Winter is Kanazawa’s Best Season!
2019~2020
Let’s Explore in Kanazawa!

Explore the World of Taniguchi Architecture

Your tour into the world of the minds and influences of this father and son team of architects centres on two Kanazawa landmarks: the D.T. Suzuki Museum and the Yoshio and Yoshio Taniguchi Museum of Architecture, Kanazawa; both designed by Yoshio. Tours and insightful commentary inside and outside of these legacy structures, which are inspired by eastern and western influences, will be provided by Kanazawa architect Yuka Ura.

And, of course, there’s a delicious lunch that’s part of the tour. You’ll enjoy the unforgettable tastes of downtown Sekitei’s nodoguro bento. Highlighted by the popular and delicious grilled local white fish, named for its distinctive black throat, this exquisite lunch also includes several courses featuring in-season and local ingredients. You’ll revel in the unique architectural and artistic sensibility of the Sekitei restaurant itself.

Tour Itinerary:
9:00 Kanazawa Station (Via bus) → Yoshio and Yoshio Taniguchi Museum of Architecture, Kanazawa → Tokuda Shusei Literature Monument → Tamagawa Library → former Ishikawa Textile Center, Sekitei (Lunch) → Pref. Museum for Traditional Arts and Crafts → D.T. Suzuki Museum (3:30 pm Finish)

Participation fee: 12,000 yen (incl. lunch, admission fees, bus fares)

This bus tour will also visit other Kanazawa buildings designed by the Taniguchis and one that they designed together.

Kanazawa Castle and KENROKUEN Garden Light-Up

Watch and learn about the unique spring samurai tradition devoted to preparing edible greens

This tour starts at the re-creation of a 17th century garden. Kanazawa College of Art Professor and local landscape architect Dr. Takahiro Tsuba will illuminate the secrets of Japanese garden architecture and describe the rare features of the Gyokusenin Maru Garden that was re-built in the same location according the original 1631 blueprints.

Dr. Tsuba accompanies the group on its walk to Oyama Shrine where the Mikosan of the shrine will perform ancient dances that began before the feudal era. After watching and learning about this sublime performance, which is backed by traditional ceremonial Shinto music, all the tour participants will enter into the shrine to receive a traditional oharai. An oharai is often described as a blessing; you can think of it as an invisible shield waved over you that encourages health and good fortune throughout the everyday vagaries of life.

Next, the group walks to Otomoro, the restaurant run by the Otomo family since the 17th century. Inside their centuries-old samurai storehouse, under red-lamp-shrouded candlelight, you’ll experience a ceremony where the first greens of the season were prepared and used in a traditional samurai meal that celebrated the start of spring.

Performed by the Otomo family for generations, just as they did for the feudal leaders of the Maeda clan, the father and son Otomo team will enact and explain this unique ceremony in the same spot where it was performed centuries ago.

While you were watching the ceremony, your special Otomoro Seven Greens lunch was carefully prepared. Moving inside the extraordinary Otomoro restaurant, you’ll dine as a samurai did centuries ago, encouraging the arrival of spring and enjoying the tastes and ambiance of this exceptional cuisine and space, reveling in your modern memories of the garden and shrine traditions of the past.

Tour Itinerary:
Oyama Shrine → Gyokusenin Maru Garden → Oyama Shrine → Otomoro

Participation fee: 13,000 yen (incl. lunch)

Kanazawa Adventures Inc. TEL 076-214-4545
Kanazawa’s famous winter delicacies — Kano-gani & Kobako-gani snow crab

In winter, Kanazawa becomes a treasure trove of delicacies. The “tight-fleshed” seafood from the Sea of Japan is particularly delicious, and snow crab is at the top of the list. The Japanese name for snow crab differs depending on the area. In Ishikawa Prefecture, the male snow crab is called Kano-gani, and the female is called Kobako-gani. The fishing season begins on November 6 every year, and Omicho Market turns red because of all of the crab on display the next day. A crab festival is held in the market, and visitors can enjoy free crab soup. The Kano-gani crab fishing season lasts until March 20, and people enjoy the meat that fills its shell. The Kobako-gani crab fishing season is shorter, so that it can be protected; it finishes at the end of the year. It is smaller than the male crab, but the special taste of the roe makes it a real delicacy. It is now very famous in Japan and hard to come by, although it was once a popular snack for children. Please remember to taste it as part of your Kanazawa winter experience.

Kanazawa’s winter gourmet foods: Oden and Kabura-zushi

Oden is a hot-pot food that stimulates the appetite with its enticing aroma and its ingredients that have been simmered in soup stock. It is enjoyed all over Japan as a winter food, but Kanazawa has the largest number of Oden restaurants in the country, and the 22nd day of every month is “Oden day” for Kanazawa citizens. However, there is no set recipe for Kanazawa Oden; each restaurant has its own style. It is not thought of as a gourmet dish; rather, it is an integral part of the food culture of Kanazawa. If you would like to experience the city’s winter flavors, Oden made with Kobako-gani crab is a must. Kabura-zushi is a fermented food made with malted rice, which consists of salted turnip and yellowtail. It was a traditional New Year’s treat for the Kaga Clan, which originated during the early Edo period. Kabura-zushi became popular among the general public only around 100 years ago, since it has expensive ingredients. The combination of fatty yellowtail and turnip is excellent, and it is enjoyed by foodies as an accompaniment to sake.
Restaurants with prix-fixe snow crab menus

DAIMYOJAYA
Popular for its live crab from Kanazawa Port. Fresh crab from the water tank is served raw, charcoal-grilled, deep-fried into tempura or boiled.
Kaiseki menu of crab dishes (crab with a certification tag): 13,000 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 7 ~ March 20, reservation required
7-5 Konohana-machi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am ~ 2:30 pm (L.O. 1:45 pm), 5:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm (L.O. 9:30 pm)
Closed: Jan. 1 ~ 3
Tel: 076-231-5121 MAP A-3

KANAZAWA CHAYA
KAPPO TSUZUMI
Located in front of Kanazawa Station, this is a satellite restaurant of Kagaya ryokan in Wakura Hot Spring. An authentic Japanese restaurant with the famous inn’s atmosphere and sophisticated Kaga cuisine.
Kan-gani snow crab menu: 35,000 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 11 ~ Feb. 20, reservation required (by 5:00pm three days in advance)
2-17-21 Honmachi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am ~ 2:30 pm (L.O. 2:00 pm), 5:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm (L.O. 9:00 pm)
Closed: Jan. 8, 9, Feb. 19, 20
Tel: 0120-378-223 MAP A-3

HOSHOZUSHI
This famous sushi restaurant near Ono Port offers seafood supplied directly from local fishermen. Crab menus can be arranged based on your budget.
Crab menu: 12,000 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 8 ~ March. 31
4-72 Ono-machi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:00 am ~ 10:00 pm
Closed: Wednesdays
Tel: 076-267-0323 MAP A-3

KOJUFUKU
This popular restaurant in Omicho Market offers reasonably priced prix-fixe crab menus.
Crab menus Kagayaki: 9,800 yen
Kiwami: 12,800 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 7 ~ March 30, reservation required
Omicho Ichibikan 2F, 88 Aokusa-machi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:00 am ~ 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm (L.O. 9:30 pm)
Closed: Tuesdays, Jan. 1
Tel: 076-225-8080 MAP B-2

SYOUGYOTEI
Here you can taste fresh seafood from the Sea of Japan while enjoying the view of the city from the hill. Live crab in the water tank is cooked any way you like.
Snow crab menu: 10,000 yen (7 items) (including tax)
Live snow crab: 27,000 yen ~ (one crab is for 3~4 people) (including tax) Nov. 1 ~ Feb. 29, reservation required
3-4-45 Kannon-machi, Kanazawa
5 min. walk from the Higashi Chaya area.
Open: 11:30 am ~ 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm
Closed: Dec. 28 ~ Jan. 3
Tel: 076-252-2271 MAP B-1

KINCHARYO (main location)
A long-established Kaga cuisine restaurant with separate buildings (for 2 ~ 20 people) with a view of the Saigawa River. It offers a set of excellent, delicately-cooked dishes of carefully selected crab served in the tea ceremony meal style.
A winter luxury, crab Kaiseki menu: 29,900 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 10 ~ Jan. 31, reservation required (by noon three days in advance) (The fishing season for Kobako-gani snow crab lasts until the end of December, and the menu changes from January)
1-8-50 Teramachi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am ~ 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 9:00 pm
Closed: Dec. 31 ~ Jan. 5
Tel: 076-243-2121 MAP E-2

TAKESHI
Dishes cooked by the owner-chef will please your senses. The Noto beef, black-throat seaporch, crab and yellowtail Kaiseki menu (6,500 yen) is recommended.
Crab menu: 12,000 yen (excluding tax) Nov. 11 ~ March 21
2-32-4, Katamachi, Kanazawa
Open: 5:30 pm ~ 11:00 pm
Closed: Sundays, Dec. 31 ~ Jan. 4
Tel: 076-234-2121 MAP D-3

TAMURA
Original dishes and fresh seafood are served here. The crab course meal with their popular Udon noodles is recommended.
Crab shabushabu menu: 8,800 yen (excluding tax)
Reservation required (at least three days in advance)
2-18 Namiki-machi, Kanazawa
Open: 5:00 pm ~ 11:30 pm, open for lunch on Sat. and Sun. only, reservation required
Closed: Wednesdays
Tel: 076-222-0517 MAP B-1

(Since the fishing season for Kobako-gani snow crab lasts until the end of December, and the menu changes from January.)
Kanazawa Tokyu Hotel
Kincha-ryo
This restaurant decorated with gold leaf has various seat options including table seats and counter seats for tempura. Please enjoy its Kaga style course dinner with crab dishes served with warm hospitality for each and every customer.
Course dinner with crab dishes: 12,000 yen (incl. tax and service charge) Nov 8 – Feb 29
Reservation required
Tokyu Hotel 3F, 2-1-1 Korinbo, Kanazawa
Tel: (076) 263-5511 MAP D-2

Hotel Nikko Kanazawa 6F
Japanese Restaurant Benkay
The “Kobako-gani crab menu” is a limited-edited menu, which includes two whole crabs per person, an appetizer and other dishes. Enjoy refined Japanese cuisine at this traditional tea room style restaurant with a courtyard.
Kobako-gani crab menu: 17,000 yen (incl. tax and service charge) Nov 8 – Dec 28
2-15-1 Honmachi, Kanazawa (in front of Kanazawa Station East Gate)
Open: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm (LO 9:00 pm)
This restaurant will be closed for renovation from Jan 18, 2020
Tel: 076-234-1111 MAP A-3

Kanazawa Sekitei
A well-known restaurant for Shabushabu and Kaga cuisine near Kenrokuen Garden.
The course dinner can be arranged with crab dishes based on your budget.
Course dinner: 12,000 yen (excl. tax) Reservation required (by the day before)
1-9-23 Hinosaka, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, 5:00 pm – 10:00 pm (enter by 8:00 pm)
Closed during the New Year’s holidays
Tel: 076-231-2208 MAP D-2

Kaga Yasuke
Takes pride in fresh seafood sushi and seasonal dishes. You can enjoy limited-edition local sake and original delicacies.
Kago-gani crab dish: 8,000 ~ 25,000 yen (market price, excl. tax), Nov 7 – mid Mar
Kobako-gani crab dish: 1,800 yen ~ 2,500 yen (market price, excl. tax), Nov 7 ~ Dec 31
2-19-15 Honmachi, Kanazawa
Open: 12:00 pm – 12:00 am Closed: Mondays
Tel: 076-221-6357 MAP A-3

OMicho Shokudo
A popular restaurant in Omicho. The rice bowl topped with sashimi, the set meal, and the a-la-carte dishes are all noted specialties.
Kobako-gani crab rice bowl: 2,500 yen (excl. tax)
Nov 7 ~ end of Jan, reservation required
1 Aokusa-machi, Kanazawa
Open: (Mon ~ Sat) 10:30 am ~ 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 10:00 pm (LO 9:30 pm)
(Sun and final day of consecutive holidays) 10:30 am ~ 3:00 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 8:00 pm (LO: 7:30 pm)
Closed: Jan 1 ~ 4
Tel: 076-221-5377 MAP B-2

Gyohan
A Japanese restaurant with a long history near Nagama-chi Samurai district. Serving Kanazawa’s local specialties for lunch and dinner.
Kobako-gani crab rice bowl: 2,500 yen (excl. tax)
Nov 7 ~ end of Dec, reservation required
2-12-15 Honmachi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am – 2:00 pm, 4:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Closed: Wednesdays
Tel: 076-222-2288 MAP C-3

Kanazawa Hakuchoro Hotel Sanraku
Kaga Cuisine Mahoroba
Serving delicious food and a relaxing time. We assure you of a blissful moment with the view of our Japanese garden and the full course “Snow Crab Dinner” including boiled, steamed and grilled snow crab, crab soup and crab rice.
Snow crab dinner: 20,000 yen (incl. tax) Nov 1 ~ Feb 29, reservation required
6-3 Marunouchi, Kanazawa
Open: 5:30 pm ~ 9:30 pm (LO 8:30 pm)
Open year-round
Tel: 076-222-1487 MAP C-2

Akamesushi
Serving all kinds of fresh seafood near Kanazawa Station! A variety of crab dishes including sashimi, grilled, and boiled dishes, shabushabu is available. Sake in a crab shell is also amazing.
Kano-gani crab menu (sashimi, grilled and boiled dishes, and shabu-shabu): 8,000 yen (excl. tax), reservation required
1-9-15 Honmachi, Kanazawa
Open: 11:30 am ~ 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm ~ 11:00 pm (reservation required for Sunday and holiday lunch) Closed: Thursdays, Dec 31, Jan 1 and 2
Tel: 076-263-9787 MAP A-2
Night view of illuminated Kanazawa  

Kanazawa Castle and KENROKUEN Garden Light Up ~ Winter

Night view of Kenroku-en Garden with “Yukitsuri” (ropes tied to protect the branches from heavy snow) and the beautifully illuminated Kanazawa Castle. The illuminated Kenroku-en Garden and Kanazawa Castle create fantastic scenery against a cold and clear winter sky.

Illuminated Kenroku-en Garden (Winter)  
**MAP C-2**

- **Date**: Jan 24 (Fri) ~ Feb 2 (Sun) and Feb 8 (Sat) ~ Feb 16 (Sun)
- **Time**: 5:30 pm ~ 8:45 pm (Free admission during this period)

Illuminated Kanazawa Castle  
**MAP C-2**

- **Date**: In addition to the above, every Fri, Sat and days before national holidays
- **Time**: From sunset to 9:00 pm

Inquiries: Tourist Planning Section, Ishikawa Pref. Tel: 076-225-1542

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**Kanazawa Light-up Bus**

Night sightseeing buses run to Kanazawa’s major illuminated sightseeing spots on specific days. Although you can enjoy the night view from the bus window, why not get off and stroll around the town? You can enjoy different views to daytime.

Available on every Saturdays. *Also available on Feb. 9 (Sun.).

- **Time**: 7:00 pm ~ 9:45 pm
  (departs Kanazawa Station every 15 minutes)
- **Fares**: Adult 300 yen, Child 150 yen
- **One-day pass**: Adult 500 yen, Child 250 yen

- **Recommended ! A guided tour at Higashi Chaya District**
  Take a bus from Kanazawa Station between 7:00 pm ~ 8:15 pm and get off at Hashibacho bus stop. Maido-san volunteer guides will guide you in the Higashi Chaya District free of charge! (Approx. 30 min) *Guided tours are available only in Japanese.*
“Kinpaku Kirara”
Tree Fantasy illuminations decorated with gold leaf

“Kinpaku Kirara” gold leaf displays are set up near Omicho Market. They are illuminated with LED lamps and decorated with gold leaf, a traditional craft of Kanazawa. While displays decorated with gold leaf are installed on the Meitetsu M’ZA side (2,000 pieces) and Hakomachi side (800 pieces), roadside trees illuminated with LED lamps light up on both sides of Route 157. Please enjoy this “golden time” in the elegant atmosphere of Kanazawa during the crisp coolness of winter.

Period: Oct 18 (Fri), 2019 ~ Feb 10 (Mon), 2020.
Time: 4:45 pm ~ 10:00 pm
*Illuminated all night Dec. 31 until 6:00 am New Year’s Day.
Place: Kinpak Kirara: in front of Meitetsu M’ZA and Kanazawa Hakomachi
Tree illumination: Roadside trees along R157.

Korinbo Tree Fantasy

Roadside trees along Route 157 from the Korinbo intersection to La Moda are illuminated with 110,000 LED lamps, a spectacle of the Kanazawa winter for 33 years. The light tunnel creates a gorgeous atmosphere in the Korinbo area, which is crowded with shoppers. A zelkova tree located in the ATRIO square becomes an illuminated display of Yukitsuri. You can enjoy the scenery viewing from the bus window or strolling and viewing from the sidewalk. Please enjoy this romantic atmosphere in Korinbo.

Time: 5:00 pm ~ 12:00 am
*Illuminated until 1:00am Christmas day and 6:00am New Year’s Day.
Area: Korinbo intersection to Korinbo La Moda (Route 157)

Katamachi Christmas Tree and Yukitsuri Illumination

A giant Japanese fir tree (9m tall) appears in the Katamachi Kirara square and you can enjoy it in two different appearances: Until Christmas, the tree turns into the Katamachi Christmas tree. After Christmas until Valentine’s day, it becomes the Yukitsuri illumination tree. The Christmas tree is decorated with a star at the top, ornaments and 20,000 white, champagne-color and red LED lamps. The Yukitsuri illumination tree is decorated with 10,000 white LED lamps as if it has snow on its branches. Gardeners install the traditional Yukitsuri ropes on the tree just like the trees in Kenrokuen Garden. The tree creates a fantastic atmosphere in this bustling area during the winter evenings.

Period: Christmas tree: Nov 3 (Sun) ~ Dec 25 (Wed) 2019
Yukitsuri illumination: Dec 27 (Fri), 2019 ~ Feb 16 (Sun), 2020
*Schedule may change.
Time: 10:00 pm ~ 2:00 am
Place: Katamachi Kirara Square (in front of Katamachi Kirara at 2-chome Katamachi) MAP D-3
Trip to Kanazawa for the 2020 New Year
Shrines to Visit at New Year’s

Shrines in and around Kanazawa and their events

Must-see spots for travelers and residents of Kanazawa!
The following are recommended shrines for New Year’s visits and New Year’s events.

**Trip to Kanazawa for the 2020 New Year**

Shrines to Visit at New Year’s

**Oyama Jinja Shrine**  
**Happy marriage and good luck**

Maeda Toshiie is enshrined here.

This shrine is located in the central area of the town. It enshrines Maeda Toshiie, the first lord of Kaga clan and his wife, and is a popular sightseeing spot. People who desire good marital relations and who have upcoming exams and sport matches visit this shrine, because the lord had good relations with his wife and had luck in battles. The good luck charms featuring Toshiie’s war helmet are popular. On January 12, the “Sabo Offering Festival” is held and new sake is offered to the deities by sake breweries in the prefecture, and given to visitors.

Oyama Shrine  
11-1 Oyama-machi, Kanazawa  
TEL 076-231-7210  
http://www.oyama-jinja.or.jp

**Utasu Jinja Shrine**  
**Charm to ward off evil, recover from sickness, and to improve luck**

Geishas come to pray at this shrine.

Since 12 gods are enshrined here, the benefits from the deities are various. Above all, the “Kimon-fuda” charm to ward off evil is the most popular, since this shrine is located in the kimon direction (northeast) of Kanazawa Castle, which is the direction where evils come in. The shrine previously played the role of protecting the castle from evils. There is a well in the precinct of the shrine. The second lord, Toshitsune, was cured from disease with water from this well. In the Setsubun festival on February 3rd, Geishas conduct a dance performance in front of the shrine and fortune beans are thrown by them.

Utasu Shrine  
1-30-8 Higashiyama, Kanazawa  
TEL 076-252-8826  
http://www.ishikawa-jinjacho.or.jp/shrine/j0324

**Kanazawa Shrine**  
**Success in schoolwork and business, and good fortune in money**

Praying for success in schoolwork with mystical water.

Kanazawa shrine, located near Kenrokuken Garden, has the “Kanazawa sacred spring” and is the origin of the name of Kanazawa. Since the shrine enshrines Sugawara Michizane (Tenjin), an intellectual, it is well known as a shrine for success in academic achievement. In addition, the white snake dragon god, bringing luck against misfortune, economic fortune and business success, is also enshrined. The highlight of the shrine is the wonderful painting on the ceiling of the worship hall. On New Year’s Eve, torches are set up to welcome the new year. Kelp tea made with Kanazawa shrine’s mystical water is provided during the first three days of the new year, and a good luck charm in academic achievement is handed out on the New Year’s day (only for first 3,000 visitors). Why not drop into this shrine after visiting Kenrokuen Garden?

Kanazawa Shrine  
1-3 Kenroku-machi, Kanazawa  
TEL 076-261-0502  
http://kanazawa-jj.or.jp

**Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine**  
**Matchmaking, happy marriage, fortune for finding a good lover**

“Shirayama-san” - a shrine you should visit.

This is the head shrine for the 3,000 Hakusan Shrines throughout Japan. It is respected as the first shrine of the Kaga Domain, and called “Shirayama-san” by the local people. The deity of this shrine is Kukuri-hime no Kami. In a myth, Kukuri-hime no Kami mediated a quarrel between Izanagi no Mikoto and Izanami no Mikoto, so it is said that she is a matchmaking goddess. This shrine is popular for female travelers who are looking for a good partner. About 200,000 people visit this shrine in the first three days of the new year. Since traffic controls will be in effect around the area, taking a special direct bus from Kanazawa or taking a train to Tsurugi Station then a bus from the station is recommended.

Shirayama Shrine  
1-30-8 Higashiyama, Kanazawa  
TEL 076-234-1479  
http://www.shirayama.or.jp

Breakfast in Kanazawa with local ingredients in local style

One of the attractions of travel is food that can only be enjoyed at the places we visit. The “Delicious Breakfast Project by Kanazawa’s Inns and Hotels” was started in the belief that the best way to express hospitality to travelers come from far away is to serve food produced locally. The real charm of a trip to Kanazawa is to have a Kanazawa style breakfast with ingredients produced in Kanazawa and its surrounding areas.

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Chapter 5 - Seasonal Cuisines
Winter events

Foodpia Kanazawa 2019
Jan 25 (Sat.) ~ Feb 29 (Sat.)
At participating restaurants in the city

Enjoy the city’s winter dishes, which have the greatest variety of ingredients, as well as various special attractions of Kanazawa such as geishas, shinise (long-established shops and companies) and machiya architecture. This event has a history of 35 years.

Kanazawa Shinise Talk
The Kanazawa 100-year-old Shinise Association consists of companies in Kanazawa that are over 100 years old. You can enjoy a meal at a prestigious restaurant while listening to a talk about traditional culture and the spirit of long-established companies given by their owners.

Snow-viewing Party
An easy way to experience the gorgeous geisha culture. You can enjoy a dance or drumming performance by geisha ladies at their training house in the traditional entertainment area.

Kanazawa Machiya Food Tour
This is a walking tour to see traditional machiya houses with a tour guide and enjoy food in a restaurant housed in a renovated machiya.

Shiinoki Bar
A space with "warmth, flavor and fashion" has been created at the Shiinoki Cultural Complex, the renovated former office of Ishikawa Prefecture. Here, Kanazawa restaurants offer their delicious specialties, and mini-concerts are held.

*For information about events, please use the contact information given below.
Foodpia Kanazawa Executive Committee Secretariat (Kanazawa Chamber of Commerce and Industry) Tel: 076-232-1000

Kanazawa City Firefighters Performance
Jan 5 (Sun.) 10:00 am ~
Shin-maru Square in Kanazawa Castle Park

At this annual New Year event, firefighters all dressed in their traditional uniform give a dynamic performance on high ladders. The feats performed on over 40 ladders are truly breathtaking. Don’t miss the chance to view this performance handed down from the firefighters of feudal times who protected the official residence of the Kaga lords in Tokyo.

Himuro no Shikomi
Jan 26 (Sun.) 10:00 am ~
Himuro-goya, Lake Gyokusenko, Yuwaku Hot Spring

In the Edo period, ice was very precious, so the lords stored snow in winter and offered it to the Shogunate in summer. As a reenactment of this custom, snow is stored in a storehouse in Yuwaku Hot Spring and taken out on June 30. Anyone can participate in this event.

Utasu-Jinja Shrine Setsubun Festival
Feb 3 (Mon.) 1:00 pm ~
Utasu-Jinja Shrine
1-30-8 Higashiyama, Kanazawa

This festival includes a ceremony and offering of sake to visitors. In addition, geishas throw beans in order to bring good fortune, and perform a dance for the god of the shrine. Many local residents and tourists visit the shrine for the occasion.

Winter Evening Noh Theater
Jan 11 (Sat.), Jan 25 (Sat.), Feb 1 (Sat.), Feb 8 (Sat.), Feb 29 (Sat.)

Young Noh performers play their chant & dance, noh play, and kyogen.

*For details, please use the contact information given below.
Ishikawa Prefectural Noh Theater Tel: 076-264-2598 4-18-3 Ishibiki, Kanazawa
Winter museum events

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa  MAP D-2
This museum of contemporary art aims to be easily accessible to anyone anytime, and to enable various types of encounters. The work entitled “The Swimming Pool” enables people on the ground and underground to meet. There are many other exhibits that will stimulate your senses. The museum also has a shop and a restaurant.
1-2-1 Hirosaka, Kanazawa Tel: 076-220-2800
Exhibition zone: 10:00 am ~ 6:00 pm (until 8:00 pm on Fridays and Saturdays), admission changes depending on exhibitions and time periods.
Public zone: 9:00 am ~ 10:00 pm, admission free
Closed: Mondays (The following weekday if Monday is a holiday.)
*T he entire museum will be closed for renovation from Dec 20 (Fri.), 2019 until Feb 3 (Mon.), 2020.

Kanazawa Noh Museum  MAP D-2
The museum is located in Hirosaka, the former site of Kanazawa Noh Theater. It exhibits valuable Noh masks and costumes. There are areas for people who would like to learn more about Noh, such as the Noh costume-wearing experience area and Noh and Kyogen picture-book area.
1-2-25 Hirosaka, Kanazawa Tel: 076-220-2790
Open: 10:00 am ~ 6:00 pm (admission until 5:30 pm)
Adults: 310 yen, aged 65 or older: 210 yen, high school students or younger: free
Closed: Mondays (The following weekday if Monday is a holiday.)

Special exhibitions
“Kanazawa Noh Museum Collection”
(tentative name)
[Period] Nov 30 (Sat.), 2019 ~ Mar 22 (Sun.), 2020
[Venue] Kanazawa Noh Museum

Special New Year Performance
“Onmatsubayashi / New Year Kyogen”
[Date & Time] Jan 3 (Fri.), 2020, time TBA
[Venue] 3F, Seminar room, Kanazawa Noh Museum
This is an annual performance to celebrate the New Year. Enjoy the auspicious Noh chants and comical Kyogen.

D.T. Suzuki Museum  MAP D-2
Daisetz Suzuki, best known as D. T. Suzuki, was a world-famous Buddhist philosopher from Kanazawa. The museum is an ideal place for visitors both inside and outside Japan to deepen their understanding of his ideas and achievements, and is also a place for self-reflection. The museum consists of three spaces connected by corridors: Exhibition Space, Learning Space and Contemplation Space, as well as three gardens: Vestibule Garden, Roji Garden and Water Mirror Garden. The building was designed by the internationally renowned architect Yoshio Taniguchi.
3-4-20 Honda-machi, Kanazawa Tel: 076-221-8011
Open: 9:30 am ~ 5:00 pm (admission until 4:30 pm)
Adults: 310 yen, aged 65 or older: 210 yen, high school students or younger: free
Closed: Mondays (The following weekday if Monday is a holiday.), periods of exhibition change

15th Anniversary Exhibition: Where We Now Stand – In Order to Map the Future
Where We Now Stand (1): Sept 14 (Sat.) ~ Dec 19 (Thu.), 2019
Where We Now Stand (2): Oct 12 (Sat.), 2019 ~ Apr 12 (Sun.), 2020
*The entire museum will be closed for renovation from Dec 20 (Fri.), 2019 until Feb 3 (Mon.), 2020.
Now in our 15th anniversary year, the museum’s collection stands at 3,880 artworks—an achievement of the two decades since collecting began in 2000, prior to the museum’s opening. In those two decades, society has changed radically, a phenomenon the collection strongly reflects in its growing number of artworks sharply attuned to their times. This exhibition will reinterpret the collected works from the perspective of today’s issues so as to form a picture of where we now stand, in a complexly diversifying world, and begin sketching out a map of the future.

lab.4 Space Syntax
Oct 12 (Sat.), 2019 ~ March 22 (Sun.), 2020
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Space Syntax uses unique techniques of spatial analysis to design cities/architectural spaces from the perspective of connections and relationships. This exhibition presents the unit’s theory and practice by taking the layout of the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa as the object of study, which also aspires to take this opportunity to speculate about the special qualities of art museum spaces.

Chelfitsch × KANEUJI Teppei: “Eraser Forest”
Feb 7 ~ 16, 2020
The new play by Chelfitsch is a product of the collaboration of theatrical director OKADA Toshiki and set designer KANEUJI Teppei. The drama group aims to create plays that “exceed the scale of humans and the scope of human issues”. Mixing the method of “video play”, which OKADA has been using to create theatrical spaces via videos, they will produce spaces of multiple dimensions in the room. They will take on the challenge of raising doubts with regard to the boundaries of systems and forms, and will search for new relationships between humans and objects through their innovative method.

Morning Contemplation Event
Experience contemplation on a serene winter morning.
(please refrain from talking, making noise and photographing)
Date & Time: Jan 26 (Sun.), 2020, 7:30 am ~ (40 min.)
Fee: 300 yen, reservation required
Registration: D. T. Suzuki Museum (Tel: 076-221-4011)
Registrations will be accepted from Jan 5 (Sun.) 9:00 am on a first-come-first-served basis.
Kanazawa's geisha culture, along with its traditional performances and crafts, dates back to the feudal period. There are three geisha districts in Kanazawa, where around 40 geishas train very hard to preserve their traditional entertainment culture. As a rule, geisha houses do not accept guests without an introduction from a customer. This special event is open to anyone who would like to enjoy geisha dancing and drum playing while listening to an explanation. Japanese tea and sweets are served. Enjoy a traditional geisha performance and the opportunity to chat with other participants. Kanazawa geisha culture is the origin of Kanazawa's culture of hospitality. Please enjoy it to your heart's content.

**Kanazawa Geiigi no Mai** events are held on the 30 days listed below. Please enjoy traditional dance and drum performances by geishas in Kanazawa.

*Free English audio guides available.*

**Dates (Saturdays)***

Higashi: Feb 15 (1 venue), March 14 (2 venues)
Nishi: Dec 14, Jan 18, Jan 25, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, March 7, March 28 (1 venue)
Kazue-machi: Dec 7 (2 venues), Feb 1 (1 venue), Feb 29 (2 venues), March 21 (2 venues)

**Time:** 1:00 pm ~ 2:00 pm (doors open at 12:45 pm)

**Capacity:** 15 people per venue

**Venues:** Chaya houses in Higashi, Nishi and Kazue-machi Chaya District

**Fee:** (Japanese tea and sweets included):
Adults: 5,000 yen, Students: 2,500 yen
*Children must be at least 6 years old.

**Application:** Website only

**Inquiries:** Kanazawa City Tourism Association
Tel: 076-232-5555 (weekdays 9:00am ~ 5:30 pm)

**Reservation:**
Executive committee for the Improvement of Geiigi Skills
(Ishikawa Prefecture Cultural Promotion Division)
Tel: 076-225-1371 (in Japanese only)
dentoubunka@pref.ishikawa.lg.jp (English OK)

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**Dates:**
30 days (10 days for each of the three Chaya Areas) during the period from October 2019 to March 2020

**2019**
Oct: 7 (Mon.), 10 (Thu.), 11 (Fri.), 21 (Mon.), 22 (Tue./holiday), 26 (Thu.), 28 (Mon.), 30 (Wed.)
Nov: 1 (Fri.), 19 (Tue.), 25 (Mon.), 26 (Tue.), 27 (Wed.)
Dec: 6 (Fri.), 8 (Sun.)

**2020**
Jan: 13 (Mon./holiday), 17 (Fri.), 19 (Sun.), 20 (Mon.), 22 (Wed.)
Feb: 3 (Mon.), 7 (Fri.), 9 (Sun.)
March: 10 (Tue.), 13 (Sun.), 16 (Mon.), 20 (Fri./holiday), 23 (Mon.), 26 (Thu.)

**Venue:** Ishikawa Ongakudo Hogaku Hall Japanese-style Room 20-1 Showa-machi, Kanazawa, MAP A-3

**Time:** 2:00 pm ~ 3:00 pm (1 hour, with audio guide (English))

**Performers:** Geisha from the three geisha districts (Higashi, Nishi, and Kazue-machi)

**Limit to 50 per performance (reservations required)**

**Fee:**
Adults: 1,000 yen, Group 800 yen (15 people or more)
*High school students or younger: free*

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The Kanazawa way

**Geisha Performance & Dinner**
You'll have the opportunity to watch a traditional geisha performance, interact with these beautiful performers, and enjoy an authentic Kanazawa meal.

- **Time:** Every Saturday Night 18:00-20:00
- **Approximate time required:** 2hours
- **Price (yen):** 19,800
- **Capacity:** 10
- **Place:** In Kanazawa House  4-28 1chome Hosai, Kanazawa

**Kanazawa Family Cuisine Cooking**
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- **Time:** Every Wednesday, Thursday*, Friday and Sunday
  *Unavailable every 3rd Thursday of each month.
  *Morning Class: 10:30-12:00
  *Afternoon Class: 13:00-14:30
- **Approximate time required:** 1.5hours
- **Price (yen):** 5,500
- **Capacity:** 10
- **Place:** In Kanazawa House  4-28 1chome Hosai, Kanazawa

**Kanazawa Food Tour**
We explore highlights of Kanazawa city with great food! At first we explore Kanazawa Omicho market then move to tea district where Geiko performance is held.

- **Time:** on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.
  ①9:30-12:00 ②13:30-15:00
- **Approximate time required:** 2.5hours
- **Price (yen):** 6,000
- **Capacity:** 6
- **Meet at:** Starbucks  14 Musashimachi, Kanazawa

**Japanese Sword Guide**
We have been making fermented food since 1875. But we also have relation with Samurai culture from our family roots. You can feel the fusion of culture here!

- **Time:** everyday (first Sundays, year-end, year-beginning is excluded.) 9:00-18:00
- **Approximate time required:** about 30 min
- **Price (yen):** 2,200
- **Place:** SHIJIMAYA HONPO  1-17-28 Yayoi, Kanazawa

**A Unique Experience**

**Omicho Market Tour & Cooking**
Eat your way through history with a private cooking class in Kanazawa -- a city famous for their unbelievable seafood, locally grown fresh produce, and more

- **Time:** Every Saturday morning and every other Tuesday 10:00-12:30
- **Approximate time required:** 2.5hours
- **Price (yen):** 6,300
- **Capacity:** 10
- **Meet at:** Omicho Market

**Explore Kanazawa**

**Kanazawa way**

**Feel Japanese culture**

**Tea ceremony**
Traditional Japanese tea ceremony experience. Drinking matcha green tea and eat Japanese sweets and learn manner.

- **Time:** Every day except Sunday, Monday (book before 3days) 10:30-18:00
- **Approximate time required:** 1hour
- **Price (yen):** 2,500
- **Place:** Machiyajuku  1-34-6 Higashiyama, Kanazawa

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Enjoy Calligraphy!
Let's enjoy a calligraphy workshop!
Select a word you like and write on a Japanese fan.
You can take the completed work as a special souvenir back home with you.

**Time:** Every day (Irregular holidays) 10:00～16:00
**Price (yen):** 1,800  1 fan (with tea and sweets)
**Place:** Sofuan
17-10 Nishi-Cho-Yonban-Chō, Kanazawa

Enjoy 1-Day bus tour
**Shirakawago and Takayama tour**
You can enjoy a bus tour from Kanazawa Station to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Shirakawa-go and Takayama “Little Kyoto” in Hida. (Including lunch)

**Time:** Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:00～18:00
**Approximate time required:** 10 hours
**Price (yen):** 11,000
**Meet at:** JR Kanazawa Sta. Kanazawa port gate exit (West exit) Group Tour Bus Parking Area

Enjoy 1-Day bus tour
**Shirakawago and Gokayama Tour**
Visiting the World Heritage Site Shirakawa-go and Gokayama by tour bus. Enjoy the difference between the two Gassho style villages! (Including lunch)

**Time:** Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays 8:00～16:30
**Approximate time required:** 8.5 hours
**Price (yen):** 10,000
**Meet at:** JR Kanazawa Sta. Kanazawa port gate exit (West exit) Group Tour Bus Parking Area

Enjoy 1-Day bus tour
**Weekends Only! Go Shirakawa-go**
At World Heritage Shirakawago, you can stroll around at your own pace for 1.5 hours. You will go to Ogimachi Castle Observation Deck by tour bus.

**Time:** Saturdays and Sundays 9:30～15:40
**Approximate time required:** 7 hours
**Price (yen):** 7,800
**Meet at:** JR Kanazawa Sta. Kanazawa port gate exit (West exit) Group Tour Bus Parking Area

Live Like a Samurai!!
**Explore Kanazawa’s Ancient Customs**
Special 1-Time Tour on November 24, 2019
Experience the entertainment, traditions, hobbies, and foods that made up the samurai lifestyle.

**Time:** November 24, 2019 (Sun) 9:45-16:00
**Approximate time required:** 6 hours
**Price (yen):** 20,000
**Capacity:** 25
**Meet at:** Kanazawa Station West Entrance

How about experiencing the exclusive culture of Kanazawa Geigi (= Geisha) in a teahouse while you are in the city?

**Time:** Selected Saturdays 13:00-14:00
**Approximate time required:** 1 hour
**Price (yen):** 15,000 2,500 for student
**Capacity:** 15/30
**Place:** Higashi Kazue-machi, Nishi Chaya District

・ Enjoy the magical atmosphere of kanazawa Castle and Gyokusen'inmaru Garden lit up at night
・ Explore the smaller streets of Kanazawa with an English-speaking Local guide

**Walk around Kanazawa**

**Time:** Every Friday and Saturday 5:45PM～6:00PM
**Approximate time required:** About 3 hours
**Price (yen):** 7,500
**Capacity:** minimum 4 person
**Meet at:** Entrance to Omicho Makeket (Meet in front of Mister Donut)

・ Visit to Wajima Morning Market, Senmaida Rice terraces, and Keta Taisya Shrine
・ Enjoy a full-course lunch made with fresh and delicious Noto oysters
・ Visit a sake brewery for tour and sake tasting

**Day trip Noto Peninsula**

**Time:** Every Monday and Friday 7:45AM～4:00PM
**Approximate time required:** About 8 hours
**Price (yen):** 23,000
**Capacity:** minimum 6 person
**Meet at:** Sightseeing bus parking area at the West Gate of Kanazawa Station
Tips for travel in Kanazawa during winter

Since the weather during the Kanazawa winter changes quickly, an umbrella is essential. Further, it is recommended to wear boots, as the roads are wet due to melting snow.

ONE DAY PASS can be used.
(Sat/ Sun/ Holiday) Adult 100 yen, Child 50 yen

Tel: 076-225-8004

ICCOCA, Suica, PASMO, PiTaPa can be used.

Transportation system IC cards such as

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Tel: 076-237-5115

Inquiries: Hokutetsu Telephone Service Center Tel: 076-237-5115

Kanazawa shopping liner Machi-bus

Fare: Adult 200 yen, Child 100yen

(ONE DAY PASS can be used.

Inquiries: West Japan JR Bus
Tel: 076-225-8004

Kanazawa Station East Gate Bus Terminal #5
Every 20 min from 9:40 am to 5:40 pm
Every 30 min from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Kanazawa Town Management Organization
Tel: 076-224-8112

Kanazawa Station East Gate Bus Terminal #7

Right Loop: 8:38 am, 8:50 am to 6:05 pm (every 15 min)
Left Loop: 8:30 am, 8:45 am to 6:00 pm (every 15 min)

Inquiries: Hokutetsu Telephone Service Center Tel: 076-237-5115

KANAZAWA LOOP BUS

Fare: (Weekday): Adult 200 yen, Child 100 yen
(Sat./ Sun./ Holiday) Adult 100 yen, Child 50 yen
ONE DAY PASS can be used.

Kanazawa Station East Gate Bus Terminal #6
9:30 am to 5:50 pm (every 20min)

Inquiries: Hokutetsu Telephone Service Center Tel: 076-237-5115
Kanazawa’s Latest Information

The Kanazawa Tourist Information Guide website provides the latest information regarding recommended sightseeing spots, accommodation and restaurants. The latest news and event information are announced via social media, too.

Would you like to discover the hidden Kanazawa with a local guide?

Kanazawa Guide Interpreter Search
www.kanazawaguide.jp

Kanazawa Tourism Association website (multi-language)
“Kanazawa Tourist Information Guide”
www.visitkanazawa.jp/

Facebook page “Visit Kanazawa”
@visitkanazawaofficial

Instagram “Kanazawa Kankou”
@kanazawa_kankou