

# Find the Real Japan

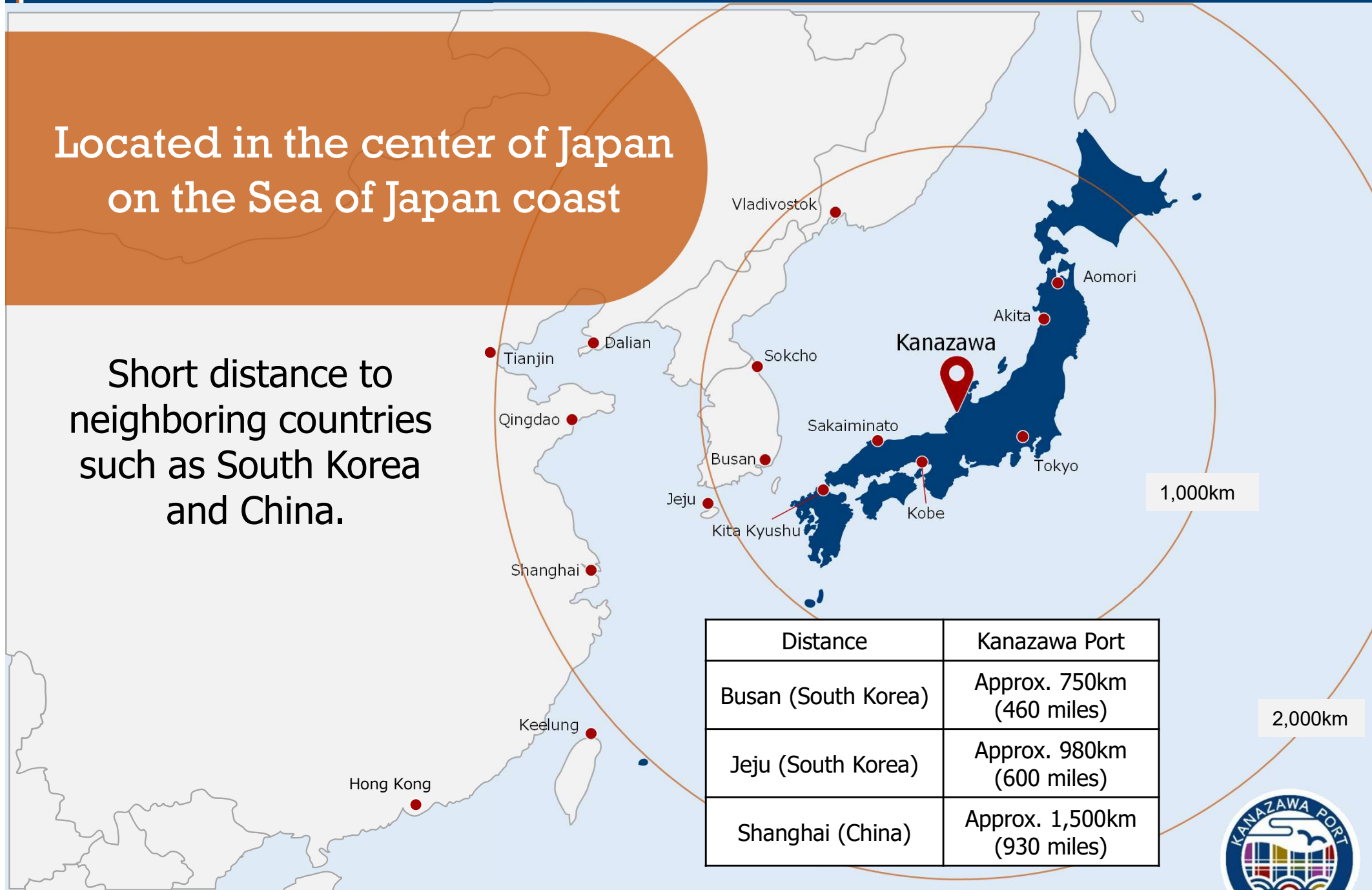
## Kanazawa Port



# Where is Kanazawa located ?

Located in the center of Japan  
on the Sea of Japan coast

Short distance to  
neighboring countries  
such as South Korea  
and China.





# How do you reach Kanazawa ?



JR Kanazawa Train Station and Komatsu Airport are gateways to/from Tokyo and other major cities in Japan.

**Kanazawa** ⇄ **Osaka**



2 hours

By bullet train (Shinkansen)  
& special express train

**Kanazawa** ⇄ **Tokyo**



**2.5 hours**

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**Kanazawa** ⇄ **Tokyo**  
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**1 hour**

by domestic flight



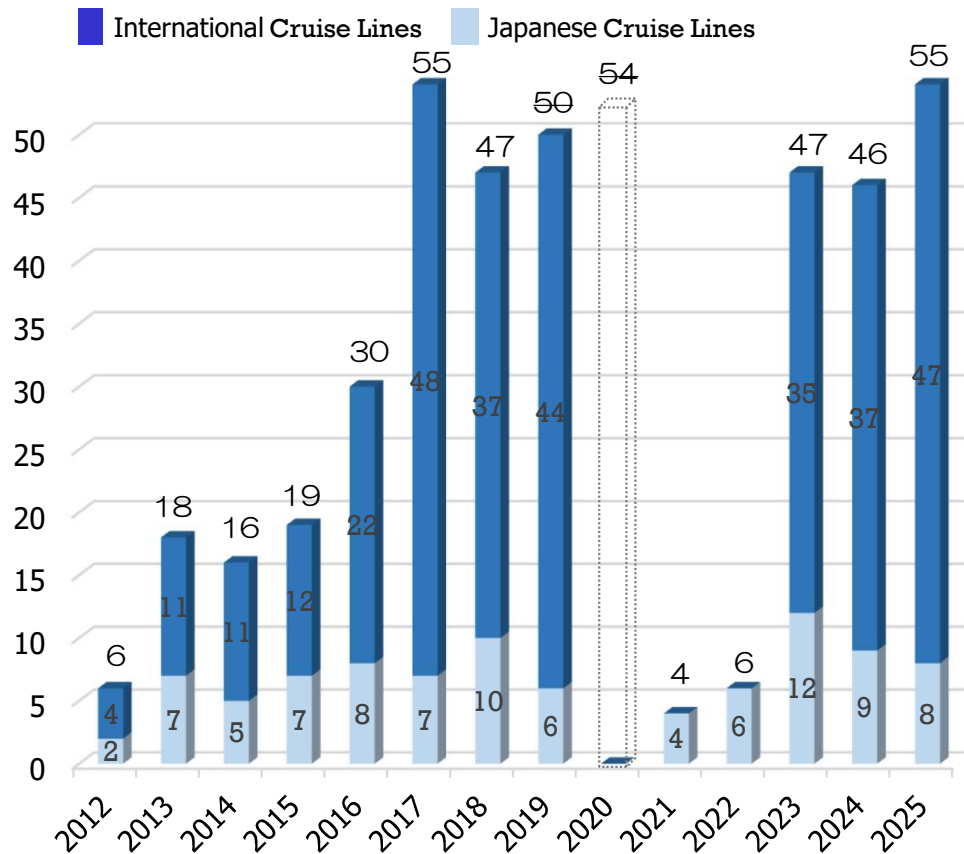
Komatsu Airport also connects to neighboring Asian cities such as Taipei, Shanghai, Seoul, and Hong Kong.



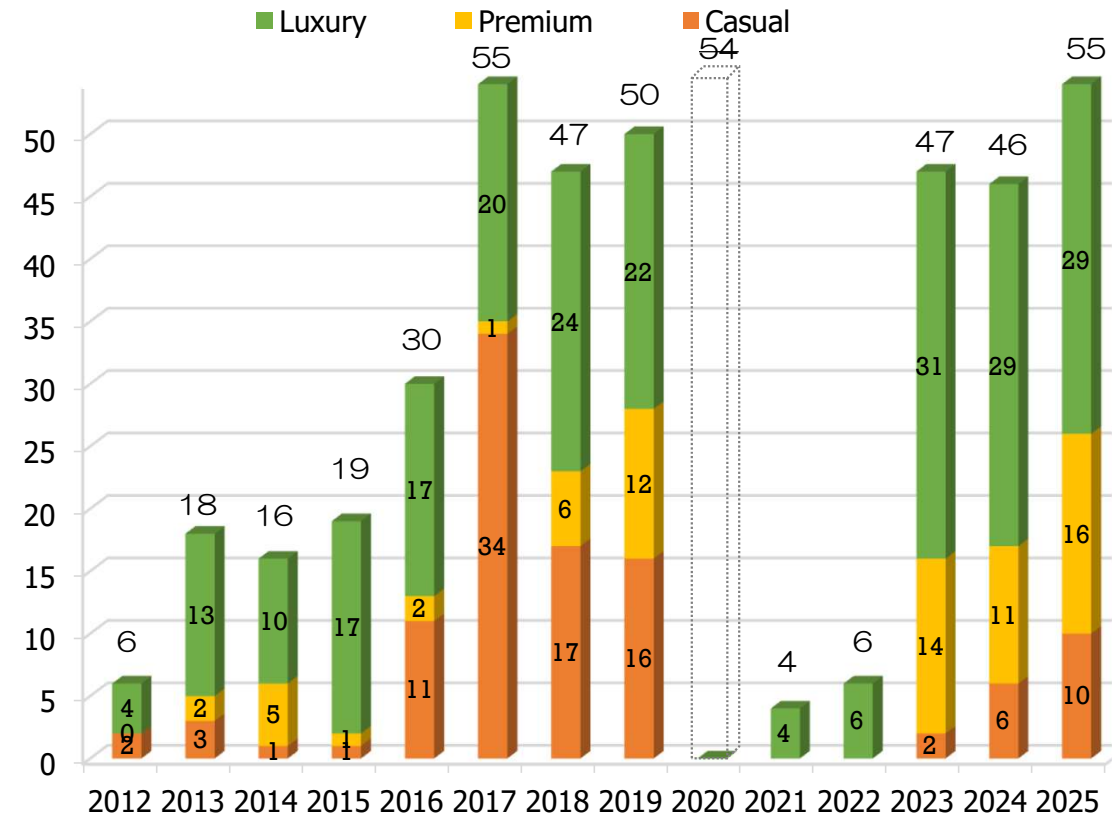
# How many ships have called at Kanazawa Port ?



## Cruise ship calls at Kanazawa Port



## Cruise ship calls at Kanazawa (by category)



In 2024 after resumption of international cruises worldwide, we had 46 calls.  
We expect 55 calls in 2025,  
half of which are by luxury ships.





# Calls at Kanazawa Port in 2024



ASUKA II  
50,444t / 872pax



Nippon Maru  
22,472t / 392pax



MSC Bellissima  
171,598t / 4,386pax



Diamond Princess  
115,906t / 2,706pax



Le Soleal  
10,992t / 264pax



Westerdam  
82,350t / 1,964pax



Azamara Journey  
30,277t / 690pax



Costa Serena  
114,261t / 2,930pax



Silver Shadow  
28,258t / 392pax



Silver Muse  
40,791t / 596pax



Silver Nova  
55,051t / 728pax



Heritage Adventurer  
8,445t / 140pax



Hanseatic Spirit  
15,651t / 230pax



National Geographic Resolution  
12,000t / 126pax



Queen Elizabeth  
90,900t / 2,081pax



Pacific World  
77,441t / 2,010pax

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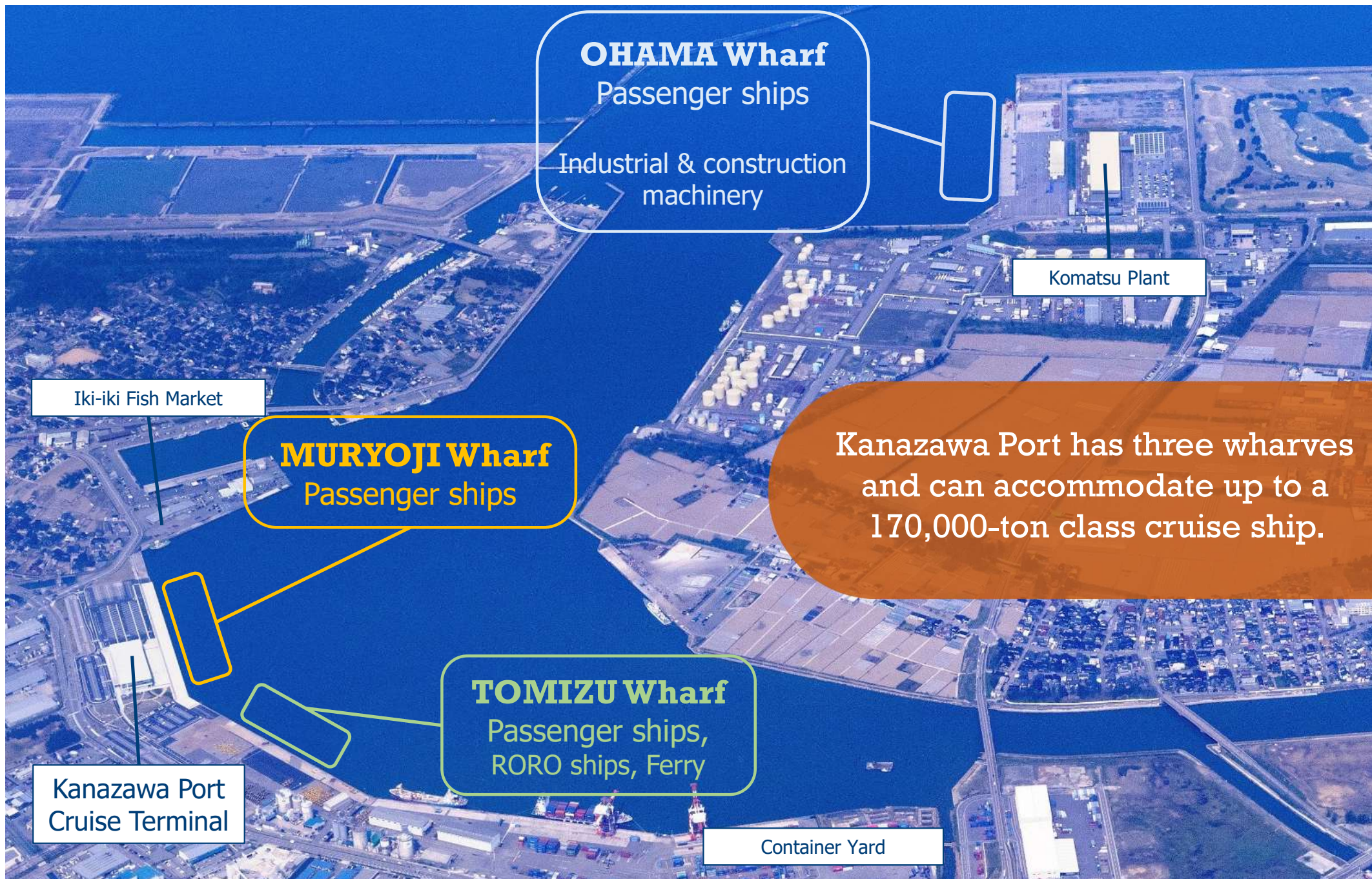
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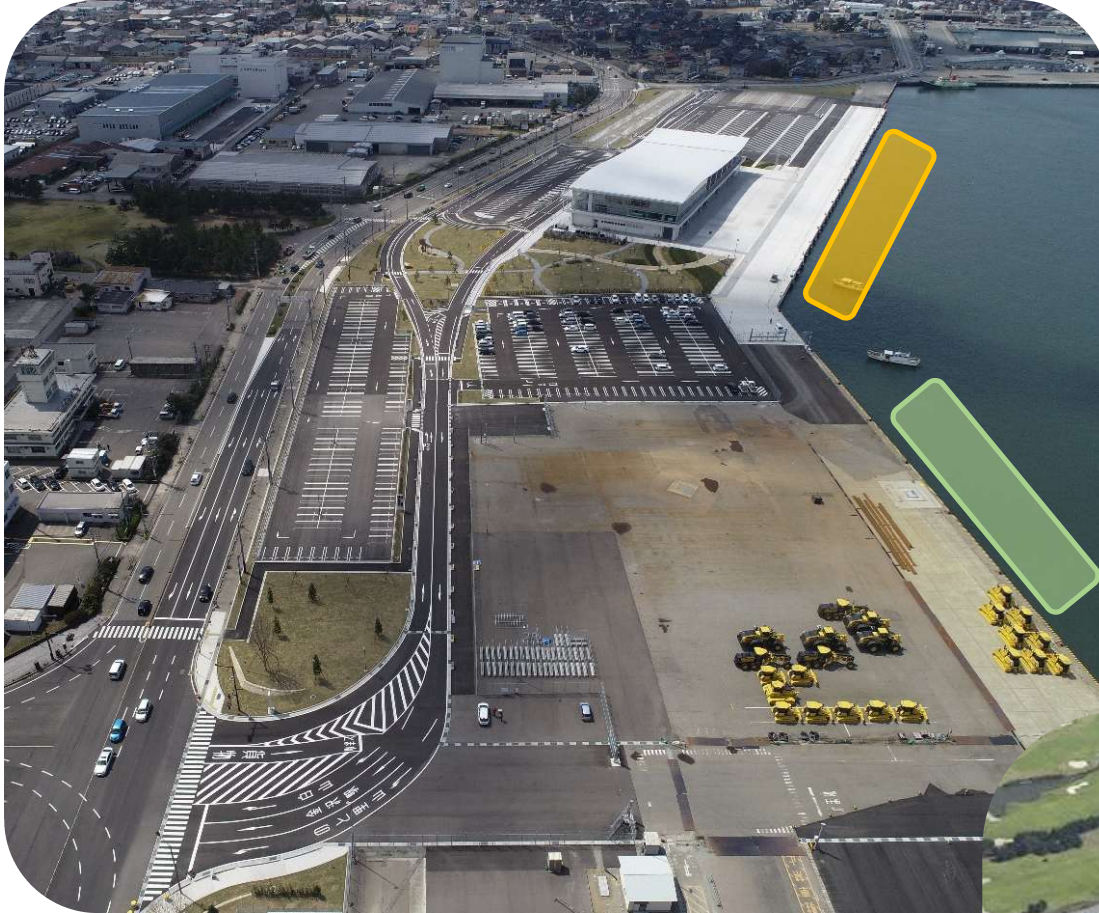


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## MURYOJI

Length: 320m (1,049.8ft)

Water Depth: -10m (32.8ft)

Capacity: 120,000 G/T

## TOMIZU

Length: 370m (1,213.9ft)

Water Depth: -10m (32.8ft)

Capacity: 80,000 G/T

## OHAMA

Length: 400m (1,312ft)

Water Depth: -13m (42.6ft)

Capacity: 170,000 G/T





# Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal



## Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

Total floor area: 10,570 m<sup>2</sup> (113,775 ft<sup>2</sup>)/ 3 stories

1<sup>st</sup> Floor: CIQ Area, Waiting Area, Tourist Information (4,228m<sup>2</sup>/45,510 ft<sup>2</sup>)

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor: Seminar Room, meeting rooms, restaurant, observation deck,  
Kanazawa Port Learning & Experience Room (4,610m<sup>2</sup>/49,621 ft<sup>2</sup>)

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor: Kanazawa Port Promotion Association, other offices (1,732m<sup>2</sup>/18,643 ft<sup>2</sup>)



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## Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

### PARKING AREA

Free of charge!



**P<sub>3</sub> P<sub>4</sub>** Dedicated parking space for cruise passengers.



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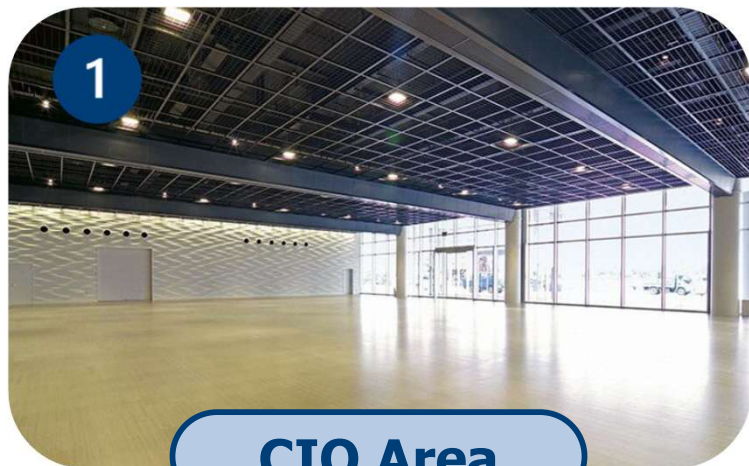


## 1F

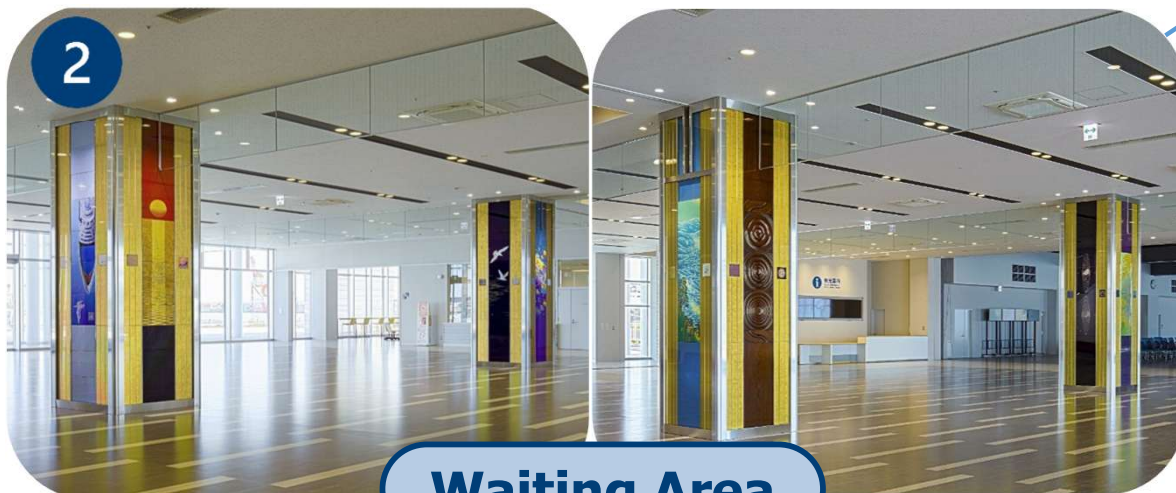
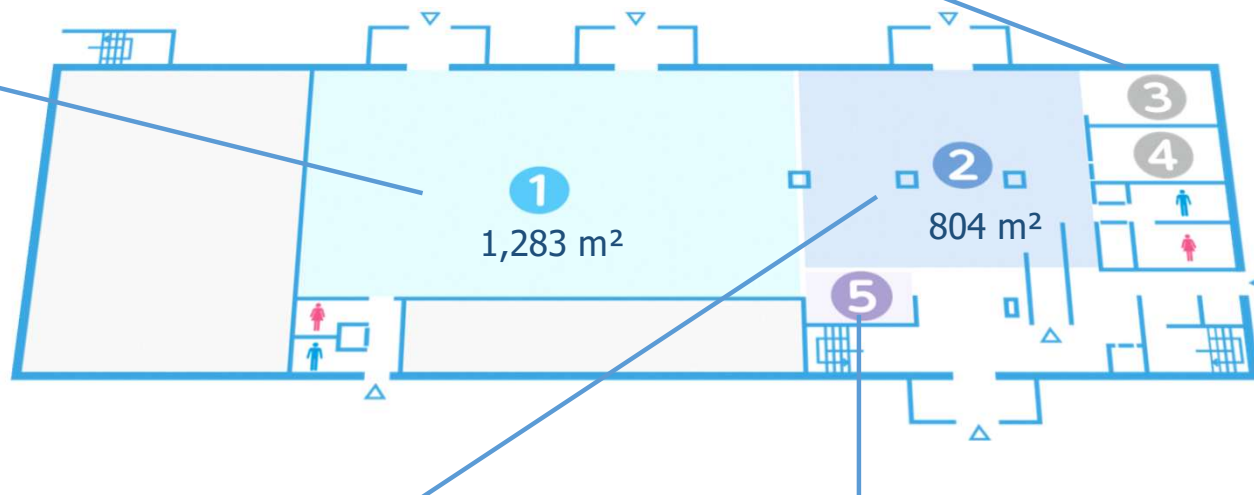
With the CIQ and waiting areas, this floor serves as a gateway between land and sea.

3 Vending machines

4 Administration Office



CIQ Area



Waiting Area



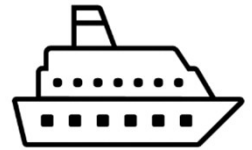
Tourist Information



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## 1F CIQ Area

The first place where cruise passengers step into when the ships dock, the CIQ Area can process 4,000 passengers within 2 hours.



During the off-season or whenever it is not used for cruise ships, this space can be transformed into event venues for trade fairs, exhibitions, concerts, dance performances, or kids' sports events.





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## 1F Waiting Area

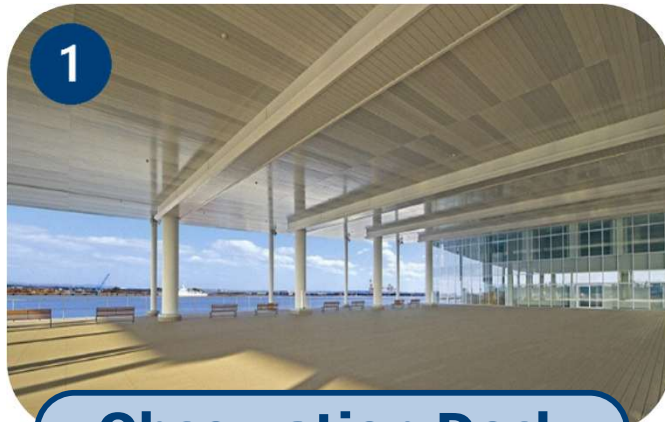


Two pillars are decorated with 8 impressive works by leading artisans of iconic Ishikawa crafts such as Kutani porcelain ware, Kaga Yuzen dyed silk, and lacquerware from Wajima, Yamanaka, and Kanazawa.

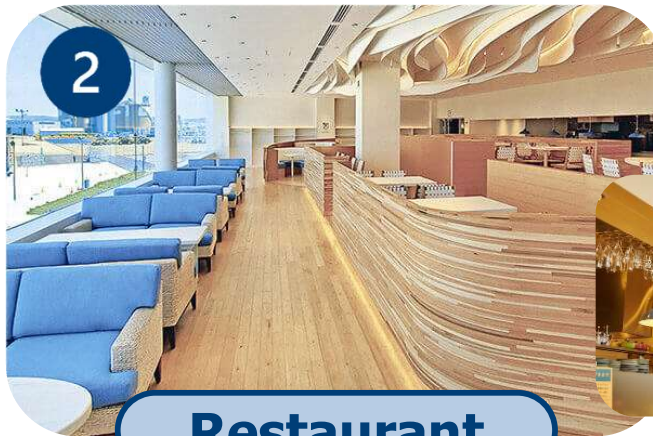
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## 2F

A versatile floor where visitors can have educational experiences, enjoy the view, or grab a bite to eat.



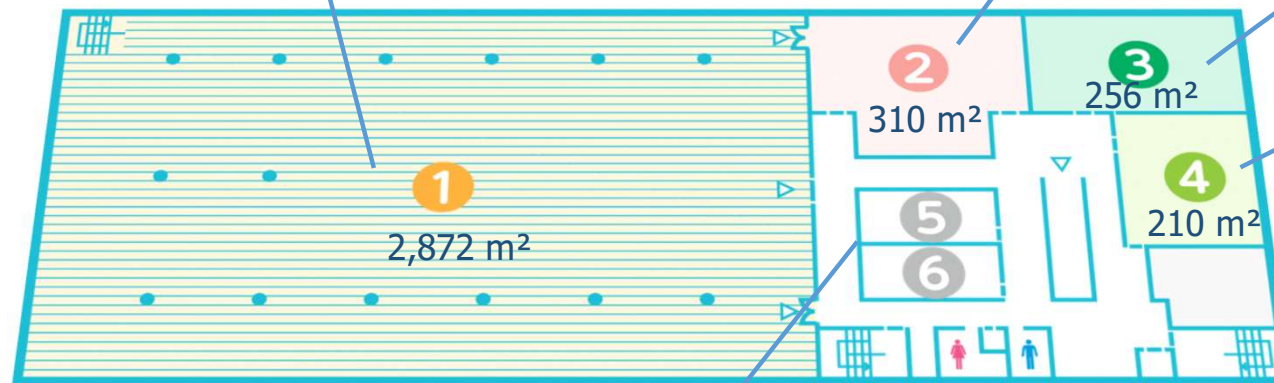
**Observation Deck**



**Restaurant**



**Seminar Room**



**Learning and Experience Room**

**5 6 Meeting Rooms**



# Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal



## 2F Observation Deck

The roofed deck offers a cool sanctuary in summer and a stunning seascape backdrop for an outdoor stage...



The layout is designed to allow all guests to enjoy the panoramic view of the sea while they satisfy their tastebuds with locally-sourced ingredients.

**BAY ARCE** Seaside Restaurant

**2F**



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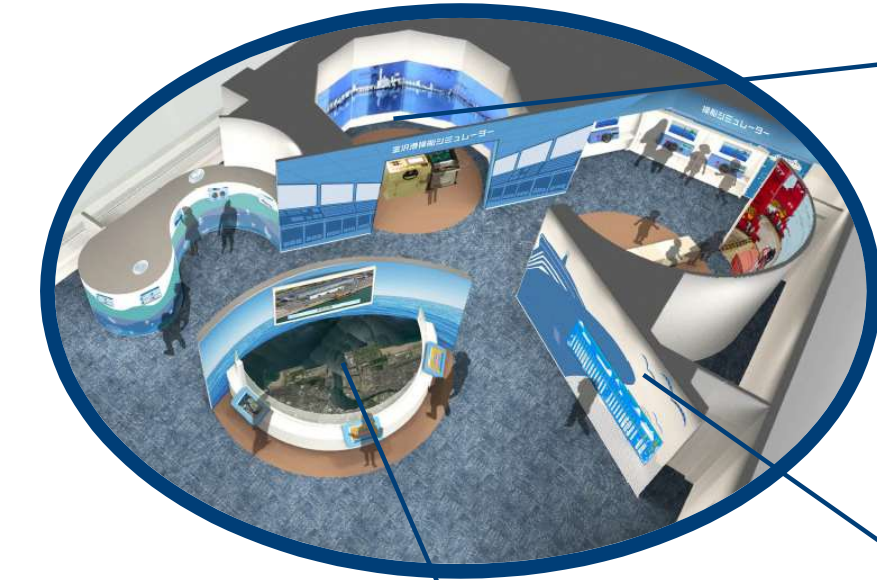
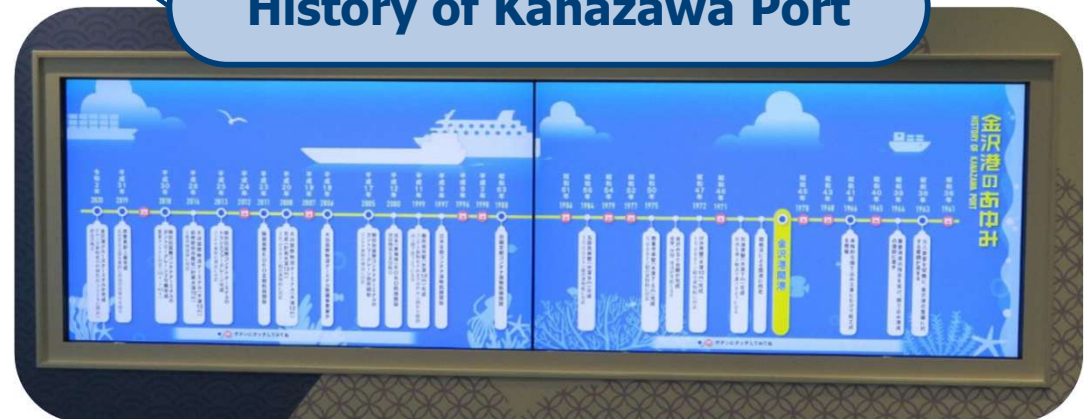
## 2F Learning and Experience Room

The most popular attraction is this simulator which is the largest in Japan, comprised of 14 monitors, each one measuring 70 inches.

### Kanazawa Port Ship Steering Simulator



### History of Kanazawa Port



### Diorama of Kanazawa Port



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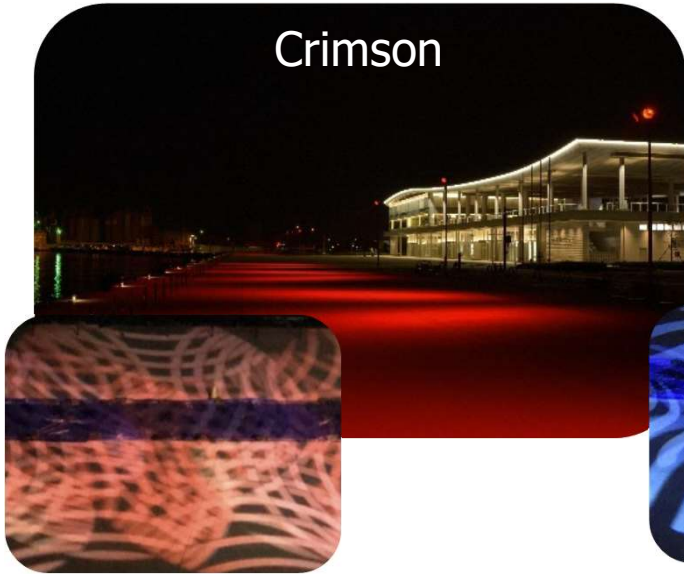


The terminal building and the harbor are illuminated by LEDs every night with 5 colours which change every 5 minutes.



# Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

Crimson



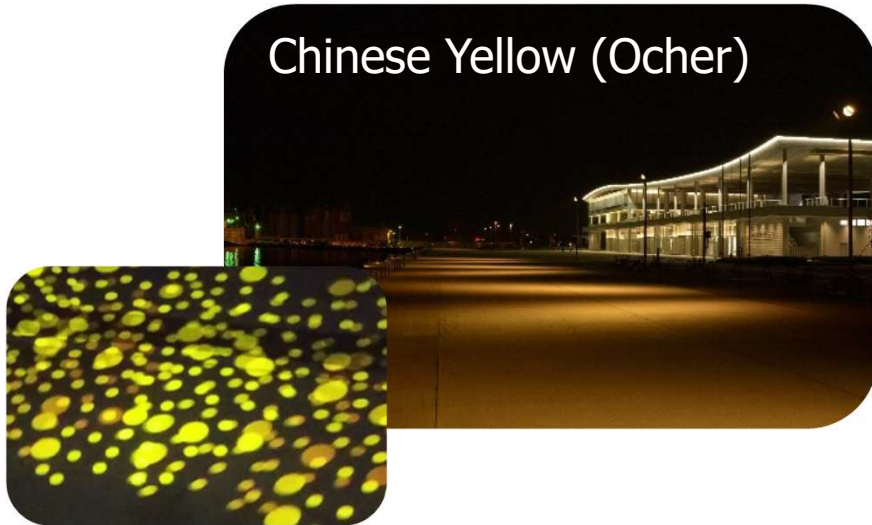
Indigo



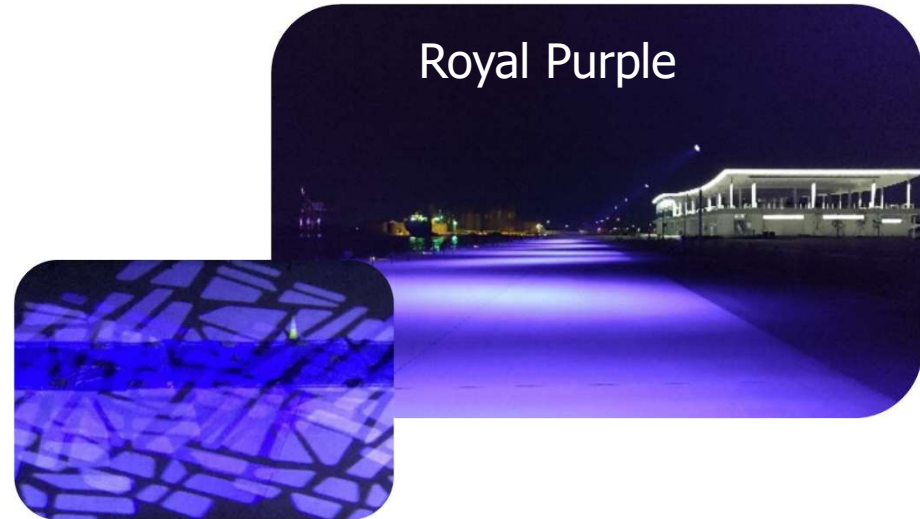
Dark Green



Chinese Yellow (Ocher)



Royal Purple



The port is illuminated with **Kaga Gosai**, the 5 traditional colours used in Kaga Yuzen silk dyeing. The mesmerizing light patterns change for each colour.





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5 km  
(3.1 mi)

3 km  
(1.8 mi)

Noto Region

Ohno · Kanaiwa Area

- Noto Airport
- Notojima Island
- Shiroyone Senmaida Rice Terraces
- Chirihama Nagisa Driveway
- Wakura Onsen
- Wajima Morning Market
- Okunoto Salt Farm Village

Major tourist spots are located within 5km (3.1mi), only 20 minutes from Kanazawa Port to the city center by car.

Kanazawa Port

20 min

Ishikawa Prefectural Government Office

JR Kanazawa Station

Omicho Market

Higashi Chaya District

Kaga Region

- Komatsu Airport
- Kakusenkei Gorge
- Kutani-yaki Art Museum
- Natadera Temple
- Yamashiro Onsen

Nagamachi Samurai Residence District

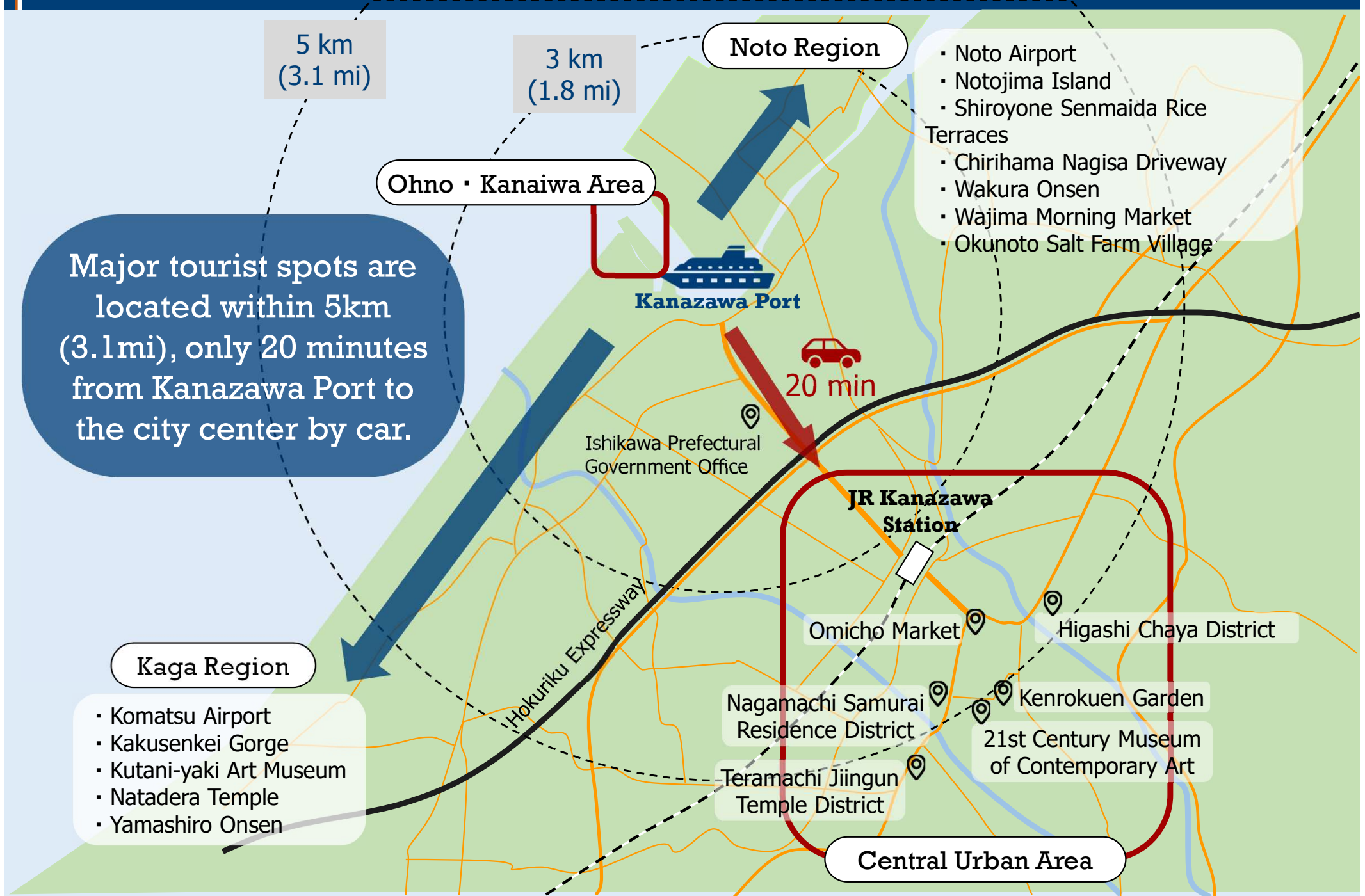
Kenrokuen Garden

Teramachi Jiingun Temple District

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art

Central Urban Area

Hokuriku Expressway





# JR Kanazawa Train Station





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Rail & Cruise

Fly & Cruise



Turnaround  
Port

Tourist Attractions

Accommodation

Cruise Terminal





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# Diverse tourist attractions

## Preserved Historical Cityscape



## Kingdom of Traditional Arts and Crafts

## World-Famous Food Culture





# Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples



Plan

**A**

3.5h

## Kanazawa Highlights



25 min



Kanazawa Port



20 min

### Kenrokuen Garden

Stroll through Japan's famed garden which received **three stars in the Michelin Green Guide**.



### Nagamachi District

A stunningly preserved samurai district in the center of Kanazawa.



### Nomura Samurai House

Former residence of successive generations of high-ranking samurai family.



### Higashi Chaya District

Tea houses are open to public as cultural assets. You can also buy gold-leaf crafts and other trinkets.



7 min



10 min

# Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples



Plan

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## Kanazawa Full-day Highlights





# Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples



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## Gastronomic Wonder of Kanazawa



10 min



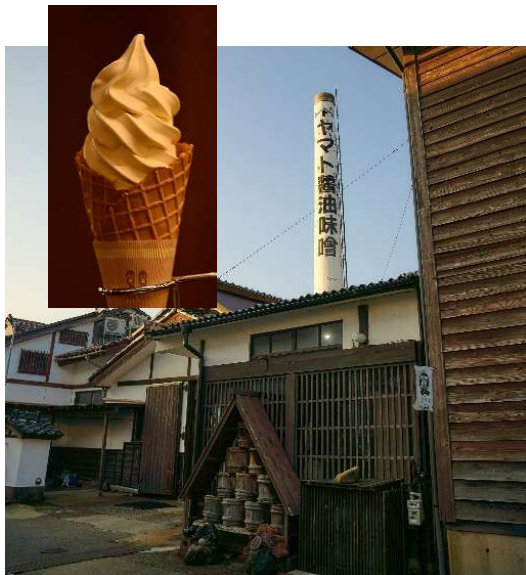
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### Soy Sauce and Miso Factory in Ohno area

A factory producing Japan's essential seasonings, soy sauce and Miso. Their organic products, including their famous soy-sauce-flavored ice cream, are sure to bring a smile to your taste buds.



### Lunch at Omicho Market

Selling fresh seafood from the day's catch straight out of Kanazawa Port. Why don't you bring your own soy sauce from Ohno and enjoy a sushi for lunch?



### Sake Brewery

Being blessed with exceptional groundwater from the nearby sacred Mt. Hakusan, and high-quality Ishikawa rice, Kanazawa became home to a countless number of top-brand *sake* companies. Taste *sake* and learn about the wisdom passed down from through generations.



20 min



10 min

# Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples



Plan

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3.5h

## Art of Kanazawa and History of Maeda Clan

20 min

Kanazawa Port

25 min

### Kanazawa Noh Museum

Japanese Noh performing art flourished in Kanazawa due to the push of the Maeda clan's cultural policies. Here you can try wearing valuable Noh costumes and masks.



### Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka Shop

Feast on unique traditional crafts from Kanazawa such as Kaga inlay, Kaga *mizuhiki* and Kaga fly fishing hooks.



1 min

2 min

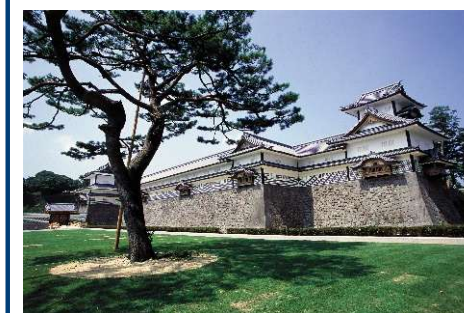
### 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Look at modern art from all over the world, as well as experience them. Leandro Erlich's "The Swimming Pool" is a must-see.



### Kanazawa Castle Park

This great variety of stonewalls cannot be seen anywhere else in Japan.



3 min



# Best of the World 2025 by National Geographic



## The 25 best places in the world to travel to in 2025

From luxury train journeys through Malaysia to hiking an active volcano in Guatemala, discover this year's must-see destinations, handpicked by National Geographic's explorers, photographers, and editors.

BY KAREN CARMICHAEL

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## KANAZAWA, JAPAN

**Why Go Now:** Experience classic Japan without the crowds

Kyoto has become so overtouristed that city officials are closing certain streets in the historic Gion quarter. But you can still get a taste of authentic Japan in Kanazawa. Located only two hours from Kyoto by train, the well-preserved castle city contains a geisha quarter filled with wooden teahouses; Kenroku-en, one of Japan's most beautiful gardens; and an Edo-era samurai district straight out of Shogun.

Look for gilded decor throughout—Kanazawa produces 99 percent of Japan's entsuke gold leaf, a 400-year-old handmade art form. At workshops like Gold Leaf Sakuda, you can try your hand at decorating objects with the delicate gleaming sheets.

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AND KIN COEDEL (RIGHT)

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# Unique Venues in Kanazawa



Light-up in Kenrokuen Garden



Social gathering in Kanazawa Castle



Noh stage



Enjoy tea ceremony in  
Kenrokuen Garden



Geigi performance  
at Higashi-chaya District



Various cultural activities



Keta Shrine



Ohi Museum



Hot springs



Golf





# Unique Experiences Onboard



**Kaga Yuzen Kimono Show**



**Geigi Performance**



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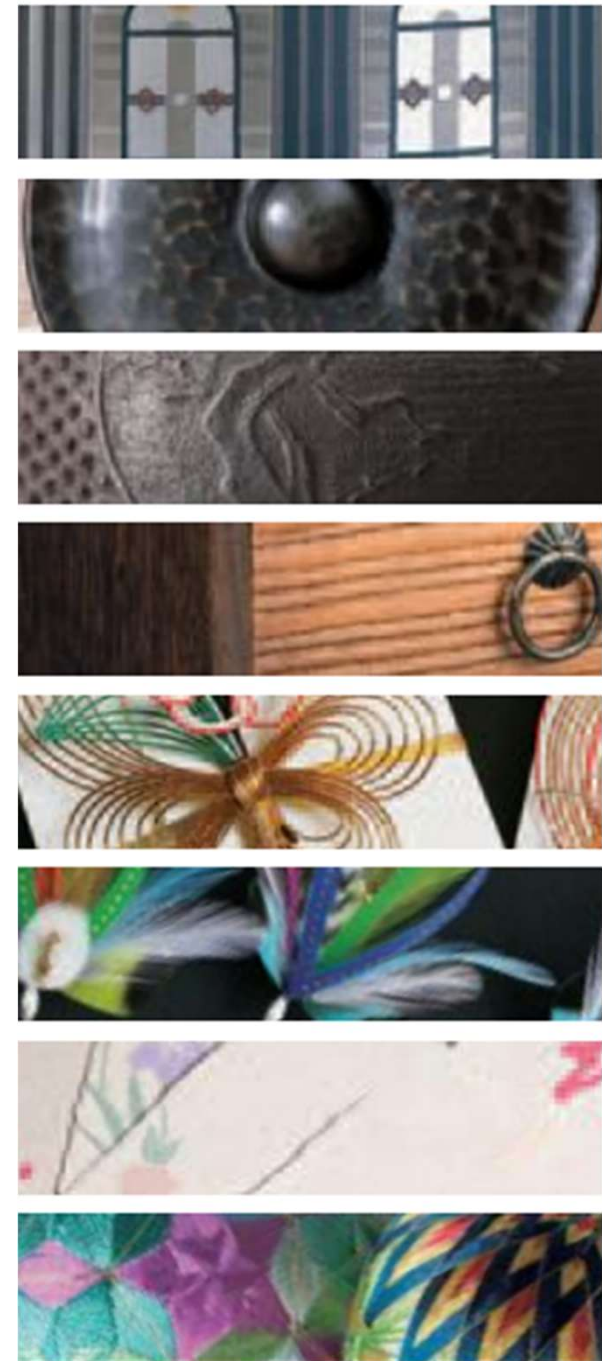
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## Kingdom of Traditional Arts and Crafts

Immerse yourself in the  
culture and beauty of  
Ishikawa through a  
wide variety of  
hands-on activities.





# Cultural Experiences and Programs

## Tea Ceremony



**Time required: 30 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 20**  
**English: Available**

## Gold Leaf Craft Workshop



**Time required: 60 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 50**  
**English: Available**

## Cooking Lesson



**Time required: 60 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 40**  
**English: Available**

## Sake Brewery Tour



**Time required: 90 min.**  
**Capacity: 10**  
**Reservation: Required**  
**English: Available**

# Cultural Experiences and Programs

## Kaga-Yuzen Dyeing



**Time required: 30–90 min**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 30**  
**English: Available**

## Kimono Dress-Up Experience



**Time required: 60–120 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 10**  
**English: Available**

## Shamisen Lesson



**Time required: 30 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 8**  
**English: Available**

## Others



- ◆ Paragliding with views of Mt. Haku, Sea of Japan Coastline and Tadori River (Geopark)
- ◆ Wagashi (Japanese Confectionery) lesson
- ◆ Zazen Seated Meditation Experience



# Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples

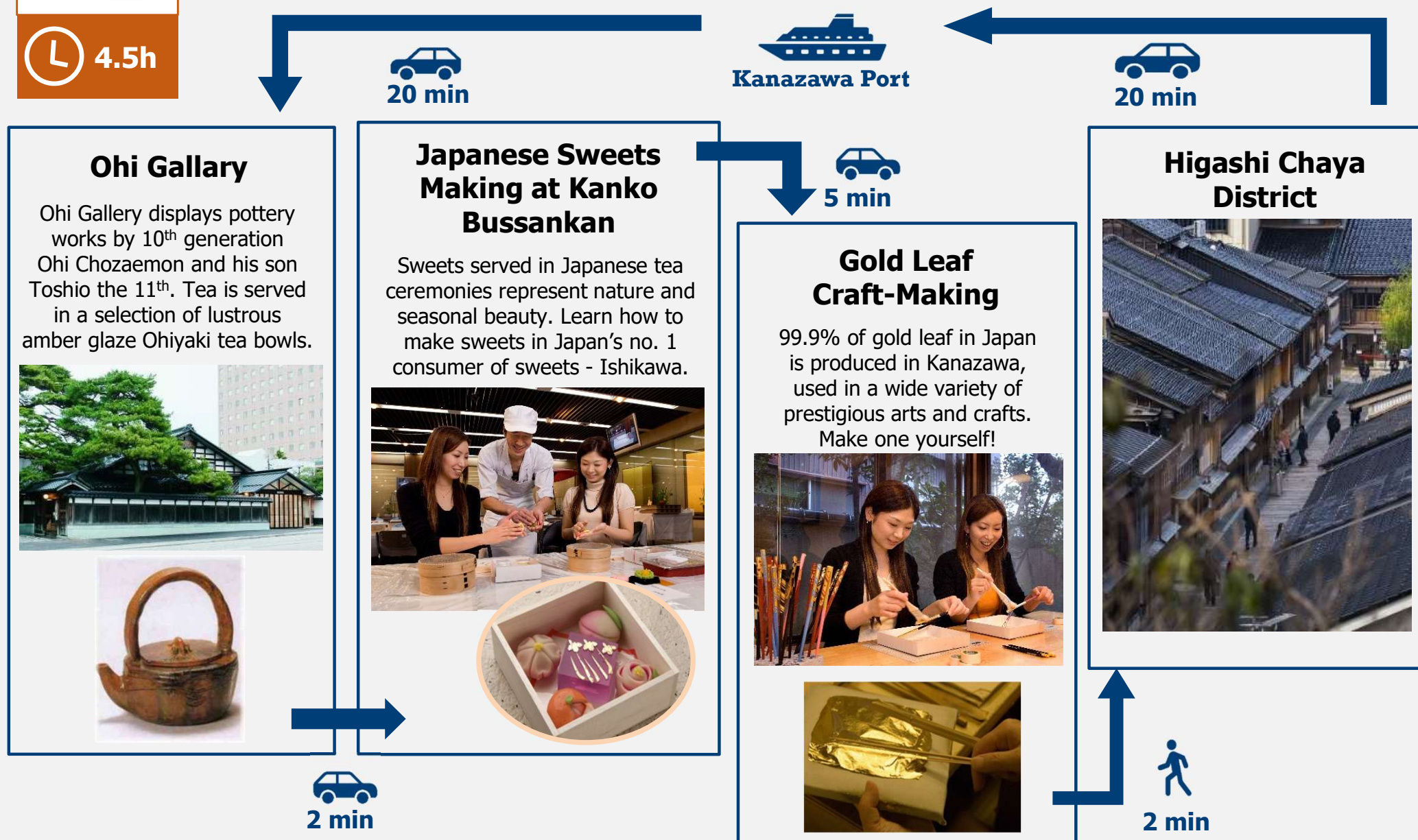


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## Hands-on-Experiences and Tea Culture



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You can go on 1-day trip to the popular spots in neighboring areas.

⌚ 6h

**Kutani**  
**Porcelain and Hot Spring Experience**



⌚ 7h

**Eiheiji Temple & Tojinbo Cliffs**



  
**Kanazawa Port**

⌚ 7h

**Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route**



**Shirakawa-go**

⌚ 6h



# Center of Hokuriku Region : Tour Examples

Plan

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**6h**

## Kutani Porcelain and Hot Spring Experience

  
60 min

  
Kanazawa Port

  
60 min

### Kutaniyaki Art Museum

It introduces one of Ishikawa's traditional crafts "Kutaniyaki (Kutani porcelain)" which has more than 360 years of history. At the museum shop, select items and original works are available, as well as the café which serves with Kutaniyaki cups and dishes.



### Lunch and Onsen Bath Experience at Traditional Japanese Inn

Enjoy a Kaiseki Cuisine lunch using local ingredients at one of the traditional Japanese inns in Kaga Onsen (Yamashiro, Yamanaka etc.) After lunch, spend time at one of the Hot Springs to relax.



  
15 min

### Wander around the Onsen Bath Town

Spend the rest of your time wandering around the hot spring town and take in the sights.



  
2 min





# Cultural Experiences and Programs

## Wajima Lacquerware Workshop



**Time required: 90 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 40**  
**English: Need an interpreter**

## Calligraphy on Noto Washi Paper



**Time required: 120 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 10**  
**English: Available**

## Japanese Drum Lesson



**Time required: 60 min.**  
**Reservation: Required**

**Capacity: 25**  
**English: Need an interpreter**

## Kutani Porcelain Workshop



**Time required: 30–60 min.**  
**Capacity: 200**  
**Reservation: Required**  
**English: Need an interpreter**

# Center of Hokuriku Region : Tour Examples



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**6h**

## Shirakawago



**World Heritage**

### Shirakawago Village

It feels like this village has been cut off from the rest of the world for a long time. The large houses, with steeply pitched thatched roofs (Gassho-Style Houses), are the only examples of their kind left in Japan.



### Lunch at Gassho-Style House

Don't miss the chance to try their signature meal using Houba-Miso. Grill vegetables/meat on a Houba leaf!



**15 min**



# Center of Hokuriku Region : Tour Examples



Plan

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7h

## Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route

90 min



Kanazawa Port

90 min

### Midagahara Wetlands

View rare alpine plants in full bloom throughout the vast marshlands of the highlands, or experience spectacular fall foliage in autumn.



### Lunch (Murodo)

Enjoy the select delicacies of Toyama, such as white shrimp tempura.



### Murodo (Volcanic plateau)

Murodo Terminal is the highest station of its kind in Japan. Facilities include the largest restaurant on the alpine route as well as a panoramic observation terrace with views of the peaks.



20 min



# Center of Hokuriku Region : Tour Examples



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7h

## Eiheiji and Tojinbo Cliffs



Kanazawa Port



70 min



75 min

### Eiheiji Temple

Eiheiji, located in Eihei Town, Fukui Prefecture is the head temple of the Soto sect of Buddhism. This zen dojo has continued its traditional ways for more than 700 years.



### Lunch in Fukui

While in Eiheiji Town, try creative and healthy tofu dishes, where traditional vegetarian cuisine has continued to thrive.



### Tojinbo Cliffs

The Tojinbo cliffs, with their dramatically crashing waves, are a nationally designated scenic spot. This magnificent landscape stretches over about a 1 kilometer length of coastline, made up of huge columnar rocks. You'll be astounded by their scale.



10 min



45 min



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The **Kanazawa Cruise Welcome Club** established in 2013 by the Kanazawa Port Promotion Association currently has over 9,000 members. They visit the port for welcome and send-off events for cruise ships.



What an amazing send off today, one of the best if not there best I have seen! Pls thank everyone for all there amazing dancing and displays! So much energy it was truly amazing!! Thank You all once again!

17:56



TO THE PEOPLE OF KANAZAWA:

"WE WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU AND THE PEOPLE OF KANAZAWA FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY & WONDERFUL SEND OFF FOR THE WESTERDAM ON SUNDAY.

IT WAS CLEAR THAT SO MUCH WORK, TIME & THOUGHT HAD GONE INTO THE PERFORMANCES WHICH WILL REMAIN IN OUR HEARTS AS TREASURED MEMORIES OF JAPAN FOR A VERY LONG TIME AFTER OUR RETURN TO LONDON.





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We look forward to seeing you at Kanazawa Port!