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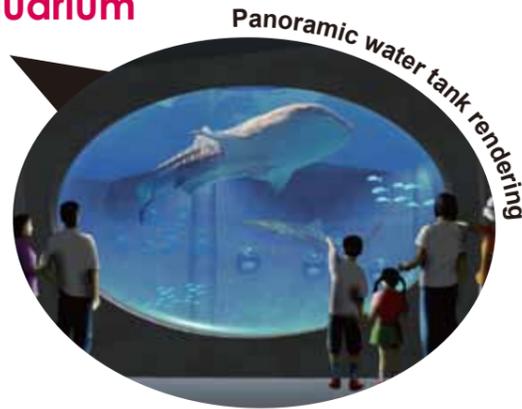
A whale shark, the largest living species of fish, makes its debut at Notojima Aquarium



[Dolphins' Paradise]



[Dolphins' Fureai Beach]



Notojima Aquarium

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A panoramic water tank is scheduled to open in the autumn of 2010 at Notojima Aquarium, which will be home to a whale shark, the largest living fish species. Visitors can watch the huge creature swim by right next to them, as this water tank uses a large-sized specially curved panel (like a submarine cockpit), which is the first of its kind in the world. At Dolphins' Paradise, which is an underwater tunnel, visitors can also enjoy looking at dolphins and penguins swimming above their heads. The aquarium also offers an activity called Dolphins' Fureai Beach (Summer/ 15th July - 31st August), where visitors can play with dolphins in the sea. Notojima Aquarium has something for all ages!

- Entry Fee: Adults: 1,320 Yen, Children: 400 Yen (Special discount for groups)
*After the whale shark water tank is made open to the public, entry fees shall be as follows: Adults: 1,800 Yen, Children 500 Yen (There is a separate charge for the Dolphins' Fureai Beach activity - Adults: 2000 Yen, Children: 1000 Yen)
- Opening Hours: 09:00 - 17:00 (Closes at 16:30 from 1st December to 19th March)
- Access: Approximately 1 hour by car from Kanazawa; Approximately 30 minutes by bus from Wakura Onsen station
- For Inquiry: 0767-84-1271 (Notojima Aquarium)

<http://www.notoaqua.jp/> (Japanese/English)

Pick of the Season

There will soon be 2 round-trip flights a day between Komatsu and Narita!

The number of ANA flights from Komatsu Airport to Narita Airport will be increased to 2 flights a day from July 2010. This will make the domestic and international flight transfers more convenient and will make it easier to visit Ishikawa. Please contact ANA for details regarding the Komatsu-Narita flight.
■ For Inquiry: 0570-029-333 (ANA International Flight Booking/Information Center)
ANA Website Homepage <http://www.ana.co.jp/>



<Narita-Komatsu Flight Schedule from July 2010>
The operating aircraft is a CRJ (Seat Capacity: 50)

Flight No.	Komatsu	Narita
3116	08:30	09:45
New! 3118	15:05	16:20
Flight No.	Narita	Komatsu
New! 3117	10:05	11:20
3119	19:30	20:45

A new photo collection of Ishikawa's tourist spots is available on our website!

We have uploaded a variety of photographs taken by professional photographers, on Ishikawa's tourism information website - "Hot Ishikawa". Please feel free to use these photographs to show people the attractions of Ishikawa.

▼ Please click on the following link to see the Photograph Collection
<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/beautiful/> (Japanese)



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Noto Kiriko Festival

Kiriko festivals are held all over Noto from early July to mid-September. "Kirikos" are huge sacred lanterns that are paraded through the town streets all through the night. The following are some of the main Kiriko festivals in Ishikawa:

- MAP-2** - **2nd July (Fri) - 3rd July (Sat), Abare (Rampage) Festival (Noto-cho Ushitsu)**
Abare Matsuri is a lively festival celebrating heroism and the sight of about 50 kirikos dancing around a huge burning torch is a must-see.
- MAP-3** - **28th August (Sat) - 29th August (Sun), Hassaku Festival (Shika-machi)**
Hassaku festival gets the highest number of kirikos, with over 100.
- MAP-4** - **10th September (Fri) - 11th September (Sat), Takojima Autumn Festival (Takojima, Suzu City)**
One of the festival kirikos used in this festival stands out because of its lacquer coating and beautiful engraving.

Gojinjo-daiko Japanese Traditional Drums - Free performances in Wajima

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Gojinjo-Daiko drums have been designated as an 'Intangible Cultural Asset' of Ishikawa Prefecture, and these drum performances are held in the center of Wajima City (such as Furatto-Home). The sight of demon-masked drummers fiercely beating their drums is one that creates a unique atmosphere and thrills audiences.

- Performance Schedule:
17th July - 17th October (Every evening except on 31st July, 1st August and 30th August)

<http://www.gojinjodaiko.jp/index.html> (Japanese)

Yamanaka Onsen Kakusen-kei Kawadoko

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The popular riverside café will make its appearance again this year alongside the Kakusenkei gorge trail. Visitors can enjoy special sweet recipes introduced by Rokusaburo Dojo, a famous Japanese cuisine chef and a local of the Yamanaka area. Visitors are sure to enjoy a relaxing time in this beautiful area surrounded by rich greenery and clean water from the stream.

- Hours: Open every day 09:30 - 16:00 until 31st October. (The café will be closed while it is raining or when the river is swollen)
- Cost: Kawadoko Set (Tea and Sweets) Adults: 500 Yen, Children: 400 Yen
Table Charge Only (Incl. Tea) Adults: 200 Yen, Children: 100 Yen
- For Inquiry: 0761-78-0330 (Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association)

<http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/welcome/index.html> (Japanese)

Some of the biggest seasonal attractions of summer, the "Hanabi (Fireworks) Festivals" will be organized in a number of towns and cities in Ishikawa Prefecture.

A number of local fireworks festivals are held in Ishikawa during the period from July to September.

31st July (Sat) : Kanazawa Hokkoku Hanabi (Fireworks) in Kanazawa

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The display will feature a total of 12,000 fireworks, set off near the Saigawa River which flows through Kanazawa

5th August (Thu) : Nanao City Wakura Onsen Summer Hanabi (Fireworks)

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This is the largest harbor fireworks display in the Hokuriku region.

7th August (Sat) : Kawakita Kawakita Festival

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This is the biggest fireworks festival in Ishikawa. A total of 20,000 fireworks are set off.

Every day from 31st July to 25th August : Kaga Katayamazu Hot Spring Fireworks Festival

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A fireworks display is held every night at Shibayama-gata lagoon.

In addition to these fireworks, a number of other fireworks displays will be organized in Ishikawa.

