

Pull-Out Map Of Kanazawa

(all bus routes referenced from JR Kanazawa Station unless noted)

Places Of Interest In Kanazawa

Map Ref. D6	KENROKU-EN GARDEN One of Japan’s Three Sublime Gardens dating back to the 17th Century. The best times to visit: before 11 AM and after 3 PM – avoid the throng. Enjoy the serene ponds and old-world teahouses. Don’t miss the sprawling Seison Kaku Villa within the castle grounds, (a separate fee must be paid). This is an opulent, original home beautifully built in1863 by the 13 th Lord Maeda for his mother.The soothing tsukushi garden here is best enjoyed in silence. Both the park and the villa are must see-items on the Kanazawa tour. Open: 7:00-18:00 – occasional special opening times. Fee: 300-yen for adults Bus: Kenrokuen-shita or Kencho-mae - a 3 min. walk. Bus #: 10-11-12-15-25-33-50-53-70-71-73-75-80-90-91.
C6	ISHIKAWA MON GATES Kanazawa Castle, first built in the 1500’s, was destroyed several times through the ages by sundry disasters, both natural and man-waged. The gates have managed largely to remain standing though even they have had several re-fits. The castle was restored to its former glory in 2001 but the gates remain the most mature part, at around 500 years old. Ishikawa Mon is located south of, and adjacent to Kenroku-en via a footbridge. Bus: same as Kenroku-en.
C6	KANAZAWA CASTLE GARDEN With 500 years of history, the rebuilt sections of Kanazawa Castle are at once the city’s newest & oldest attraction! Following 3 years of painstaking restoration by craftsmen skilled in centuries-old Japanese construction methods the castle was re-opened in 2001. Visitors may now stroll through the castle gardens in the ancient footsteps of Lord Maeda Toshiie. Alternatively, there are a raft of exhibits, rest areas and gift shops to entertain all with interpretive signs in English. Open: 07:00–18:00 Fee: 300-yen Bus: same as for Kenroku-en and Ishikawa Mon.
B6	TERASHIMA 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 Hashiba-cho - a 3 min. walk. Bus #: 11-12-80-83-84-85-88.
C4	OYAMA JINJA - Oyama Shrine was built in honour of Lord Maeda Toshiie, the first Maeda lord. The stained glass windows of the entrance turret bespeak the filtering in of European influences even during Japan’s 200-year <i>sakoku</i> exclusion period. The shrine and garden are an oasis of beauty and tranquility in the heart of downtown Kanazawa. Bus: Get off at Minami-cho and walk along the main road -5 min on your left. Bus #: 13-14-18-30-31-32-33-35-54-81-95.
B4	OMICHO ICHIBA MARKET - Kanazawa’s pantry – a vast, labyrinthine covered market. You can find everything and anything here: from live octopus to leather shoes. Visit the florists, fishmongers, grocers, or Chinese herbalists all under one sometimes leaky roof! Omicho has been a hub of city life for over 300 years. For foreign food, visit the Diamond Store, which stocks it all from flour tortillas and French cheese to 5 minute couscous and fruit muesli. Omicho is the place to go for still-flippin’-fresh sushi with several kaiten and a-la-carte sushi restaurants to choose from. Bus: Get off at Musashigatsuji across from M’ZA Department store. #13-14-18-30-31-32-33-35-54-81-95 (Closed Sundays)
B4-5	DAIJOJI - 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 Zazen meditation on Sundays (1:30PM English & Japanese or 4.30 – Japanese only), and tame your chi. Bus: Off at Heiwa-machi walk up the hill 15 min. Bus #: 20-21-83.
E2	NINJA DERA - MYORYUJI - Said to be the Ninja Temple, it is full of trapdoors and “trick” stairs so stay on the beaten path. As if that wasn’t enough, 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: 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.
B7	HIGASHI CHAYAGAI GEISHA DISTRICT - The Geisha have, after centuries of study and refinement, taken traditional music, dance, and art to the highest levels of beauty and skill. Walk these “teashop” streets and experience a mystical, old Japan that is fading fast. Bus: Get off at Hashiba-cho –cross over the Asanogawa Bridge & turn right. Bus #: 11-12-16-80-81-84-85-88.
C2/D2	NAGAMACHI SAMURAI DISTRICT - These narrow, mud-walled lanes have been the domain of local samurai families for centuries, indeed some are still inhabited by their descendants. The Nomura family (1-2-32 Nagamachi) welcome visitors to enjoy tea and sweets in the tearoom of their home overlooking one of the most gorgeous gardens in the city. Visit in the early morning or late evening to feel the samurai spirit that haunts these streets. Crews from all over Japan who seek to replicate the old Japan regularly use Nagamachi in film, advertising and TV production. Bus: Get off at Korinbo, cross towards the 109 Dept. store & turn right. Bus #: 13-14-20-21-22-25-33-35-40-41-44-45-46-60-64-70-71-72-81-90-92-93-94-95.
D3/E4	SAIGAWA RIVER BANKS – Kanazawa’s playground. From Hanami (cherry blossom viewing) in spring to barbecue fun in the summer, these grassy slopes between Saigawa O-Hashi and Sakura Bashi are well used and well loved by all. The banks of the Saigawa are a fine spot to enjoy a picnic lunch within walking distance of busy Katamachi. Watch out, however, for the famous Saigawa hawks that can snatch a sandwich with razor sharp talons in a flash leaving you dazed, frustrated and hungry.
E3	TERAMACHI – literally “temple town” – if you’re after temples, there is no better place in town. You can’t swing an umbrella in Teramachi without hitting something of religious significance so take the # 30-31 bus, get off at the Teramachi Go-chome stop and wander the streets at will – you can’t lose.
C6	ISHIKAWA PREFECTURAL TRADITIONAL HANDICRAFT SHOP (Ishikawa-ken Kanko Bussankan) A wonderful place to view or buy hundreds of artefacts of traditional local crafts and gifts. The 3 rd floor has a participatory facility where visitors can enjoy a turn at making their own handicrafts with expert supervision Fee: Free Open: 9:00-18:00 (closed Tues.) Bus: Get off at Kenroku-en shita TEL: (076) 222-7788 Bus#:10-11-12-15-25-33-50-53-70-71-73-75-80-90-91.
D6	ISHIKAWA PREFECTURAL ART MUSEUM (Kenritsu Bijutsukan) A fantastic collection of local, traditional and international exhibits, Kenritsu Bijutsukan is an excellent way to spend an afternoon. Fee: 350-yen Open: 9:30-16:30 TEL: (076) 231-7580 / 2-1 Dewa-machi Bus_(Get off at Kencho-mae) Bus #:10-11-12-15-25-33-50-53-70-71-73-75-80-84-85-90.
D6	ISHIKAWA PREFECTURAL HISTORY MUSEUM (Ishikawa Kenritsu Rekishi Hakubutsukan) A look back into the history of Ishikawa and the historic Kaga region. A good place to get a sense of traditional life for the ordinary folks here as well as the ruling Samurai class. Conveniently located near the Prefectural Art Museum. Fee: 250-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 / 3-1 Dewa-machi TEL: (076)262-3236 Bus #: 10-11-12-15-25-33-50-53-70-71-73-75-80-84-85-90. (get off at Kencho-mae)
D7	ISHIKAWA TRADITIONAL CRAFTS AND PRODUCTS MUSEUM (Dentou Sangyou Kougeikan). Exhibits of local arts & crafts (including ceramics and lacquer ware) as well as industrial art and a variety of other craft items. Located up the hill from the Art Museum and History Museum. Fee: 250-yen TEL: (076) 262-2020. Open: 9:00-16:30 Bus: (Off at (National Hospital) Kokuritsu Byuoin-mae) -- walk about 2 min. Bus #: 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-83

Kanazawa’s Museums / Art Venues contd...

D5	HONDA MUSEUM -(Honda Zouhinkan). Displays the Honda family collection. The first Lord Honda was secretary to the ruling Maeda clan and his family heirlooms include some truly fascinating stuff ranging from instruments of war to candy boxes and sake cups. Fee: 500-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 TEL: (076) 261-0500 / 3-1 Dewa-machi. Bus: (Get off at Kencho-mae) Bus #: 10-11-12-15-25-33-50-53-70-71-73-75-80-84-85-90.
D5	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 tearoom. Fee: 300-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 (closed Thurs.) TEL: (076) 221-0751 / 3-2-29 Honda-machi. Bus: (Get off at Honda-machi). Bus #: 18-19-91
--	KANAZAWA CITIZEN’S ART CENTRE – (Geijutsu Mura) Not on map but an excellent facility for modern and classical art work exhibitions, regular live drama and music performances. Geijutsu Mura also lets out free space for anything connected with art and has a wonderful expanse of green space attached. (076) 265-8300 Bus: # 57 from Kohrinbo. Get off at Nagadohei-nishi. Fee – free (staged events and exhibitions may carry a charge)
A8	UTATSUYAMA CRAFTS WORKSHOP (Utatsuyama Kougeikoubou) Watch ceramic & lacquer ware production, glass blowing, and silk dyeing processes being carried out by local artists. English spoken. Fee: 300-yen Open: 9:00-16:30 (closed Tues.) TEL: (076) 251-7286 Bus: #90 (Get off at Bouko-dai) - 3 min. walk.
D8	FOLK CULTURE MUSEUM -(Minzoku Bunkazai Tenjikan) 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 Tues.) TEL: (076) 222-5740 / 3-31 Tobiume-cho. Bus: (Get off at Ishibiki) Bus #: 10-11-12.
D4	MODERN LITERATURE MUSEUM (Ishikawa Kindai Bungakukan). Housed in the only remaining building of the original Kanazawa University. Emphasis on local authors Muro Saisei, 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) 261-1609

Kanazawa’s International Exchange and Information Associations

A3	I.F.I.E. ISHIKAWA FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE 3 rd floor, Rifare Building, 1-5-3 Hon Machi, Kanazawa City Tel. (076) 262-5931 Fax. (076) 263-5931 Email: ifiejimu@hotmail.or.jp Open 9am – 6pm Mon-Sat / 9am – 5pm Sun & Hols. IFIE provides the foreign resident community and visitors with just about every essential service you can imagine. They maintain a library full of foreign books; offer free Internet use, Japanese lessons, free legal consultation and have TV sets broadcasting CNN and BBC news. And, if you ask nicely, the IFIE staff can even answer your questions in 6 languages.
A3	K.I.E.F. KANAZAWA INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE FOUNDATION 2 nd floor, Rifare Building, 1-5-3 Hon Machi, Kanazawa City tel. (076) 220-2522 / fax. (076) 220-2527 / email:kief@hotmail.or.jp / web: www.iaa.or.jp/messe/kief Open 9am – 5pm Mon – Fri KIEF provides assistance with travelling around and living in Kanazawa via their Hello Kanazawa guide. They also offer help with tourist, culture, home-stay matters, language study materials and a library.
D5	ISHIKAWA INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE 1-8-10 Hirosaka, Kanazawa City. Tel. (076) 221-9901 / fax. (076) 260-7057 Open 10am – 5pm Monday – Saturday. Occasional Sunday opening – contact for details. The <i>Kokusai Lounge</i> offers Japanese language, shamisen, shakuhachi & koto lessons and will instruct you in most traditional Japanese crafts in the warm <i>washitsu</i> atmosphere of a gorgeous traditional Japanese house. Furthermore, most classes are offered free of charge with only a small occasional fee for materials. A great place just to hang out and talk to people and the staff / volunteers couldn’t be nicer.
B4	ISHIKAWA FOREIGN STUDENT ASSOCIATION 3 rd floor, Musashigatsuji Building (opposite/north of M’ZA), 1-1 Yasue Cho, Kanazawa City. Tel. (076) 223-7421 Open 10am – 4pm Mon – Fri / 10am – 4pm Sat IFSA is a lounge / Meeting place / resource centre for foreign students studying in Ishikawa.
A2	JR KANAZAWA STATION TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE Located inside JR Kanazawa Station. Tel (076) 232-6200 Open 9am-5pm every day. The <i>Jouhou</i> centre is a wealth of informative pamphlets and maps of the Ishikawa area as well as being staffed at all times by English-speaking staff that are often volunteers. If that wasn’t enough, they also offer no-cost half and full day tours of Kanazawa through their Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network who, on top of speaking English beautifully, know Kanazawa like the back of their hands.
D4	KANAZAWA CITY HALL DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM 5 th Floor, Kanazawa City Hall (Shiyakusho) Building, 1-1-1 Hirosaka, Kanazawa City Tel (076) 220-219 Open 9am – 5pm Mon – Fri Offers a wide range of informative pamphlets, gorgeous colour posters (the ones you see at the station information desk) and brochures promoting Kanazawa to the world.
C4	KANAZAWA CONVENTION BUREAU 2 nd Floor, Kanazawa chamber Of Commerce & Industry Building, 9-13 Oyama Machi, Kanazawa City (see contact details below)

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