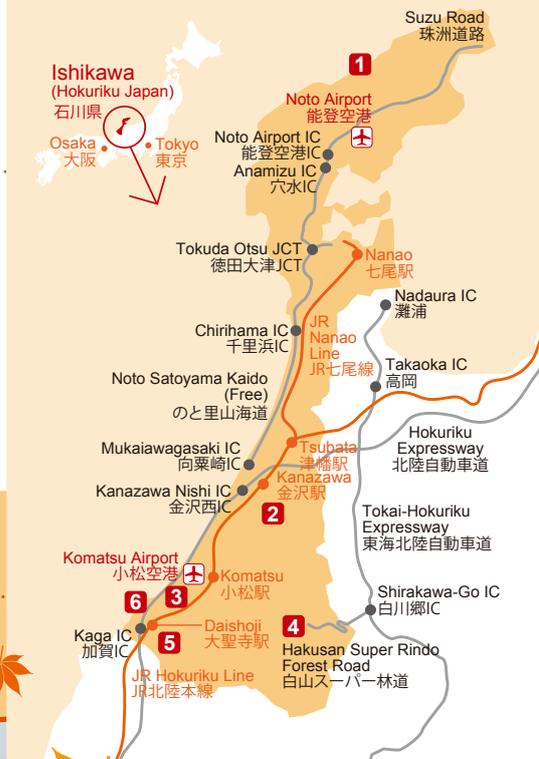


# Ishikawa Tourism Newsletter



## Crab Fishing Ban Lifted!

### The fishing ban on snow crabs and kobako crabs will be lifted on November 6th 2013!

You can expect Omicho market to be brimming with people seeking crabs the day the ban is lifted. Whether you are going to a fancy Japanese restaurant or an Izakaya bar, be sure to make the most of the crab season.

※Open fishing season: November 6 (Wed) ~ March 20 (Thu).  
(Kobako crab fishing till January 10)



# This is Autumn in Ishikawa!

## Autumnal Leaves

The beautiful autumnal leaves can be seen around the whole of the prefecture. Here is a quick guide to some of the top spots!

Hakusan Super Rindo Forest Road ▲

### Hakusan Super Rindo Forest Road **MAP-4**

(Ishikawa Prefecture Hakusan City ~ Gifu Prefecture Ono District Shirakawa Village)

The entire length stretches for a total of 33.3km and 40% of visitors throughout the year come in October to enjoy this popular location.

- ◆ Access period June 1 ~ November 10
- ◆ Fee Standard cars ¥3,150  
(Two-wheeled vehicles and travellers on foot cannot pass)
- ◆ Enquiries Hakusan Rindo Ishikawa Management Office  
TEL 076-256-7341  
<http://hakusan-rindo.jp/>

### Kakusenkei **MAP-5**

(Kaga City)

The Daishoji River passes under the Kurodani Bridge and the Korogi Bridge which are roughly 1.3km apart and you can enjoy the view of the autumnal leaves by taking the footpath that follows the stream.

- ◆ Autumnal leaves season Usually between mid-November ~ late November
- ◆ Access 30 minutes by Kaga Onsen Bus/Onsen Yamanaka Line from JR Kaga Onsen Station → Alight at Yamanaka Onsen Bus Terminal Bus Stop, 10 minute walk
- ◆ Enquiries Yamanaka Onsen Yamanaka Onsen Tourism Association  
TEL 0761-78-0330

## Senmaida Light Up

MAP-1

The spectacular sight of the illumination at Wajima City's Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Systems (GIAHS) registered Shiroyone no Senmaida will mesmerize all who visit. This was covered in the 2012: The year in pictures on the American CNN website and this particular spot has received high praise from around the world.

### Aze no Kirameki

**Date** November 9, 2013 (Sat) – March 16, 2014 (Sun)

The lighting of 20,461 individual solar LEDs was recorded in the Guinness World Records in November 11, 2012. The attraction will be on show for a while so you will be able to see the lights in the snowy landscape during winter. A system is put in place so that the lights will turn on when it gets dark.



### All aboard the Aze no Kirameki season shuttle bus!

The shuttle bus departs from Wajima Station (Furatto Homu). (From 16:20 to 17:50 at 30 minute intervals)

◆ Fare: Adult ¥500 Child ¥200

## Higashi Chayagai (East Tea District)

MAP-2

The flavour of the historic castle town from the past still remains and you can feel an emotional presence at this district.

### Access

15 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → alight at Hashiba-Chou  
※ This stop is on the Light Up Bus route

### Recommended Light Up Spots...

## Kanazawa City came 3rd in the City People Light Award 2011

(Award for cities that are attempting to rehumanise the urban environment through light) and is the first Japanese city to achieve this.



### Kenrokuen

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"Kanazawa Castle / Kenrokuen Light Up ~Autumn~"

This is the only time you will get to see the colourful blend of the autumnal leaves with the lights. Be sure not to miss this! (Free)

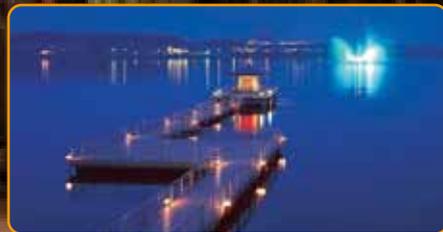
- ◆ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
November 16 (Sat), 17 (Sun), 23 (Sat/Ceremony), 24 (Sun)
- ◆ Time \_\_\_\_\_  
17:30~21:00
- ◆ Access \_\_\_\_\_  
15 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → alight at enrokuen-shita (※ This stop is on the Light Up Bus route)

### Shibayamagata

MAP-3

The great fountain of Shibayamagata in Kaga City is lit up at night transforming the scenery into an amazing spectacle.

- ◆ Access \_\_\_\_\_  
1 hour by Can Bus from JR Kaga Onsen Station → alight at Katayamazu Onsen / Yu no Moto Koen, 5 minute walk



### Light Up Tour Bus

MAP-2

If you are going for a night stroll in Kanazawa be sure to get on the Light Up Bus. You can see the views from the window but we highly recommend you alight at each stop and take a walk around each area. What you might have seen during the day will be a different experience at night!

- ◆ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Every week Sat + Sun Buses depart from Kanazawa Station East Exit bus stand 1 (First Bus: 19:00. Buses come every 10 minutes. Last Bus: 21:22)
- ◆ Fare \_\_\_\_\_  
Kanazawa Light Up Bus Pass ¥300 (Adult/Child price is the same) (Single journey tickets for adults and children are ¥200 and ¥100 respectively.)
- ◆ Enquiries \_\_\_\_\_  
Hokuriku Railroad CO, Ltd TEL 076-237-5115  
<http://www.hokutetsu.co.jp/bus/lightupbus/>

### Word of Mouth Autumn Edition

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## See Kanazawa by Machi-nori!

Machi-nori rental bicycles can be rented from any of the 19 docking stations or rental offices around Kanazawa. Bicycles can be registered with credit cards valid in Japan or with valid ID. Please enquire at the reception desk at any of the main hotels located in the city.

- ◆ Fee \_\_\_\_\_  
¥1,000 ~ (+¥200 per 30 minute extension)
- ◆ Enquiries \_\_\_\_\_  
Kanazawa Rental Cycle Machi-nori Office  
<http://www.machi-nori.jp/>



### Pamphlet available in other languages!

- ▼ English pamphlet  
<http://www.machi-nori.jp/pdf/machinoriEnglishmap.pdf>
- ▼ Korean pamphlet  
<http://www.machi-nori.jp/pdf/korean.pdf>
- ▼ Chinese pamphlet  
<http://www.machi-nori.jp/pdf/chinese.pdf>

Thanks to Ishikawa Prefecture's fortunes of avoiding damages during the war, the prefecture has become a rarity in Japan to have both historic and modern architecture standing together. The street network and water system of the castle town that was completed during the Edo-period have remained almost unchanged for over 350 years, which is one of the reasons why the traditions and culture of the Kanazawa City castle town has been marked as one of the "Important Cultural Properties of Japan" in 2012. Why not experience the blend of history and modernism on foot when you come to Ishikawa Prefecture.

## Historic Architecture

### Nomura Samurai House: Buke Yashiki Ato Nomura-ke

Walk the same floors that a middle-class samurai did hundreds of years ago! The house has received high praise from outside of Japan and was ranked third in the "Journal of Japanese Gardens" magazine in 2003.



- ◆ Admission fee ¥500
- ◆ Opening hours November ~ March 08:30~16:00
- ◆ Access 20 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Korinbo, 10 minute walk
- ◆ Enquiries TEL 076-221-3553 <http://www.nomurake.com/>

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Another Buke Yashiki

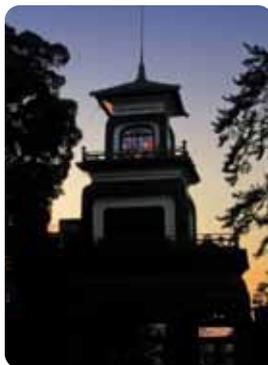
### The House of Terashima Kurando

Come and see the house of the Kaga Domain middle-class samurai Terashima Kurando. Kurando's calligraphy and antiques are on display, and visitors are free to explore the garden.

- ◆ Admission Fee ¥300
- ◆ Opening hours 09:30~17:00
- ◆ Access 20 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Hashiba-Chou, 5 minute walk

### Oyama Shrine

MAP-2



The Oyama shrine is dedicated to Maeda Toshiie who headed the Kaga domain. The shrine features a peculiar gate that has a mix of Japanese, European and Chinese elements, stained glass with diamante cuts and also has Japan's oldest lightning conductor.

- ◆ Access 15 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Oyama-Machi

### Important Preservation District of Historic Buildings

These are protected districts such as castle towns, post stations, fishing villages etc. that together with their environment has a historic elegance. Ishikawa Prefecture has 8 sites that are registered and one of them is the Kaga City Kaga Date.

### Kaga City Kaga Date

MAP-6

This was a hamlet that was essentially half agriculture half fishery based. However the development of the town began to change when the owners of the Kita Mae Bune came into appearance in the mid 18<sup>th</sup> century. With the development of steam vessels and railroads, the prominence of the Kita Mae Bune as a carrier faded. A number of houses that belonged to the Kita Mae Bune owners and sailors still stand today. The crumbling stone walls of the vacant mansions and the sprawling garden trees are reminiscent of the glorious past and give off a melancholic aura.



### What is the Kita Mae Bune ?

The Kita Mae Bune was a merchant vessel during the Edo and Meiji eras that made voyages to Hokkaido and Osaka. The ship carried enormous fortunes and was literally a "sailing market".

- ◆ Access 25 minutes from Kanazawa Station → JR Kaga Onsen Station, 43 minutes by Kaga Shuyu Bus → alight at Kita Mae Bune no Satoshi Ryokan bus stop

## Modern Architecture



### Kanazawa Station-Tsuzumi Gate

The pillars that stand like two Taiko drums give the gate a unique shape. In 2011, the station was listed in the top 10 "World's Most Beautiful Train Stations" in the web version of American travel magazine "Travel Leisure".

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### Kanazawa 21<sup>st</sup> Century Museum of Contemporary Art

At the heart of Kanazawa city is the glass-walled circle body of the museum. There is no "front entrance" as you can enter the museum from one of the many entrances.

- ◆ Admission fee Free of charge for certain zones. Please enquire for details.
- ◆ Open hours Paid Zones (10:00 ~ 18:00), Free zones (09:00 ~ 22:00)
- ◆ Access 15 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Hirotsaka
- ◆ Enquiries Kanazawa 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art TEL: 076-220-2800 <http://www.kanazawa21.jp/>

MAP-2



### D.T Suzuki Museum

MAP-2

The museum is an ideal place for visitors to come to understand the meditative thinking of the Buddhist philosopher Daisetsu Suzuki. More than just a display, the open space is laid out so you can trace the thoughts of Daisetsu as you walk around.

- ◆ Admission fee ¥300
- ◆ Open hours 9:30~17:00
- ◆ Access 30 minutes by bus from Kanazawa Station → Alight at Honda-Machi, 4 minute walk
- ◆ Enquiries D.T Suzuki Museum TEL: 076-221-8011 <http://www.kanazawa-museum.jp/daisetz/index.html>