

### Top News

**Spring is here and so are the cherry blossoms! Find out about O-Hanami (Flower Viewing) spots in Ishikawa!**

For many people, Sakura (cherry blossoms) is an icon of springtime in Japan and you can find out about some of the best O-hanami spots of Ishikawa in this edition of our newsletter. Do not miss this opportunity to enjoy Ishikawa's beauty in the springtime.



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## Kenrokuen Garden & Kanazawa Castle Park (Kanazawa City)

Kenrokuen Garden, which is one of the 3 most famous gardens in Japan and Kanazawa Castle Park, situated next to Kenrokuen are the two most famous 'flower viewing' spots in Ishikawa Prefecture. The cherry blossoms blooming in Kenrokuen and Kanazawa Castle Park epitomize the Japanese sense of beauty.

- Best time to enjoy sakura: Early April; (Cherry blossom varieties with a difference, such as *kiku-zakura* or *asahi-zakura* also bloom in Kenrokuen around mid/late April)
- Access: 18 minutes from JR Kanazawa Station East Exit (Bus Stop No. 3) to Kanazawa Castle by Sightseeing Loop Bus (*shuyu bus*); get down at "Kenrokuen-shita".



## Komaruyama Park (Nanao City)

Komaruyama Park was built in 1920 on the site of Nanao Castle which was constructed on a land near the sea, under the rule of Kaga Domain's first feudal lord- Toshie Maeda. There are over 200 cherry blossom trees in the park which is a place for rest and relaxation for the people of Nanao who come here to enjoy flower viewing, a stroll, etc. You can also get a sweeping view of the Nanao Bay from the park and it is an enjoyable place to visit when you stay at Wakura Hot Springs.

- Peak Season: Mid April
- Access: 5 minute walk from JR Nanao station
- For Inquiries: Nanao City Tourism Association (TEL 0767-53-8424)



## Noto Kashima Station (Anamizu Town)

Inside this small station on Noto Railway line, there are a few dozen *Someyoshino* cherry blossom trees and these tree create a 'tunnel of cherry blossoms', giving it the name 'Sakura Station'. Every year in mid April, events are held to coincide with the flower viewing.

- Peak Season: Mid April
- Access: Get off at Noto Kashima station on Noto Railway Line (Approx. 2 hours from JR Kanazawa Station)
- For Inquiries: Anamizu Town Planning and Tourism Section (TEL 0768-52-0300)



## Rojo Park (Komatsu City)

Rojo Park was built in 1906 at the site of ruins of Komatsu Castle which was a 'retirement dwelling' of Toshitsune Maeda, the 3rd feudal lord of Kaga Domain.

- Peak Season for cherry blossoms: Early April - Mid April
- Access: 15 minute walk from JR Komatsu Station
- For Inquiries: Greenification and Park Section, Komatsu City (TEL 0761-24-8102)



## Daishoji River - Boat Ride (Kaga City)

Daishoji used to be a 'Ju-man-goku' castle town (a domain with a rice production of 100,000 Japanese bushels); today one can enjoy a pleasant ride in an old fashioned row-boat that traverses through the Daishoji river, while also appreciating the scenery of cherry blossoms that bloom alongside the river. (Boat ride takes approximately 30 minutes; not available on the days when weather is rough.)

- Peak Season for cherry blossoms: Early April - Mid April
- Access: 20 minute walk from JR Daishoji Station
- For Inquiries: Daishoji Nagashi-bune (River Boat Ride) Association (TEL 0761-72-6662)

Daishoji Nagashi-bune HP  
<http://po5.nsk.ne.jp/~shiseki/6662/> (Japanese)

### Topics



<Yasue Gold Leaf Museum>



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## Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum Reopens

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This Museum was renovated and reopened in Higashi-yama area of Kanazawa: the museum displays precious gold leaf craft works collection of Takaaki Yasue who was himself a gold leaf craftsman. As you walk through this tea-house district of Higashi-yama, appreciating the gold leaf craftwork, you are sure to feel impressed by the elegance of well-preserved traditional houses in the area.

- Access: Take the Kanazawa Sightseeing Loop Bus from Kanazawa Station and get off at "Hashiba-cho (koban-mae)"
- For Inquiries: Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum (TEL 076-251-8950)

<http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/kinpaku/index.htm> (Japanese)

## Kanazawa Yuwaku Edo-Mura Hot Spring Resort

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Kanazawa Yuwaku Edo-Mura Hot Spring Resort was opened in Spetember 2010 in the suburban area of Kanazawa city, as a new tourist attraction. A total of 8 Edo Period (1603-1868) houses, including residences of samurai, merchants and farmers, which are designated as National Important Cultural Assets, were moved to this new location. This resort gives visitors a chance to get a first-hand feel if Japan's traditional architecture.

- Access: Take a Hokutestu bus from JR Kanazawa Station and get off at "Yuwaku Onsen" (Approx. 45 minutes)
- For Inquiries: Kanazawa Yuwaku Edo-Mura (TEL 076-235-1267)

<http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/edomura/index.html> (Japanese)



## Arrive at Komatsu Airport or Noto Airport in Ishikawa via Haneda Airport

International flights started serving Haneda Airport after the inauguration of its international terminal in October 2010, thus making it even more convenient for overseas passengers to come to Ishikawa. There are 11 flights daily that operate between Haneda Airport and Komatsu Airport, while there are 2 daily flights that connect Noto Airport to the Haneda Airport. You can reach both the airports in Ishikawa from Haneda in a matter of just about 1 hour.

Flight No.	Komatsu	Tokyo (Haneda)	Flight No.	Tokyo (Haneda)	Komatsu	Flight No.	Noto	Tokyo (Haneda)	Flight No.	Tokyo (Haneda)	Noto
JAL 1270	08:00	09:05	JAL 1273	07:25	08:35	ANA 748	11:40	12:45	ANA 747	10:05	11:05
ANA 752	08:15	09:20	ANA 751	08:20	09:25	ANA 750	16:35	17:40	ANA 749	15:00	16:00
JAL 1272	09:20	10:25	ANA 753	10:15	11:20						
ANA 754	10:25	11:30	JAL 1275	10:45	11:50						
ANA 756	12:25	13:30	JAL 1279	14:55	16:00						
JAL 1276	12:55	14:00	ANA 755	15:15	16:15						
JAL 1278	16:50	17:55	JAL 1281	17:20	18:25						
ANA 758	17:05	18:15	ANA 757	18:15	19:15						
JAL 1280	19:15	20:20	JAL 1283	18:25	19:30						
ANA 760	20:05	21:15	ANA 759	19:35	20:45						
JAL 1282	20:20	21:25	JAL 1285	20:05	21:10						

### Pick of the Season

## Kenrokuen and Kanazawa Castle Park Light-Up: Spring Edition

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Kenrokuen Garden and Kanazawa Castle Park are illuminated during the night time for a week when cherry blossoms are in full bloom. The beauty of cherry blossoms in full bloom is enhanced even further by the night illumination and the garden looks like a fantasy land. The dates for the light-up event will be decided depending upon the flowering timing of the cherry blossoms; please refer to our website for the updates and other information about the light-up event. ※Light-up event is also scheduled for summer, autumn and winter.

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Homepage: <http://www.hot-ishikawa.jp/shiki/> (Japanese)

