

Top News

Enjoy delicious Japanese food to your heart's fill in Ishikawa: Seasonal Seafood and Noto-Don



<KANO crabs of Ishikawa>



<Noto-Don>



<Sweet Shrimp>

Ishikawa is surrounded by sea and is therefore rich in seafood. Especially, seasons of autumn and winter are the best for crabs, sweet shrimps, yellow tail, etc. Many tourists visit Ishikawa to experience the delights of seasonal sea food. You can enjoy the warmth of Ishikawa's hot springs in the winter cold and relax yourself, as you feast on the delicious sea food. Ishikawa offers you a rich travelling experience and that is Ishikawa's main attraction!

In this issue, we would like to introduce Ishikawa's new famous cuisine- the "Noto-Don". You can relish this special Noto-Don at restaurants in the Oku-Noto area which is the northernmost tip of Ishikawa. Each restaurant has its own original Noto-Don and there are more than 60 different Noto-Don varieties that use fish and other sea food found in Noto's sea waters as well as Noto Beef. Noto-Don is a health-conscious recipe which does not use a lot of oil or salt and uses Oku-Noto's local products such as rice, other food ingredients and water. Please try out this wide variety of Noto-Don when you visit Oku-Noto in Ishikawa.

Please see the following link for details on Noto-Don: Welcome Noto:

<http://www.okunoto-ishikawa.net/index.php>

(Japanese)



Pick of the Season

Enjoy Kanazawa's Night-to the hilt! A special light-up bus tour of Kanazawa's famous spots

MAP-1

Every Saturday from 19:00 to 20:50, a nostalgic retro-styled bonnet bus leaves Kanazawa station every 10 minutes and goes around a number of famous Kanazawa spots decorated with light-up. You can check-in your hotel and have your dinner and then conveniently take this night-tour of Kanazawa.



How about a visit to Kanazawa Horse Park!

MAP-2

Kanazawa Horse Park (Racecourse) is managed by Ishikawa Prefecture and is located in the north of Kanazawa city. Races are held on Sundays and Tuesdays, from April to early January of the next year. Entry Fee; 100 Yen (1 Day Special Seating with free drinks: 1000 Yen). There are a total of 9 types of betting tickets and these tickets are available in 100 yen denomination. There is a big lawn inside the Horse Park with a variety of playground equipment and it is also possible to enjoy a pony ride.

*Free bus ride is available from JR Kanazawa Station on the days of horse races.

Kanazawa Horse Park Website:

<http://www.kanazawakeiba.com/> (Japanese)

Topics

The Momiji (coloured autumn leaves) Season he here! Famous 'Momiji' spots of Ishikawa

The red and yellow coloured fall foliage is symbolic of autumn tourism in Japan. Here are a few famous foliage spots of Ishikawa:



<Kenrokuen Garden>

Kenrokuen Garden (Kanazawa)

MAP-3

- Foliage Season: Early November – Early December
- For Inquiry: Kanazawa Castle Park & Kenrokuen Administration Office (TEL 076-234-3800)
- Access: Take a loop bus from JR Kanazawa Station's East Exit (Bus Stop No. 3) to Kanazawa Castle Park and get down at "Kenrokuen-shita" stop (Approx. 18 min.)

<http://www.pref.ishikawa.jp/siro-niwa/>

(Japanese, English)

Hakusan Super Forest Road (Hakusan)

MAP-4

- Foliage Season: Early October – Late October
- For Inquiry: Hakusan Rindo Ishikawa Administrative Office (TEL 076-256-7341)
- Access: 60 km from Kanazawa Nishi IC, Hokuriku Expressway (Approx. 1 hr 30 min)

<http://www.hakusan-rindo.jp/index.shtml>

(Japanese)

Natadera Temple (Komatsu)

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- Foliage Season: Early November – Late November
- For Inquiry: Natadera Temple (TEL 0761-65-2111)
- Access: 30 minutes by CAN BUS (Mountain Route) from JR Kaga Onsen Station; get down at "Natadera" bus stop.

<http://www.natadera.com/> (Japanese, English)



<Hakusan Super Forest Road>



<Natadera Temple>



Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenrokuen Light-Up: Autumn Edition

MAP-3

The light-up of Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenrokuen is a popular autumn event. Kenrokuen's famous winter attraction "Yukizuri"-the ropes supporting the tree branches from snow and fall foliage look especially beautiful in the night light-up and fascinate the visitors to the Garden.

- Event Schedule: 20th November (Sat) – 23rd November (Tue) 17:30 – 21:00
- Free Admission
- For Inquiry: 076-225-1538 (Tourism Promotion Division, Ishikawa Prefecture)

<http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/shiki/autumn/index.html>

(Japanese)

"Ko-Soyu" Opens at Yamashiro Hot Spring

MAP-6

"Ko-Soyu" opened recently at Yamashiro Onsen hot spring resort, which has a history of 1300 years. Ko-Soyu, which is a common public bath house, was restored based on the concept of a public bath house that existed more than 100 years ago. This 'Ko-Soyu' is a gorgeous spa facility which has used locally produced materials such as Kutani-yaki porcelain tiles, stone material from Southern Kaga and 'hiba' wood of Noto.

- For Inquiry: 0761-77-1144 (Yamashiro Onsen Hot Spring Tourism Association)

<http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/> (Japanese, English, Korean, Chinese)

Yamanaka Hot Spring "Crab Soup Hot-Pot"

MAP-7

Yamanaka is the birthplace of famous Japanese cuisine chef "Michiba Rokusaburo" and the crab soup hot pot recipe proposed by Michiba can be relished here in Yamanaka Onsen. As you enjoy the rich flavour of this recipe from the famous Yamanaka lacquerware utensils, it can not only warm your body but also your soul.

- Period: 1st November – 31st March (everyday)
- Place: "Machibito Tabibito Tei" Yuge-Kaido, Minami-cho (Yamanaka Onsen, Kaga City)
- Price: 200 Yen/Bowl
- For Inquiry: 0761-78-0330 (Yamanaka Onsen Hot Spring Tourism Association)

<http://www.yamanaka-spa.or.jp/> (Japanese, English)

