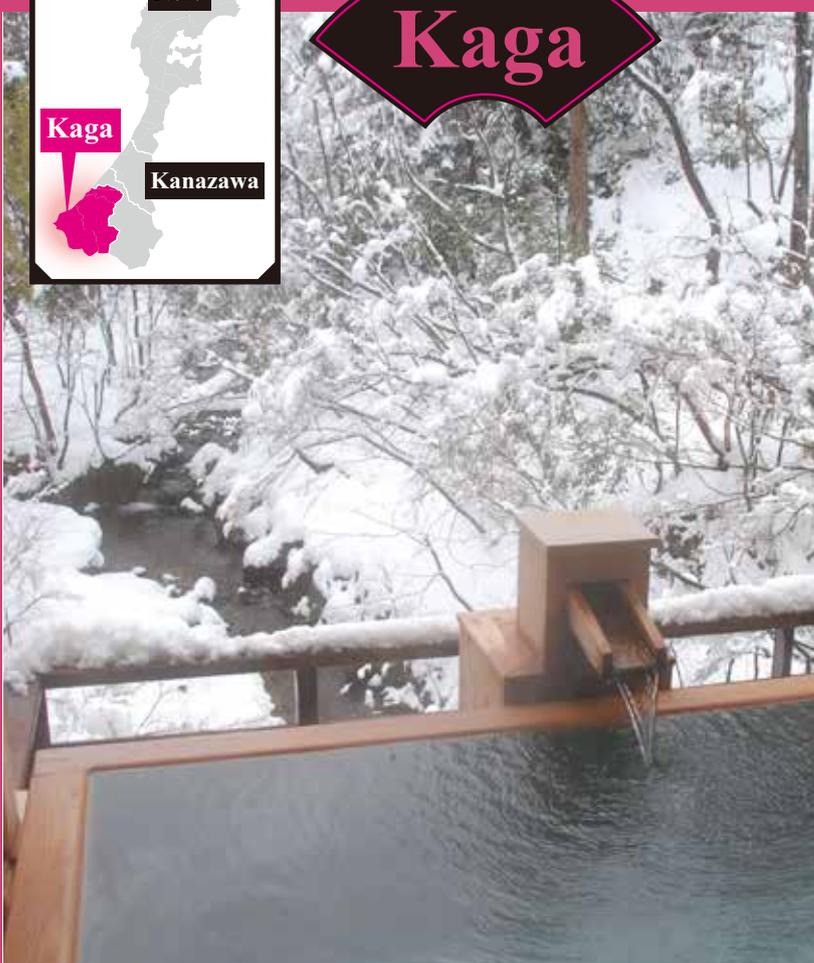
- ◆ **Date** Oct. 1st to Apr. 30th
Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., Sat.
15:00~
(90 min long)
*Closed Dec. 26th to
January 6th
- ◆ **Participation fee** ¥1000
- ◆ **Max. capacity** 10 people
- ◆ **Other** Must make a reservation at least 3 days in advance

<https://www.fukumitsuya.co.jp/english/guidedtour/index.html>





Kaga



Onsen



Although it's getting colder in the Hokuriku area, winter in Japan is the perfect season for relaxing in warm onsens and enjoying delicious winter delicacies. If you ride the tokkyu express train for about 25 minutes from Kanazawa Station, you can find numerous natural hot springs rich in culture and historical significance (such as Yamanaka Onsen, Yamashiro Onsen, Katayamazu Onsen, and Awazu Onsen) in the Kaga hot-spring village, one of Japan's most prominent onsen areas. When it snows, you can also experience watching the snow fall while soaking in an open-air onsen.

<https://kagakaedeonsenkyo.com/en/index.php>

◆ Access

Yamanaka-onsen **2** Yamashiro-onsen **3** Katayamazu-onsen **4**

25 minutes from Kanazawa Station via tokkyu express train → get off at "Kaga Onsen Station" → 10~20 minutes via local bus

Awazu-onsen **5**

35 minutes from Kanazawa Station via local train → get off at "Awazu Station" → 10 minutes via local bus → get off at "Awazu Onsen" bus stop



Nakaya Ukichiro Museum of Snow and Ice **4**

The snow crystals that fall from the sky come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. At this snow-themed science museum, adults and children alike can learn the marvels of snow and ice through science experiments, and can enjoy making their very own ice-crystal pendants. In addition, the museum building itself was designed by the famed architect, Arata Isozaki, built in a unique shape amongst beautiful scenery, and includes a tea-room overlooking the Shibayama Lagoon and Mt. Hakusan.

◆ Hours of Operation 9:00 ~ 17:00

◆ Fee General Admission: ¥500 / Group Admission (20 people or more) ¥420 each

◆ Access 18 minutes from the JR Kaga Onsen Station via the Kaga Onsen Bus (bound for Katayamazu Onsen) → get off at the "Museum of Snow and Ice (yuki no kagakukan)" bus stop → 3 minute walk to the Museum

http://kagashi-ss.co.jp/yuki-mus/en_facilities/

Shiroyone Senmaida Light-up **6**

25,000 solar LED lights are set up along the causeways of Wajima's picturesque Shiroyone Senmaida Rice Terraces to create an illumination display event known as the "Senmaida Light-up". As the light fades after sunset, the LED lights slowly turn on to create a wondrous illumination display.

<http://senmaida.wajima-kankou.jp/en/>

◆ Date Oct. 13th 2018 to Mar. 3rd 2019
4 hours after sunset

◆ Location Wajima-shi, Shiroyone-machi Ha-bu 99-5

◆ Access 2 hours from Kanazawa Station via express bus (headed towards Noto) → exit at Wajima Station → 20 minutes via local bus → get off at a Senmaida bus stop

Noto



Nami no hana

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Known as a winter characteristic in Noto, "nami no hana" are white flower-like patterns made of sea plankton foam that seem to dance on the waves of the Japan sea.

◆ **Location** Sosogi Coast (Wajima-shi, Machinomachi Sosogi)



Taruminotaki Waterfall

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On windy days during the coldest part of winter, the waterfall seems to defy gravity as it the wind shakes it left and right, and even it starts to flow in the opposite direction from the mouth of the waterfall as water sprouts up into the air.

◆ **Location** Wajima-shi, Machinomachi Sosogi

Anamizu Jumbo Oyster Festival

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Cultivated in the Noto Peninsula, noto oysters (or "noto kaki") are famous for their small but sweet flesh. During the Oyster festival, a jumbo-sized charcoal fire extending 400 meters is constructed in order to relish in the delicious winter taste of noto kaki.

◆ **Schedule** 2019: Feb. 9th (Sat.) 10:00 ~ 16:00
Feb. 10th (Sun) 9:00 ~ 15:00

◆ **Access** 58 minutes from Kanazawa Station via tokkyu express train → get off at "Wakura Onsen" → 33 minutes via Noto Rail → get off at "Anamizu station" (last stop) → 10 minute walk to "Asunaro Plaza"



What's New

Opening of a new online site for finding licenced foreign language interpreter-guides

"National Licensed Interpreters-guide Net Kanazawa" is a newly formed site for interpreter-guides with licensed qualifications concentrated in the Ishikawa area. Here, you can search for foreign language guides, inspect their profiles and contact them directly to make a reservation. Local hometown guides can provide special insight on the locations they guide you through, creating a high-quality travel experience. Please feel free to use this site to find an interpreter-guide to travel with you!

<https://kanazawaguidelink.jp/en/>



Enjoy noh at the "Evening Noh Theater" 【Winter Stage】 Now providing English commentary tablets 1

Noh is one type of traditional Japanese theater. At the "Evening Noh Theater" event, viewers learn the history of Noh theater before the curtain rises, and during the performance, are provided with a tablet that they can use to enjoy English subtitles timed in unison with the actor's movements and speech. While using the English commentary on the tablets, viewers can more easily understand and enjoy the performance.

◆ **Date** 2019: Jan 12th (Sat.), Jan 27th (Sun.), Feb 2nd (Sat.), Feb 23rd (Sat.), Mar 2nd (Sat.)
Starting at 14:30 each time

◆ **Location** Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater
◆ **Fee** ¥1000 (Reservation required. Price become ¥1200 if same-day reservation is made)

◆ **Access** 16 minutes from Kanazawa Station via Kenrokuen shuttle bus → get off at Ishikawa Prefectural Art Museum

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