

KANAZAWA

Night & Day

Night & Day TOUR Information

P.4 Walk through sacred Mount Iouzen and enjoy forest bathing – Spiritual waterside tour

Tour operators: TABITAIKEN Net and NARUWA TRAFFIC CO., LTD

Fees: 2 - 4 people: ¥44,000/person (tax included) For participants age 9 and up

TEL: 090-1637-2826

URL: <https://tabitaiken.net/forest-bathing-tour/>



P.5 Forest bathing in the city

Tour operator: TABITAIKEN Net

Fees: 2 people - ¥8,800/person (including tea, snack, tax)

TEL: 090-1637-2826

URL: <https://tabitaiken.net/hondanomori-tour/>



P.6 Kanazawa garden tour

Tour operator: Maruichi Kanko Co., Ltd.

Fees: 2 people - ¥29,000/person (tax included), etc. Note that there is no discount for children.

TEL: 090-2128-9804

URL: <https://greentours.maruichi-gp.co.jp/>



P.7 Kanazawa Ichigo Ichie – A once in a lifetime arts and crafts experience

Tour operator: Kanazawa City Tourism Association

Fees: Differs depending on the tour (Starting at around ¥44,000)

TEL: 076-232-5555 (Please contact us through a tour company in Japan.)

P.8 Cooking Studio Kanazawa Salon

Tour operator: Cooking Studio Kanazawa Salon

Fees: Starting at ¥20,000/person (tax included)

TEL: 090-9445-5473

URL: <https://www.cookingkanazawa.com/>



P.9 Kanazawa food night tour and bar hopping

Tour operator: Maruichi Kanko Co., Ltd.

Fees: 2 people - ¥18,000/person (tax included), etc. For participants age 20 and up

TEL: 090-2128-9804

URL: <https://greentours.maruichi-gp.co.jp/>



P.10 Enjoy the best nighttime activities of Kanazawa with sushi in a private room at a well-established sushi restaurant and an evening in a teahouse in the Nishi Chaya District

Tour operator: Kanazawa Adventures Inc.

Fees: By special car - 2 people: ¥180,000/person (tax included), etc., when using a taxi - 2 people: ¥130,000/person (tax included), etc.

Note that there is no discount for children.

TEL: 076-214-4545

URL: <https://kanazawaadventures.com/>



P.11 Geisha Evenings®

Tour operator: Geisha Evenings Project Office (artex inc.)

Fees: ¥198,000 (tax included) Note: Additional ¥9,900 per person for 10 or more people

TEL: 076-261-5175

URL: <https://geishaevenings.jp/>



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Encounter something new in the samurai town of Kanazawa, where time moves slowly

Spring

Cherry blossoms paint the town in beautiful colors in spring. The limited-time nighttime light displays when the flowers are in bloom are popular at Kenrokuen Garden which is open for free at this time, nearby Kanazawa Castle Park, and Gyokusen'inmaru Garden.



Beautiful seasonal scenery

Summer

At Kanazawa Hyakumangoku Festival, the largest event in Kanazawa City, the parade of feudal lords from the Tsuzumi-mon Gate creates a lively atmosphere in the town. Kanazawa is filled with natural spots, so early morning is one of the best times for walks during the hot summer.



Food

Kanazawa is a treasure trove of tasty food and sake, including fresh fish from the Sea of Japan and traditional Kaga vegetables. Enjoy watching the expert techniques of a sushi chef across the counter while tasting seasonal fish.



A town with the air of tradition and culture

Tradition

Since the Edo period (1603-1868), Kanazawa has prospered as a castle town in the fief of Kaga. This area is home to many traditional crafts which still live on, including Kaga Yuzen, which uses unique techniques to dye cloth, and Kaga Maki-e, the art of gold and silver patterns on top of lacquerware.



Autumn

Foliage season lasts from mid-October to late November. Mount Iouzen, situated on the border with Toyama prefecture, is a great place to view autumn foliage. The maple tree lane in front of Kanazawa City Hall is also a popular foliage-viewing spot.



Winter

In winter, quaint town scenery such as the samurai residences are made even more beautiful with snow. The trees in Kenrokuen Garden roped to protect them from the heavy snow are a seasonal scene that you can only see during winter.

Culture

One defining feature of Kanazawa is the remaining samurai culture. Around town it is not uncommon to see buildings designated as important cultural properties, such as the Shima teahouse, where visitors can experience the culture of the Geisha district down to this day.



Art

In Kanazawa there are spots where you can view both old and new art at museums such as the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa. There are also some spots where you can try hands-on activities such as peel art, using fruit skins.



Walk through sacred Mount Iouzen and enjoy forest bathing – Spiritual waterside tour

Mount Iouzen has been known as a part of the mountain faith since ancient times. It is home to sacred places such as Sanjaga Falls, a former training ground for ascetics. Visitors here will feel the abundant nature at Lake Oike which is home to salamanders, and Sanshoku Spring, where the springs change color depending on the season. Enjoy a relaxing time as you refresh your body and soul while walking along the water at the sacred site of Mount Iouzen.



Mount Iouzen
At Mount Iouzen you can hike in the vast natural forests of Japanese beech and maple while enjoying the views of new spring growth and autumn foliage.

At Sanjaga Falls there is a cave that ascetics withdrew into. Take a break and enjoy a drink made with spring water while you bask in the negative ions and watch the falls.

1. Take a walk along a gentle trail while experiencing forest bathing. Fill your lungs with fresh air and refresh yourself.
2. Sanshoku Spring is surrounded by trees and a mystical atmosphere you can feel. Rare plants and flowers can also be found growing wild on Mount Iouzen.



Forest bathing in the city

Forest bathing in a timeless wood
Approximately 10 minutes from Kanazawa Station by car. Take a moment to relax in the laid-back atmosphere of Honda-no-mori Park, located next to Kenrokuen Garden.



The origin of the name Kanazawa is said to come from Kinjo Reitaku Well.

Honda-no-mori Park is home to thickly growing stands of primeval evergreen trees. The residence of Honda, the chief retainer of the Kaga domain was once found here, but now it is home to cultural facilities such as the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art and the National Crafts Museum. This spot is loved by locals because it offers the chance to enjoy nature while staying in the city. Enjoy a peaceful moment in an ancient forest surrounded by giant trees.

1. Honda-no-mori Park is surrounded by many cultural properties and facilities. Come experience Kanazawa culture and nature.
2. Kanazawa Shrine is close to Kinjo Reitaku Well. Known as the god of learning, this is also popular as a power spot.





Kanazawa garden tour

Japanese gardens show different faces depending on the season, and enchant viewers from around the world with the opportunity to experience Japanese aesthetics. In addition to Kenrokuen Garden, counted as one of Japan's Three Great Gardens, you can see some of the leading remaining gardens of the country. This tour offers visitors the chance to see the gardens of Kanazawa, including locations that are usually not open to the general public, samurai residences that still retain the look of the Edo period (1603-1868), and the gardens of the Kaga domain, that boast nearly 400 years of history.

Japanese gardens

Japanese gardens mainly consist of a pond, hill (small man-made mountain), stones, plants, and trees. They are built to reproduce natural landscapes.



The former residence of Kurando Terashima, a samurai who served the Kaga domain is open to the public. There are enkianthus perulatus trees over 300 years old, which bring out the particular beauty of the garden.



1. Enjoy the garden designated as a scenic spot of Kanazawa City while listening to the interpreter guide's explanation.
2. Enter Kenrokuen Garden from Renchi Gate, which is the main entrance, and tour the different seasonal views of the garden.

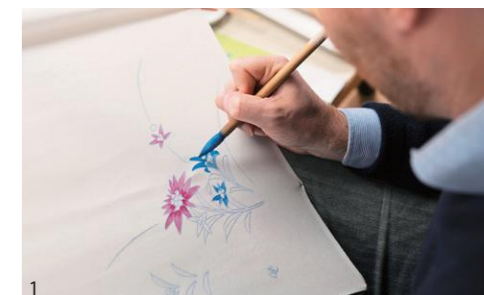


Kanazawa Ichigo Ichie – A once in a lifetime arts and crafts experience

Kanazawa, which prospered as a Kaga domain castle town during the Edo period (1603-1868), is the birthplace of various crafts. The techniques have been handed down from generation to generation, resulting in traditional crafts such as Kaga Yuzen, Kaga Maki-e, and Ohi Ware, which are all still crafted today. Enjoy the rare chance to hear usually unavailable artists explain the production process and anecdotes behind the charm of such traditional crafts, as well as hands-on craft making experiences with the artisans, and studio tours.



Go into studios that are not usually open to the public to hear the artists talk about their Kaga Yuzen creations, which are entirely hand made.



1. Try coloring fabric that has a base design and experience traditional Japanese handicrafts.
2. After the workshop you can try on Kaga Yuzen kimonos painstakingly crafted by artists.

Kaga Yuzen

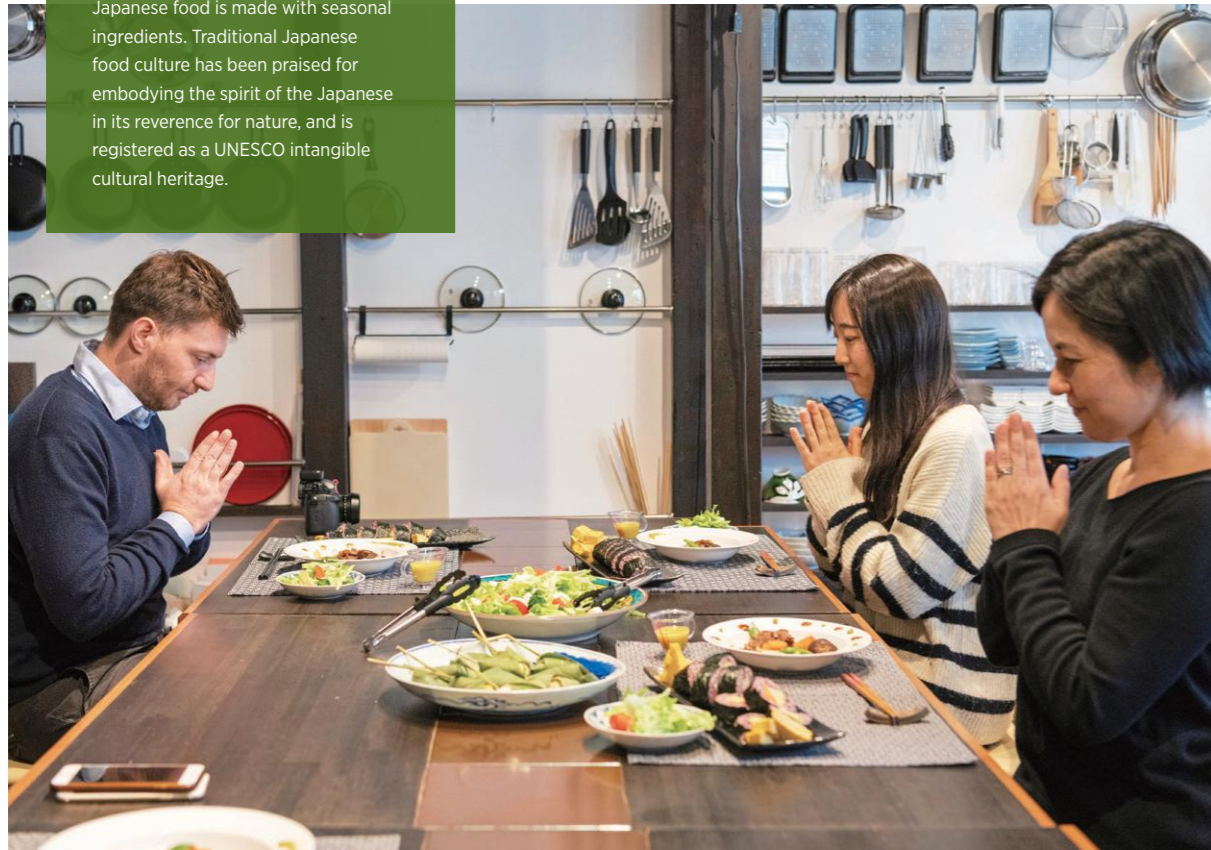
This dyeing method uses bright colors on silk cloth, etc., to create patterns of flowers and plants. Many Kaga Yuzen feature a painting style of design.

Cooking Studio Kanazawa Salon

Japanese food

Japanese food is made with seasonal ingredients. Traditional Japanese food culture has been praised for embodying the spirit of the Japanese in its reverence for nature, and is registered as a UNESCO intangible cultural heritage.

This activity teaches you how to make delicious Japanese food. You can take leftovers home with you.



Japanese food has garnered worldwide attention for being healthy. At Cooking Studio Kanazawa Salon you can learn how to create tasty, traditional Japanese food in a historic Japanese house. Various fermented seasonings are used as the base, with a focus on malted rice, offering original menus tailored to participant requests so that the same food can be prepared in their own countries. Vegetarian and vegan requests can also be accommodated.



1. Enjoy healthy food such as Jibuni Stew, a local Kanazawa dish, and rolled sushi with seasonal ingredients.
2. This shop is made from a renovated traditional merchant house. Enjoying cooking a meal in this traditional atmosphere is part of the fun.



Kanazawa food night tour and bar hopping

This tour takes you to pubs that offer meals made with plenty of Kanazawa ingredients such as fresh fish caught that very morning in Kanazawa Port along with traditional Kaga vegetables and Ishikawa prefecture sake. At the pub district of Kanazawa Chuo Mishokugai, with all of its Showa era (1926-1989) character, local guides who are regulars in the area will accompany you, helping with requests for vegetarian dishes, desserts, and recommending spots to visit. Join them to find the best sake and food Kanazawa has to offer.



Pub district

The pub district is packed with eating and drinking establishments where you'll find a large selection of Japanese sake and alcoholic beverages. Enjoy making the rounds of two or three spots.

One of the best parts of this tour is chatting with the owner. The local guides speak English, so feel free to ask them anything you like.



1. Kanazawa Chuo Mishokugai is home to rows of wooden buildings. There are plenty of cozy shops with nothing but counter seating.
2. Local guides will show you around, finding just the right place to suit your mood for the day.



Enjoy the best nighttime activities of Kanazawa with sushi in a private room at a well-established sushi restaurant and an evening in a teahouse in the Nishi Chaya District

At a well-established sushi restaurant you can enjoy seasonal fish prepared as sashimi, sushi, or grilled while talking to the owner across the counter in a private room. Get your fill of sushi in a cozy, private environment. Later, head to the Kanazawa Nishi Chaya District, one of the three Chaya Districts in Kanazawa, where you can enjoy Kanazawa nighttime activities and teahouse culture. Here, geisha will pour your sake, talk with you, perform dances, play music on the shamisen, and you can try hitting a taiko drum in the sitting room.



Sushi

Sushi is one of Japan's most famous foods. Enjoy a selection of seasonal fish prepared in a private space by chefs that have honed their skills over many years of training.



Listen to stories of profound sushi topics while you enjoy Japanese food culture in a fashionable counter-seating style private room with views of a garden through the window.

Geisha experience

At a teahouse that generally refuses first-time customers you can listen to a lecture by actual geisha to the sounds of a shamisen, and play a taiko drumming game.



1. Watch incredibly skilled geisha as they dance and play the shamisen.
2. Try hitting a taiko drum in the sitting room to the "Ohya!" call of the geisha.



Geisha Evenings®

Learn while experiencing teahouse culture. Teahouses were adult social venues for wealthy merchants that were off-limits to samurai. Lady Baba of Kaikaro, the largest teahouse in Higashi Chaya District, will explain the culture of geisha and teahouses in her own words without the need of an interpreter. Come here to experience Japanese teahouse culture, where you'll watch dances to live musical performances, and participate by playing a taiko drum and playing games with geisha.

Geisha

Geisha practice dancing and playing the shamisen daily to hone their skills. They also practice the art of hospitality handed down over the generations.



The figure of a geisha dancing in a neatly-worn kimono is the very definition of elegance. Enjoy watching dances where each movement is carefully thought out.

1. In addition to watching performances, you can play games with geisha including playing a taiko drum game.
2. Lady Bana of Kaikaro will explain about geisha and teahouse culture in English.

