

Ishikawa Insect Museum

An educational facility where you can see live insects up close

Enjoy learning about insects through various exhibits including special exhibitions and viewings are held regularly to entertain visitors. One of the most popular exhibits is the Butterfly Garden, where about 1,000 butterflies fly around freely.

Hours: (Apr. to Oct.) 9:30am to 5:00pm (Nov. to Mar.) 9:30am to 4:30pm
 Admission: Adults: 410 yen, High school, Junior high school, and elementary school students: 200 yen (group discount available)
 Closed: Tuesdays and Year-end and New Year holidays

Jumoku Park (Ishikawa Prefectural Agriculture and Forestry Research Center Forestry Experiment Station)

Breathe in fresh air surrounded by nature and view various types of trees.

This 27-hectare tree park is comprised of approximately 15,000 trees of around 800 species, including 900 cherry trees with about 130 varieties and 850 camellia trees with about 140 varieties, making it one of the largest in Japan. You might also encounter animals such as wild birds, Japanese serow, and squirrels.

Hours: 8:30am to 5:00pm
 Admission: free
 Open: Everyday

Park Shishiku (Shishiku Highland)

Features large floats used in the Horal Festival and the biggest wooden lion heads in Japan

An information / exchange facility nearby the departure platform of the gondola bound for Sky Shishiku (Shishiku Highland). It was built as a place for introducing local industries and for people to meet surrounded by rich nature. The park features many areas where you can fully enjoy nature, such as the Shishi World Museum, the Festival Float Museum, and a barbecue area.

Hours: 10:00am to 4:00pm
 Admission: free
 Closed: Year-end and New Year holidays

Yokomachi Urakan

Take a break here if you're tired from walking

Yokomachi Urakan is a free rest facility located in a renovated Edo period merchant house said to have been built in 1832. There is a sunken hearth inside the building and you are free to view the household furnishings such as "tama" wooden carvings and sliding doors, which give you a sense of those times. There is also a stone storehouse at the rear of the building.

Hours: 8:00am to 5:00pm
 No scheduled holidays

Ikkani! Temple

You'll be amazed by the large Fudo Myo-o statue, carved from a single rock

A temple with one of Japan's largest rock-carved Buddha statues, Fudo Myo-o. You'll marvel at the 8-meter-high Fudo Myo-o, which is carved into a natural monolith. It was made about 200 years ago, but legend says monk Taicho, founder of the Hakusan Faith, originally carved it some 1300 years ago. Many people visit the temple to pray for prosperous business, to ward off evil spirits, and to cure eye-related diseases. The temple was permitted to use the family crest of the Kaga Domain lord Maeda, and it is still featured in the roof tiles today.

Hours: 8:00am to 5:00pm
 No scheduled holidays

Access Tsurugi by Car

●To Hakusan Interchange (Hokuriku Expressway)
 From Tokyo, approx. 7 hours
 From Osaka, approx. 3.5 hours
 From Nagoya, approx. 3 hours

●To Tsurugi
 From Hakusan IC to Tsurugi : approx. 30 mins
 From Kanazawa station to Tsurugi : approx. 30 mins
 From Komatsu Airport to Tsurugi : approx. 30 mins

Bicycle rental available!

Rental location: Hakusan City Tourism League (Hakusan City Tsurugi Office 1F)

Hours: 9:00am to 5:00pm (new rentals possible until 4:00pm)

Fee: Ordinary bicycle 500yen/day
 Electric-assist bicycle 800yen~/day

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Horal Festival

The famous float parade!

This autumn festival of Kinkengu Shrine is designated as an Intangible Folk Cultural Property by Hakusan City. A Mikoshi portable shrine, bofuri lion dances and tsukurimono floats parade through the town for two days. The made in various neighborhoods of the town each year. Many of them take the shape of warriors, and feature the five grains and vegetables. The meaning of the floats is to express gratitude for the year's bountiful harvest and to pray for safety in the coming year.

Kinkengu Shrine

A prestigious shrine that has watched over the people of Tsurugi

In ancient times this shrine was called Tsurugi-no-Miya, and it is the origin of the place name Tsurugi. It is said to have been founded in 95 B.C., and has existed since the development of the Tsurugi settlement. The Horal Festival, held every October to celebrate the autumn harvest, is the autumn festival of this shrine.

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 Open: Everyday
 Inquiries: 076-272-0131

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Access to TSURUGI

by Public Transportation

To Kanazawa
 From Tokyo : Hokuriku Shinkansen (approx. 2.5 hours)
 From Osaka/Nagoya : Express Train and Hokuriku Shinkansen (approx. 2.5 hours)
 From Komatsu Airport : Komatsu Airport Limousine Bus (approx. 40 mins)

From Kanazawa to Tsurugi
 ●By Train
 Kanazawa→Nishi Kanazawa (IR Ishikawa Railroad) 3 mins
 Nishi Kanazawa→Shin-Nishi Kanazawa (walk) 2 mins
 Shin-Nishi Kanazawa→Tsurugi (Hokuriku Railroad) approx. 26 mins
 ●By Bus and Train
 Kanazawa Station→Nomachi Station (Hokutetsu Bus) approx. 30 mins
 Nomachi Station→Tsurugi Station (Hokuriku Railroad) approx. 30 mins

Hakusan City Tourism League

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Shirayama Hime Shrine

The head shrine of all Hakusan shrines, which are dedicated to the sacred Mt. Hakusan

Shirayama Hime Shrine is the head shrine of almost 3,000 Hakusan shrines in Japan, and was the primary shrine of Kaga Domain. It is affectionately known as "Shirayamasan" by the locals. Its main shrine building is a Tangle Cultural Property designated by Ishikawa Prefecture. There are various blessings associated with the shrine, such as good harvest, traffic safety, academic success and marriage. It's recommended to walk up the omote-sando main walkway on your way to the shrine grounds, which feature a majestic atmosphere. In addition, many valuable treasures including Important Cultural Properties are exhibited in the adjacent Shrine Museum.

Shirayama Hime Shrine
 Admission: Free
 Open: Everyday
 Shrine Museum
 Admission: Adults and college students: 300yen, High school students and younger: free (group discount available)
 Closed: Winter season (Dec. to Mar.)
 Inquiries: 076-272-0680

Tsurugi's History

Tsurugi is a town built around a shrine, and has existed for over a thousand years. The name "Tsurugi" used to be written with the character 鶴 (sword), and the town prospered together with the shrine of the local Shinto deity. Kinkengu (metal sword shrine). It is also the home of Shirayama Hime Shrine, the head shrine of all Hakusan shrines, and is a town with deep tradition.

The Tedori River flows from the sacred Mt. Hakusan into the Sea of Japan, and Hakusan City spreads out around the river basin. Tsurugi is a town located at the top of the beautiful alluvial fan. Supplies from the surrounding foothills and plains have been exchanged here since before the Warring States period, making it a bustling market town. Records state that in the Edo period, the Kaga Domain lord Maeda visited Tsurugi via the Tsurugi roadway which extends from Kanazawa, in order to visit Shirayama Hime Shrine.

Tsurugi is also known as the "town of fermented goods". You can enjoy walking through the town, taking in the atmosphere of its old sake breweries, soy sauce shops, and koji (malted rice) shops.

Hakusan City Tsurugi Walking Map

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