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**HONDA MUSEUM** (Honda Zoshukin) Displays the Honda family collection. The first Lord Honda was secretary to the ruling Maeda clan and his family heirlooms include some truly fascinating staff ranging from instruments of war to boxes and sake cups. Fee: 300-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 TEL: (076) 261-6500 / 3-1 Dewa-machi. Bus: (Get off at kenchu-mae Bus: # 10-11-12-15-25-33-50-73-71-73-80-84-85-90.

**NAKAMURA MEMORIAL MUSEUM** (Nakamura Kinen Bijutsukan) Smaller museum whose highlight is an intricate display of tea ceremony tools and utensils. Ticket includes tea and sweets in the teahouse. Fee: 300-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 (closed Thurs.) TEL: (076) 221-0751 / 3-1-29 Honda-machi. Bus: (Get off at Honda-machi) Bus: # 18-19-9

**KANAZAWA CITIZENS’ ART CENTRE** (Keijiku Mura) Not on map but an excellent facility for modern and classical art exhibitions, regular live drama and music performances. Keijiku Mura also lets out free space for anything connected with art and has a wonderful exposition of green space attached. 0767 265-6000 Bus: # 52 from Katsurahori. Get off at Nagakura-machi. Fee: Free – staged events and exhibitions may carry a charge.

**UTASUIYA CRAFTS WORKSHOP** (Utasuiyaya KusayaKobo) Watch ceramic & lacquer ware production, glass blowing, and silk-dyeing processes being carried out by local craftsmen. Fee: 300-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 (closed Thurs.) TEL: (076) 251-2786 Bus: # 490 (Get off at Kanroku-dai) 3 min. walk.

**FOLK CULTURE MUSEUM** (Hisamatsu Rankaku Tenjiku) Fascinating and varied displays of post-Meiji cultural and everyday items donated by the people of Kanazawa. Fee: Free Open: 9:30-16:30 (closed Thurs.) TEL: (076) 222-5740 / 3-1-16-Tsuiho-cho. Bus: (Get off at fukigawa) Bus: 10-11-12.

**MODERN LITERATURE MUSEUM** (Shibikawa Kindai Bibliography) Located in the only remaining building of the original Kanazawa University. Emphasis on local authors Mino Sueo, Tokuda Shusei, and Izumi Kyoka as well as the many famous authors who studied at “Shikou” – once the #4 ranked university in Japan. Taking a Japanese-speaking guide is recommended. East of Korinbo Atrio, it’s the red brick building near Central Park. Fee: 400-yen Open: 9:30-16:30 TEL: (076) 251-1669

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**Places Of Interest In Kanazawa**

**KANAZAWA CASTLE 500 years of history, the rebuilt sections of Kanazawa Castle are at once the city's newest & oldest attraction! Following years of painstaking restoration by craftsmen skilled in centuries-old Japanese construction methods the castle was re-opened in 2001. Visitors can see the tower shops (open Mon., Wed., Fri. & Sat., 10-16) at Kanroku-en and enjoy a tea ceremony in the gatehouse. The gatehouse is the most mature part, at around 500 years old. Ishikawa Ken, is located south of, and adjacent to Kenroku-en via a footpath. Kenroku-en and Ishikawa Ken are free. Programs of the gatehouse and gift shops to entertain all with interpretive signs in English. Fee: Free Open: 10:00-18:00 (closed Mondays).

**TERRASIMA FAMILY SAMURAI HOUSE** A middle-class samurai home built in 1770. The tea ceremony or "the way of tea" room and its adjoining garden are a joy to behold. Open: 9:30-17:00 (closed Thurs.) Fee: 300-yen Bus: Get off at Hashibacho - a 3 min. walk. Bus: # 41 11-12-80 81-84-85.

**ISHIKAWA JINJA** - Oyama Shrine was built in honor of Lord Maeda Toshiie, the first Maeda lord. The stained glass windows of the entrance temple bear the inscription of five influences from every era since the 13th century. From Buddhist, Shinto, Christian, imperial, or secular beliefs. Oyama Shrine has a habit of birth for city over 300 years. For foreign food, visit the Diamond Stone, which stocks all from four tortillas and French cheese to 5 minute couscous and fruit smoothie. You can join in to go for still-flippin' washrooms with a real toilet and a-sake wash restaurants to choose from. Bus: Off at Musashiyasaguchi across from the #1-14-18-30-31-32-33-35-81-84-85-87 (Closed Sundays)

**DAISO** - Built in 1261, this serene and famed Zen Buddhist temple and its grounds are a peaceful oasis in a world gone mad. Participate in Public Zen Meditation (7:30am - English & Japanese or 4:30 - Japanese only), and take your bus. Off at Hirama-machi walk up the hill 15 min. Bus: # 21-83.

**NINJA DERA - MYORUJI** - Said to be the Ninja Temple, it is full of turrets and "trick" stairs so stay on the beaten path. As if that wasn’t enough, the guides at the busiest local temple are notoriously severe on those foolish enough to attempt to have a good time here so be careful. Guided tours (if you dare, and in Japanese only) must be booked. In the Teramachi district. Fee: 800-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 Bus: Off at Hirokoji walk 2 min. east on Nishi Inter Dori. Bus: #20-21-22-25-30-31-40-41-44-45-46.

**HIGASHI CHAYAGAI GEISHA DISTRICT** - The Geisha house, after centuries of study and refinement, takes traditional music, dance, and art to the highest levels of beauty and skill. Walk these "nouveau" streets and experience a mystical, old Japan that is fading fast. Bus: Get off at Haishicho across the the Asagaya Bridge & turn right. Bus: # 11-12-16-60-81-84-85.

**NAMAGAMI SAMURAI DISTRICT** - These narrow, mud-packed lanes have been the domain of local samurai families for centuries, indeed some are still inhabited by their descendants. The Nomura family (1-2-2 Nagamachi) welcome visitors to enjoy tea and teas in the touchscreen of their home overlooking one of the most gorgeous gardens in the city. In the early morning or late evening to see the samurai spirit that haunts these streets. Cross from all over Japan who seek to re-create the old Japan regularly use Nagamichi in film, advertising and production. Bus: Off at Korinbo, cross towards the 109 Dept. store & turn right. Bus: # 13-14-20-21-23-31-35-40-41-44-45-46-50-60-71-72-81-90-92-93-94-95.

**SAKURA BANKS - Kanazawa’s Castle Gardens** - Free. From Hanami (cherry blossom) viewing to spring barbecue fun in the summer, these grassy slopes between Sakuragawa-Ohashi and Sakurabashi are well used and loved by all. On the 1st of March, the sakura banks are a fine spot to enjoy a picnic lunch within walking distance of TakaTachi. Watch out, however, for the famous sakura flowers that can snatch with a sharp razor sharp in a flash leaving you dazzed, frustrated and hungry.

**TERRASIMA - literally “temple town”** - If you’ve ever played in town, there is no better place in town. You can’t swing an umbrella in Teramachi without being stopped by the guides at this busiest local temple are notoriously severe on those foolish enough to attempt to have a good time here so be careful. Guided tours (if you dare, and in Japanese only) must be booked. In the Teramachi district. Fee: Free Open: 9:00-16:30 Bus: Off at Korigunma walk 2 min. east on Nishi Inter Dori. Bus: #20-21-22-25-30-31-40-41-44-45-46.

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