



A day trip to the foot of the sacred Mt. **Hakusan** area from the castle town **Kanazawa**



From Kanazawa to Mt. Hakusan
Enjoy two nearby yet distinct areas in one trip



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Higashi Chaya District

This popular historical area features rows of geisha houses. These are well-preserved with the slatted wooden facades, and give a feel for what Kanazawa was like in bygone days. The streets are lined with gold-leaf shops, craft galleries and cafes.



Utatsuyama Temple Area

This is one of Kanazawa's three temple areas. It has about 50 temples, some of which have tombstones of historical figures linked to Kanazawa's traditional crafts in their precincts.



Oyama Jinja Shrine

This shrine is dedicated to the founder of the Maeda clan in the Kaga domain, Maeda Toshiie, and his wife Omatsu. The front gate, decorated with colorful glass work, is designated as a national important cultural asset.



Nezumitamom Gate and Bridge

On the west side of Kanazawa Castle Park, a gate featuring a black plaster wall and a wooden bridge have been reconstructed. Visitors can learn about the history of Nezumitamom Gate inside the building.



Gyokusen'inmaru Garden

Within the Kanazawa Castle Park, this feudal garden was reconstructed in 2015. Visitors can enjoy strolling around the elegant garden featuring a large pond and paths. The picturesque scenery from the tea room (Gyokusen-an Rest House) inside the garden impresses you most.



Kenrokuen Garden

One of Japan's three most beautiful gardens. It was constructed over a period of 180 years. Visitors can enjoy the garden's distinctive aspects in each of the four seasons.



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

This museum was designed according to the concept of "a museum like a park open to the public". Please use all five senses to enjoy the art exhibits that are integrated with the building.



National Crafts Museum

This museum, which was relocated from Tokyo in 2020, exhibits about 1,900 art and craft works such as ceramics, lacquerwares, textiles and metalwork. Visitors can admire remarkable craft works created by Living National Treasure.



Bijutsu-no Komichi Path

A sloping walkway from Nakamura Memorial Museum to the Prefectural Museum of Art. Here, the murmur of the Tatsumi canal and the sound of leaves rustling in the wind make you forget the bustle of your daily life.



Nagamachi Buke Yashiki District / Nomura Samurai House and Garden

This area still has upper- and middle-class samurai residences of the Kaga domain, which have retained the atmosphere of the Edo period. The house and garden of the Nomura family are open to the public.



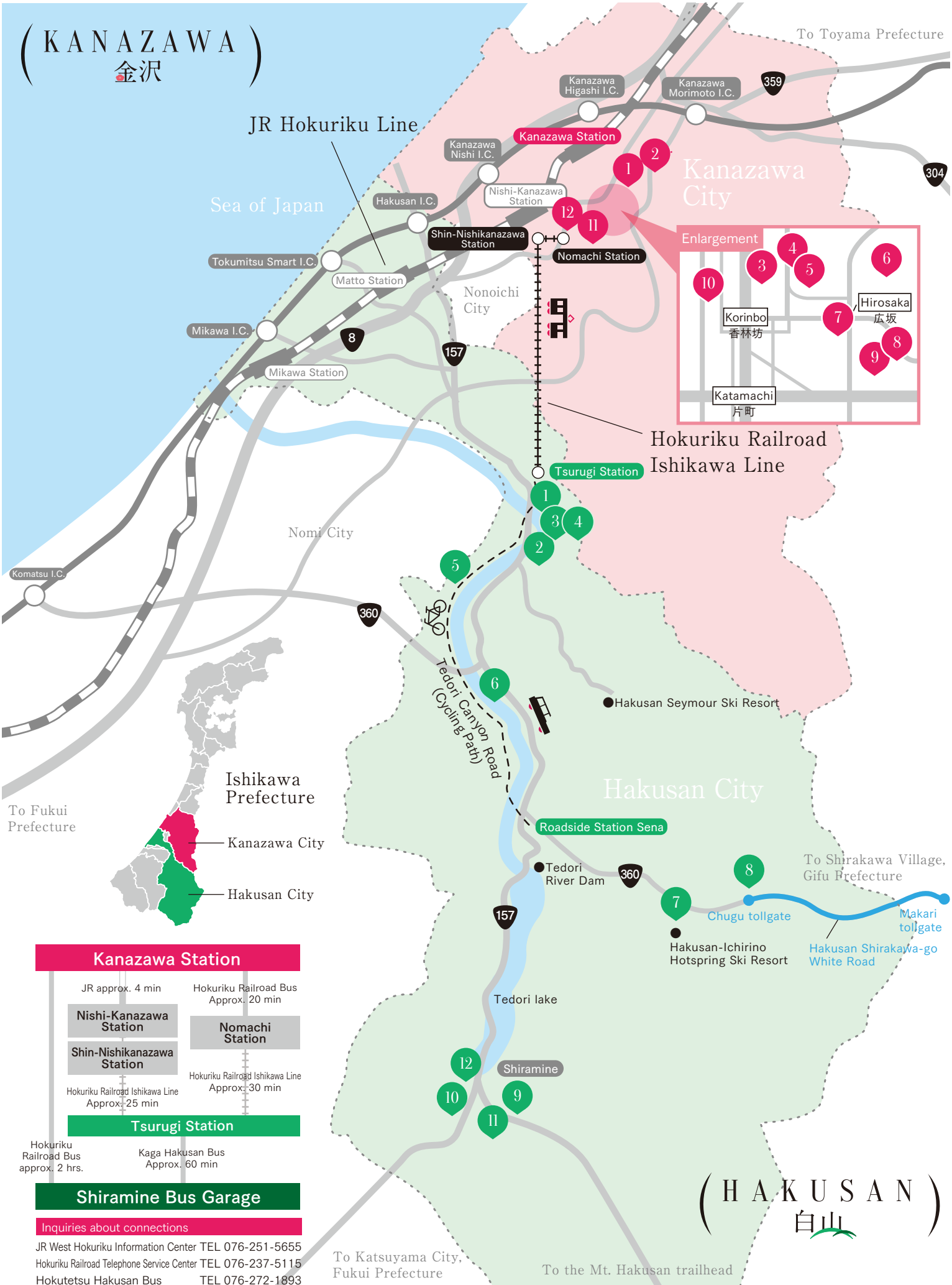
Teramachi Temple Area

There are many temples with a historical connection to the Kaga domain, including Myoryuji Temple, which is also referred to as "Ninja Temple".



Nishi Chaya District

Visitors can find a number of beautiful old wooden houses along the street. At the time of twilight, you may hear the tunes of the shamisen (a three-stringed musical instrument) and the singing of geisha flowing from the tea houses.



Yokomachi Urara Kan

This free rest area built about 190 years ago was once a merchant's house. The old furniture has been preserved, and the stone-walled warehouse is used as a gallery.



Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine

As the head shrine for Japan's 3,000 Hakusan Shrines, Mt. Hakusan is enshrined here. The old shrine has been worshiped as the highest ranking shrine of the Kaga domain, and is called Shirayama-san by the local residents.



Museum of Shishi World

This museum, which is located in Park Shishiku, exhibits traditional lion heads, including Japan's most splendid wooden carvings of the heads of a lion couple, and lion-head carvings from overseas are on displays.



Sky Shishiku

Sky Shishiku is a leisure site that is at a height of 650 m above sea level. It is known as a mecca for paragiders in the Hokuriku region. There is a coffee shop on the plateau.



Tedor Canyon Road

This cycling road leads to Roadside Station Sena. The road goes along the bank of the Tedor River and the abandoned tracks of Hokuriku Railroad. (43.3 km long)



Tedor Gorge and Wataga-taki Waterfall

A 20-30 m high cliff extends over 8 km, with the Tedor River flowing down it. The sight of water falling looks like cotton and it is splendid.



Ichirino Highland

This highland in a magnificent natural setting has a grass park and a natural hot spring. In winter, the biggest ski slopes in the prefecture bustle with skiers.



Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road

This 33.3 km-long road connects Hakusan City in Ishikawa Prefecture and Shirakawa Village in Gifu Prefecture. There are some scenic spots along the way, such as Ubagataki Waterfall and Mt. Sanpoiva.



Shiramine Hotspring Public Bath House

This area is designated as an important Preservation District for Groups of Historic Buildings. There are shops selling local products around the bath house.



Hakusan Kobo Studio

Visitors can observe the production process of Ushikubi pongee from yarn spinning to weaving. Ushikubi pongee is designated as a prefectural intangible cultural asset.



Rinsaiji Temple (Hakusan Gezanbutsu Buddhist Statues)

This temple was founded by the Buddhist priest Taicho. The bronze standing statue of the Eleven-faced Goddess of Mercy (important cultural asset) and Hakusan Five Buddhist Statues (prefectural cultural assets) are enshrined in the temple.



Hakusan Folk Museum

Six traditional houses (constructed in the Edo to Meiji periods) have been relocated to this area. They characterize the culture of mountain villages that has developed in a rich and rugged natural environment.

Recommended Route 1

The Castle Town of Kanazawa and The Mt. Hakusan Worship



Kanazawa was developed as the castle town of the Kaga domain, and governed by the Maeda clan.
Mt. Hakusan, located in a snowy mountainous area, is designated as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (Eco-park).
Please enjoy a relaxing trip to a castle town with distinctive culture, and the sacred sites of the Mt. Hakusan area.

The route includes sightseeing spots in Kanazawa such as Oyama Jinja Shrine, which are connected to the Maeda clan, and Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine, the stronghold of Mt. Hakusan worship.



Itinerary

*Public transportation and walk (bike rental available)

Kanazawa Station

6-min bus ride + 2-min walk

1 Oyama Jinja Shrine

2-min walk

2 Kanazawa Castle Park Nezumitamon Gate and Bridge

1-min walk

3 Kanazawa Castle Park Gyokusen'inmaru Garden

16-min walk

4 Nagamachi Buke Yashiki District Nomura Samurai House and Garden

14-min walk

5 Nishi Chaya District

4-min walk

6 Teramachi Temple Area

5-min walk



30-min ride from Nomachi Station
on Hokuriku Railroad Ishikawa Line
+
12-min walk from Tsurugi Station (5 min by bicycle)

7 Yokomachi Urara Kan, Tsurugi

18-min walk (6 min by bicycle)

8 Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine



Recommended Route 2



Itinerary

*Rental car and walk

Kanazawa Station

11-min drive (30-min walk)

1 Kenrokuen Garden

2-min walk

2 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

8-min walk

3 National Crafts Museum

1-min walk

4 Bijutsu-no Komichi Path



45-min drive

5 Park Shishiku/ Sky Shishiku

40-min drive

6 Ichirino Highland (Holy site for lovers)

10-min drive

7 Hakusan Shirakawa-go White Road



Enjoying Beauty in Art/Culture and Nature/Landscapes

Kanazawa attracts attention both domestically and internationally as a hub for sightseeing as well as a site of historical architecture and distinctive townscapes.

At the foot of the sacred Mt. Hakusan, you can enjoy the natural scenery of the gorge and an alluvial fan created by the Tadori River.

Please enjoy sightseeing and activities in nature.

By visiting spots related to art and culture, you can get a sense of the aesthetics that have developed since the Edo period (1603-1868). In addition, you can refresh yourself by experiencing the natural beauty of the landscapes in the Mt. Hakusan area.



Recommended Route 3

There are as many as four areas designated by the national government as Important Preservation Districts for Groups of Historic Buildings in Kanazawa, where old buildings and streets have been preserved almost in their original state. In the foot of Mt. Hakusan area, there is a distinctive mountainous neighborhood designated also as the district.

Kanazawa, a castle town of a wealthy clan, and Shiramine, a village at the foot of Mt. Hakusan area and one of the snowiest areas in Japan. This route includes strolling around areas with a distinctive atmosphere, and getting a feel for the unique history and culture.



Townscape of Shiramine



Hakusan Kobo Studio



Utatsuyama Temple Area

Itinerary

*Rental car and walk

Kanazawa Station

6-min bus ride and 2-min walk

1 Higashi Chaya District

2-min walk

2 Utatsuyama Temple Area

One-hour and 20-min drive

3 Hakusan Folk Museum

2-min drive

4 Hakusan Kobo (Ushikubi pongee)

*Reservation required

5 Rinsaiji Temple (Hakusan Gezanbutsu Buddhist Statues)

2-min walk (Stroll around the historical area)

6 Shiramine Hot Spring Bath House



Higashi Chaya District

Historical Neighborhoods in the castle town and the mountainous village



Rinsaiji Temple (Hakusan Gezanbutsu Buddhist Statues)



Hakusan Folk Museum

Enjoy the trip with a coupon.

Special contents

Tsurugi Town Strolling Coupon



A 30-min train ride from Kanazawa takes you to Tsurugi, a retro-inspired town. You can use this coupon when strolling around the town and enjoying activities.

Tsurugi is fun!



Hokutetsu Kanazawa Station Center <Ticket Office>

20-min bus ride

Hokuriku Railroad Nomachi Station <Ticket Office>

30-min train ride

Hokuriku Railroad Tsurugi Station

Strolling in Tsurugi

Use our coupon to get privileges at participating facilities. Since the coupon is valid for two days, it is recommended that you stay overnight in Tsurugi.

Hokuriku Railroad Tsurugi Station

30-min train ride

Hokuriku Railroad Nomachi Station

*The Nishi Chaya District is located near Nomachi Station.

Experience Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine's purifying ceremony firsthand

Misogi is a Shinto purification ritual conducted in the natural and historic setting of Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine. Visitors are welcome to experience the misogi ceremony. Immerse yourself in the clear water flowing from sacred Mt. Hakusan and recite a prayer for spiritual and physical purification.

Duration: approx. 2.5 hours

A guide will lead you from the torii gate up the Omotesando path.

Pay respects at the shrine.

Instruction on the misogi ritual.

Misogi ceremony, followed by conferral of a certificate of completion.

Receive certificate of completion.

End of experience.



"Otsuitachi Mairi" (Monthly 1st-day worship) Tour

You can experience "Otsuitachi Mairi", a special service held on the first day of each month. Participants can worship in the main hall of Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine. After having lunch with local ingredients, you can stroll around the town of Tsurugi. This bus tour begins and ends at Kanazawa Station.

Duration: approx. 5.5 hours

Kanazawa Station

Worship service in the main hall of Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine

Lunch

Strolling in Tsurugi

Strolling around Kenrokuen Garden (stopover only for interested participants)

Kanazawa Station



Service in the main hall of Shirayama Hime Jinja Shrine



Yokomachi Urara Kan