

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.



Distance	Kanazawa Port
Busan (South Korea)	Approx. 750km (460 miles)
Jeju (South Korea)	Approx. 980km (600 miles)
Shanghai (China)	Approx. 1,500km (930 miles)

2,000km



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 ↔ **Nagoya**

 2.5 hours

By bullet train (Shinkansen)
& special express train

Kanazawa ↔ **Tokyo**

 **2.5 hours**

by bullet train (Shinkansen)

Kanazawa ↔ **Tokyo**
(Komatsu) ↔ (Haneda)

1 hour
by domestic flight



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



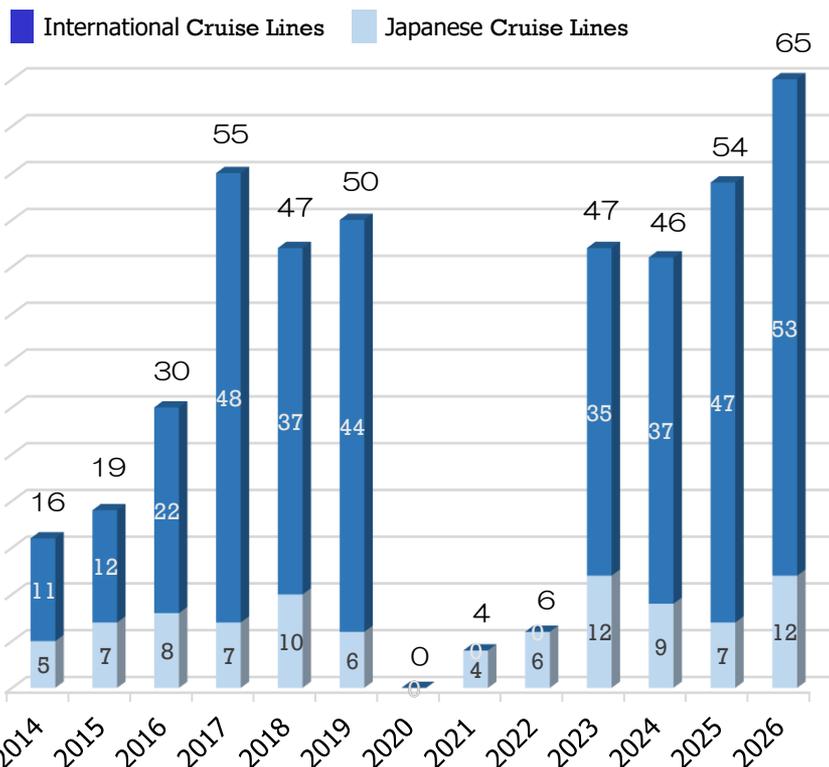
JR Kanazawa Train Station



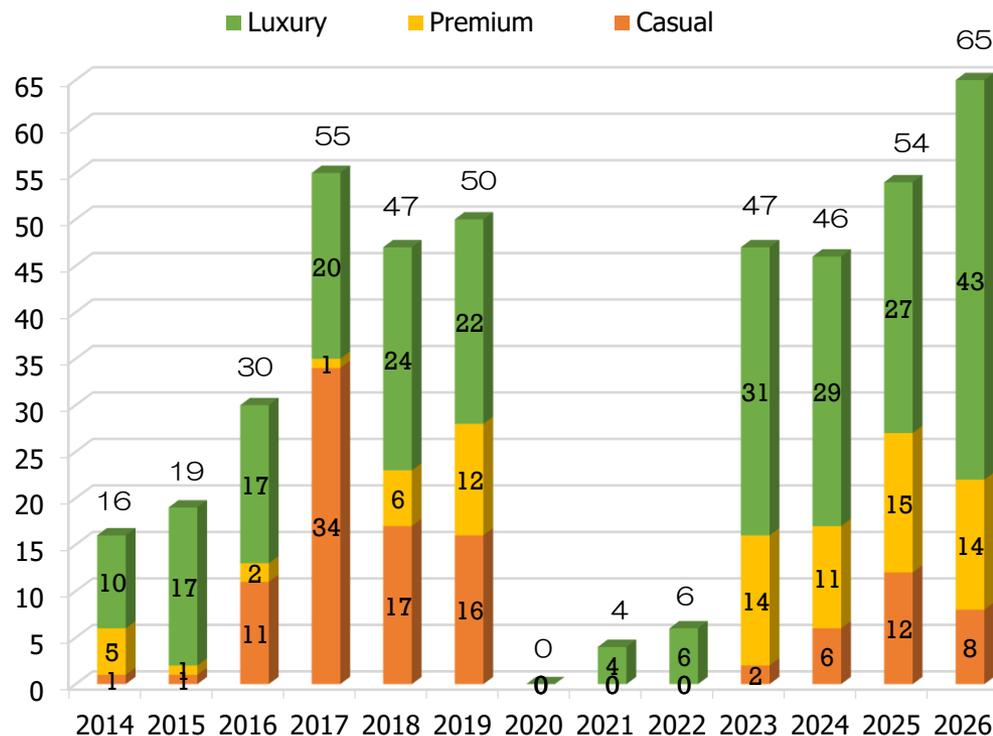
How many ships have called at Kanazawa Port ?



Cruise ship calls at Kanazawa Port



Cruise ship calls at Kanazawa (by category)



Kanazawa Port welcomed 54 calls in 2025.
We expect 65 calls in 2026,
66% of which are by luxury ships.



Calls at Kanazawa Port in 2025



Nippon Maru
22,472t / 392pax



New

ASUKA III
52,200t / 744pax



New

Le Jacques Cartier
9,988t / 184pax



New

Hanseatic Inspiration
15,651t / 230pax



MSC Bellissima
171,598t / 4,386pax



Costa Serena
114,261t / 2,930pax



Diamond Princess
115,906t / 2706pax



New

Scenic Eclipse II
17,592t / 228pax



Silver Whisper
28,258t / 392pax



Silver Muse
40,791t / 596pax



Silver Nova
55,051t / 728pax



New

Azamara Pursuit
30,277t / 702pax



Heritage Adventurer
8,445t / 140pax



Norwegian Spirit
75,904t / 2,032pax



Westerdam
82,350t / 1964pax



New

AIDAstella
71,304t / 2,194pax

Why is Kanazawa Port attractive as a port of call ?

Heart-warming welcome from locals

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Center of Hokuriku Region

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Infrastructure

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Proximity to city center

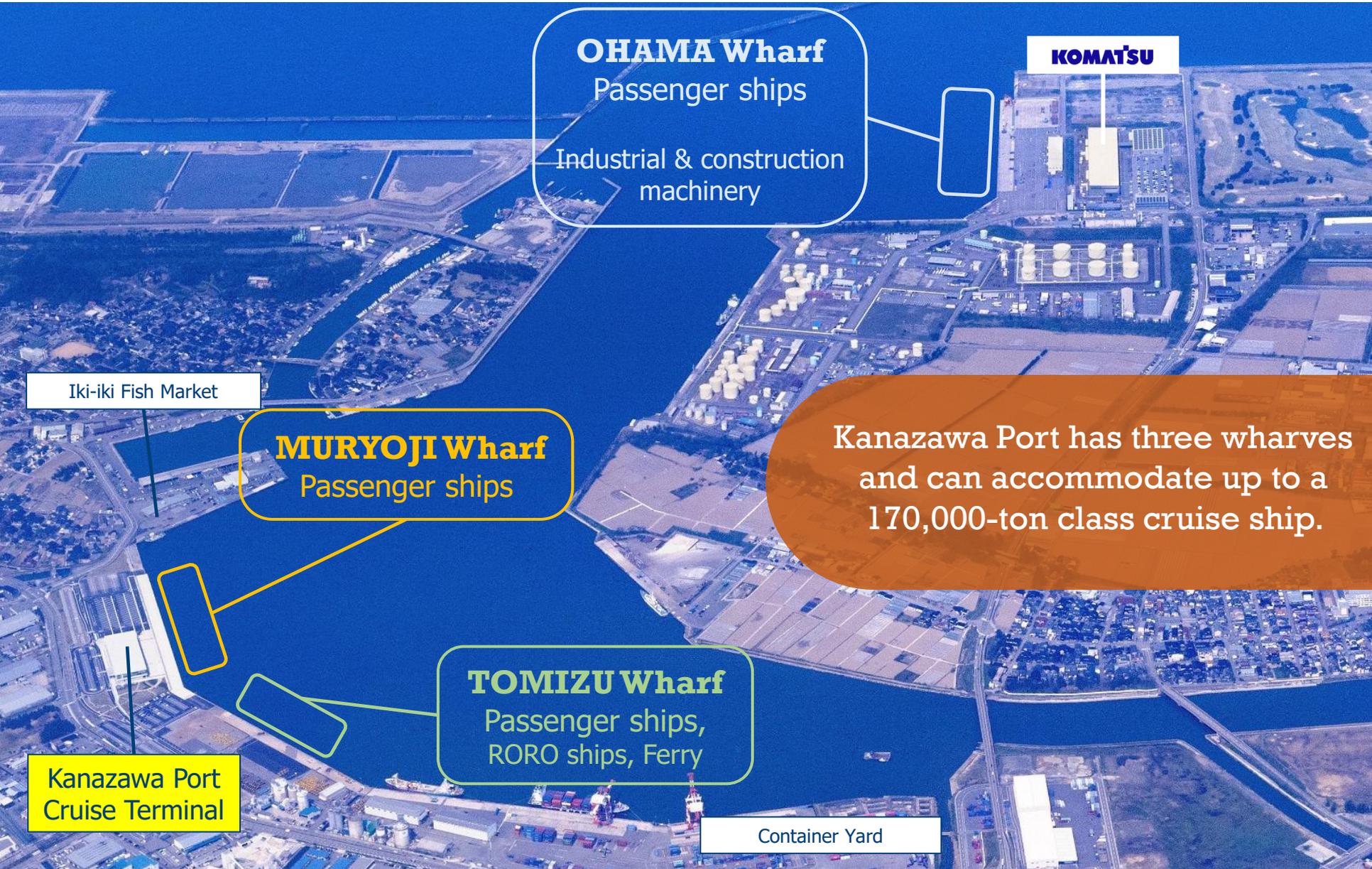
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Infrastructure: Port facilities for passenger ships



OHAMA Wharf
Passenger ships

Industrial & construction
machinery

KOMATSU

Iki-iki Fish Market

MURYOJI Wharf
Passenger ships

Kanazawa Port has three wharves
and can accommodate up to a
170,000-ton class cruise ship.

TOMIZU Wharf
Passenger ships,
RORO ships, Ferry

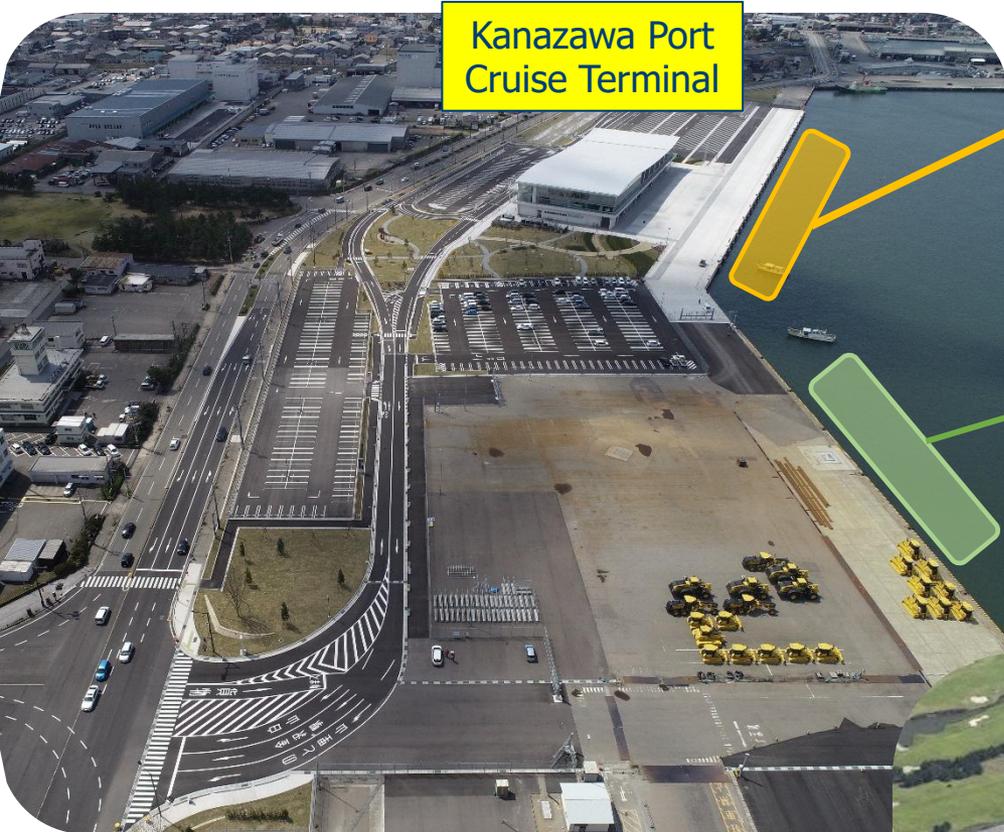
**Kanazawa Port
Cruise Terminal**

Container Yard

Infrastructure: Port facilities for passenger ships



Kanazawa Port
Cruise Terminal



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



Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

Total floor area: 10,570 m² (113,775 ft²)/ 3 stories

1st Floor: CIQ Area, Waiting Area, Tourist Information (4,228m²/45,510 ft²)

2nd Floor: Seminar Room, meeting rooms, restaurant, observation deck,
Kanazawa Port Learning & Experience Room (4,610m²/49,621 ft²)

3rd Floor: Kanazawa Port Promotion Association, other offices (1,732m²/18,643 ft²)



Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

PARKING AREA

Free of charge!



P3 P4 Dedicated parking space for cruise passengers.

Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

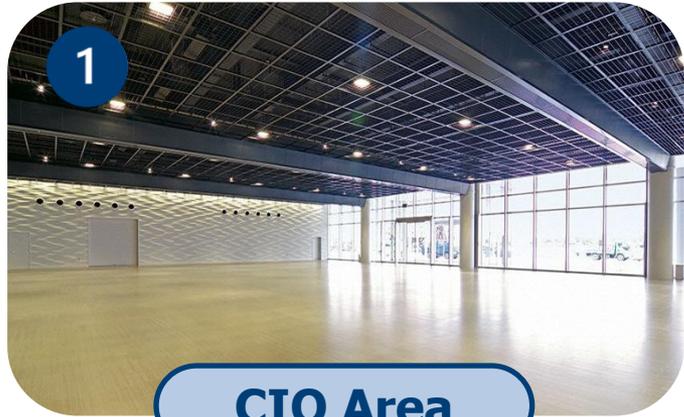


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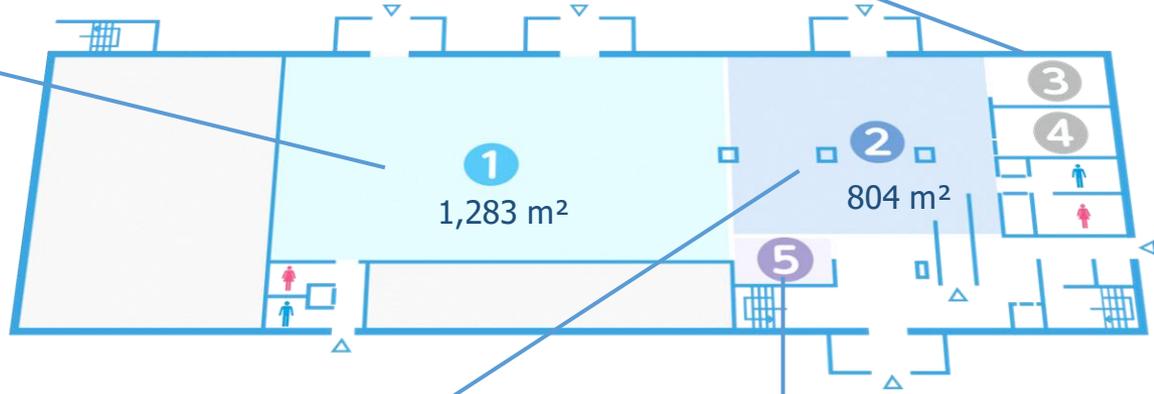
With the CIQ and waiting areas, this floor serves as a gateway between land and sea.

3 Vending machines

4 Administration Office



1
CIQ Area



2
Waiting Area

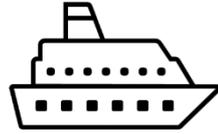


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Tourist Information

Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

1F CIQ Area

The first place where cruise passengers step into when the ships dock.



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.



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.

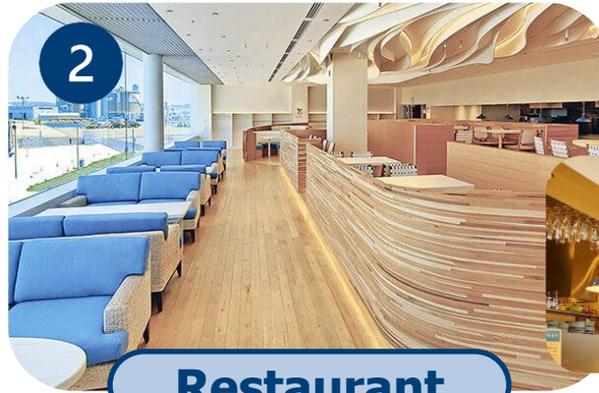
Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

2F

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



Observation Deck



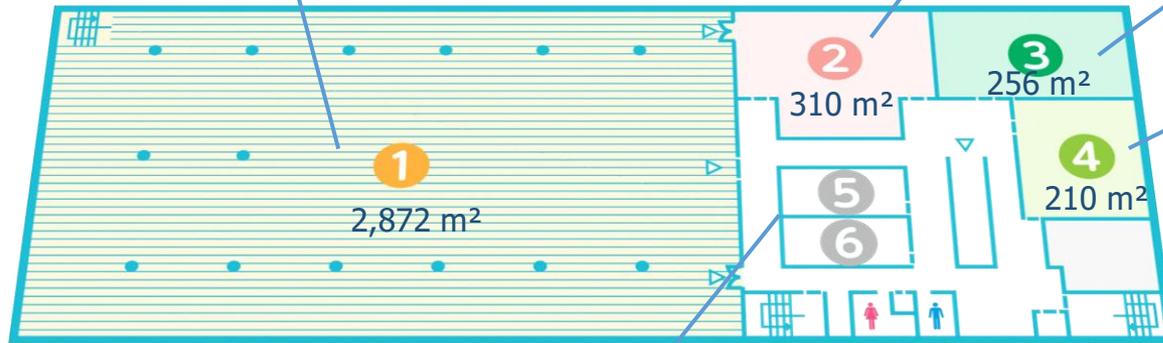
Restaurant



Seminar Room



Learning and Experience Room



5 6 Meeting Rooms



2F Observation Deck

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



The tiered seating 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

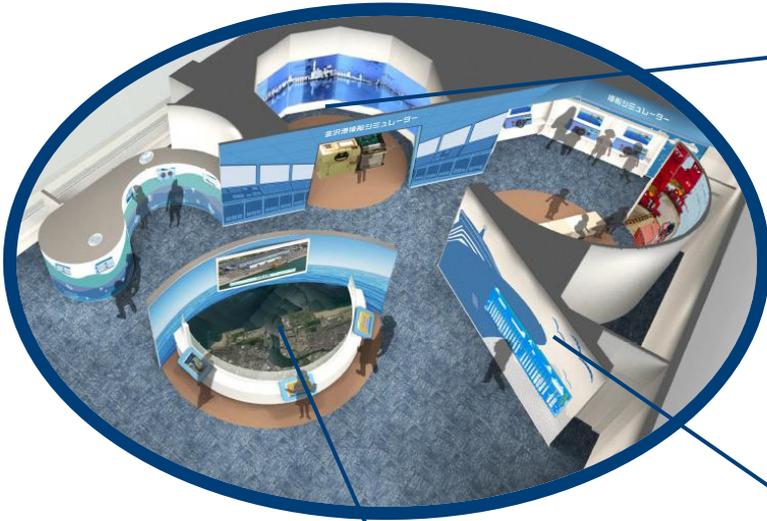
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Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal

2F Learning and Experience Room

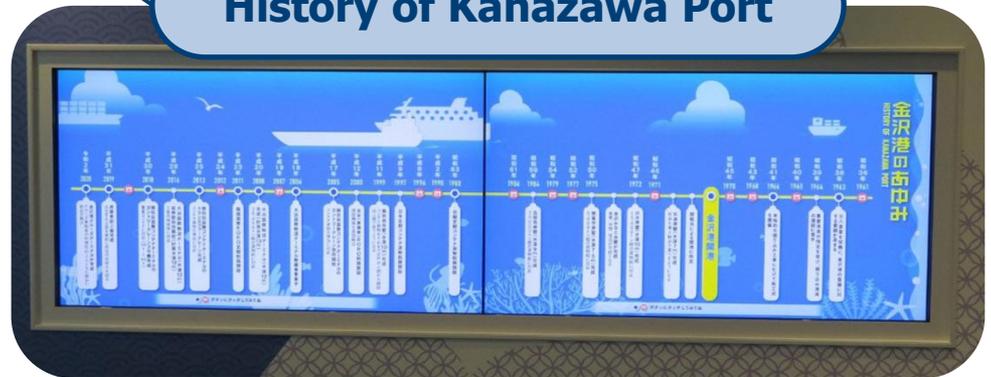
The most popular attraction is this simulator which is the largest in Japan, comprised of 14 monitors, each one measuring 70 inches.



Kanazawa Port Ship Steering Simulator



History of Kanazawa Port



Diorama of Kanazawa Port



Infrastructure: Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal



The terminal building and 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

- Noto Airport
- Notojima Island
- Chirihama Nagisa Driveway

Ono & Kanaiwa Areas

Major tourist attractions are within a radius of 5km (3.1mi) from port.

Kanazawa Port

20 min

Ishikawa Prefectural Government Office

JR Kanazawa Station

Omicho Market

Higashi Chaya Geisha District

Nagamachi Samurai Residence District

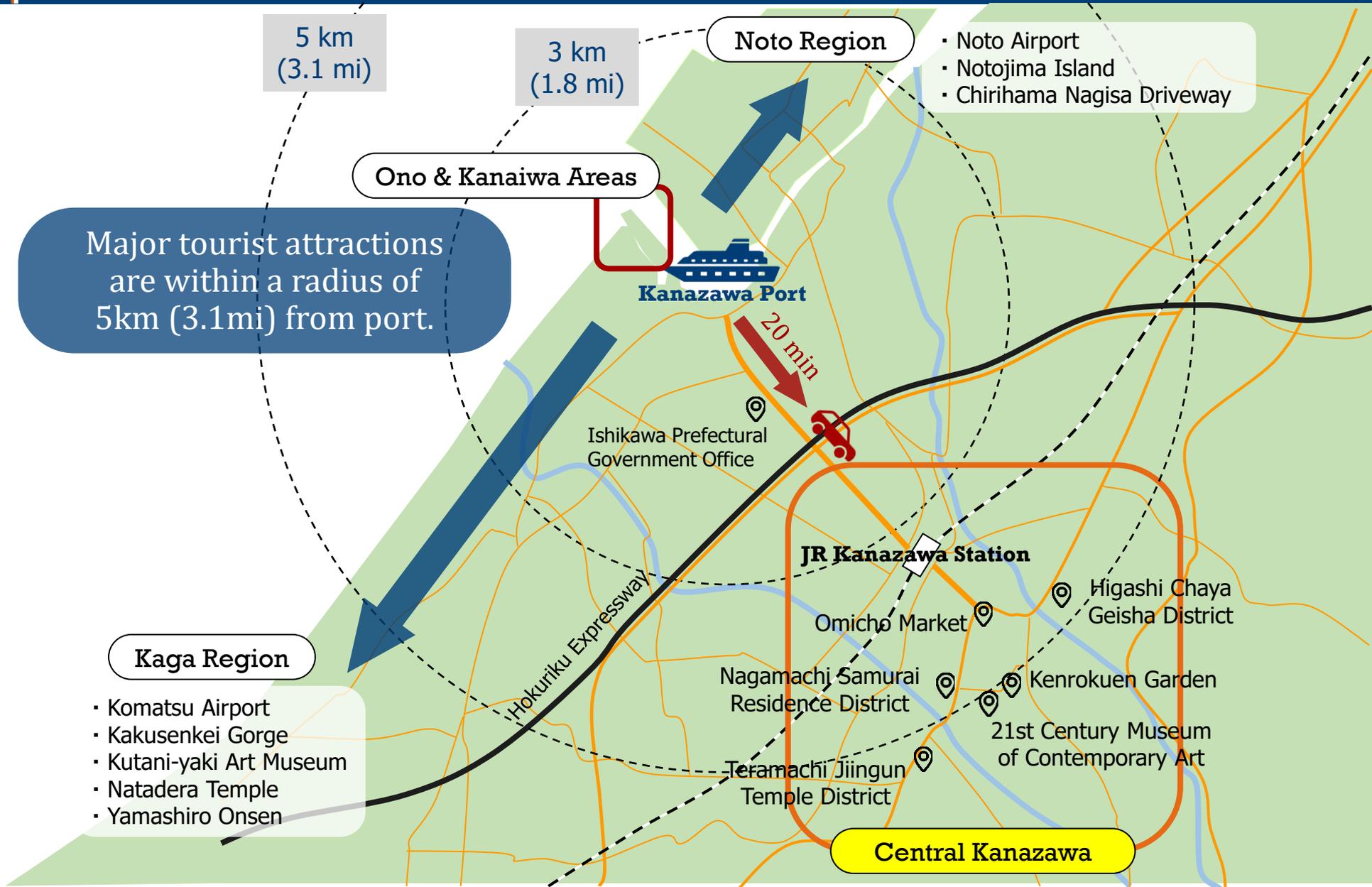
Kenrokuen Garden
21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art

Teramachi Jiingun Temple District

Kaga Region

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

Central Kanazawa



JR Kanazawa Train Station



Proximity to city center



Rail & Cruise



Fly & Cruise



Tourist Attractions

Turnaround
Port



Accommodation



Cruise Terminal

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Preserved Historical Cityscape



Kingdom of Traditional Arts and Crafts



World-Famous Food Culture



Authentic Japan

Kanazawa Castle Park



Authentic Japan

Kenrokuen Garden



Teahouse Districts



Higashi



Nishi



Kazuemachi

Seasonal Festivities

Children's Kabuki Festival



Hyakumangoku Festival



Both Traditional and Modern Architectures

21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art

**Closed from May 2027 through March 2028.*



Both Traditional and Modern Architectures

Ishikawa Prefectural Library



Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Samples



Plan

A

🕒 3.5h

Kanazawa Highlights



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 Residence

Former living quarter of successive generations of high-ranking samurai family.



Higashi Chaya District

Tea houses are open to the public as cultural assets. Try some sweets or buy gold-leaf crafts and other trinkets.



🚗 7 min

🚗 10 min

Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Samples



Plan **B** Kanazawa Full-day Highlights

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 20 min



 25 min

Omicho Market

Established in the Edo Period, "Kanazawa's Kitchen" has around 170 shops offering freshly caught seafood, Kaga vegetables, and other produce.



Souvenir Shopping at Nagamachi Samurai District

Stop by a local Kutani Porcelain shop displaying outstanding works by a National Living Treasure.



 10 min

Lunch at a Japanese Ryotei

Enjoy authentic Japanese cuisine, including the signature local dish called "Jibuni"!



Kenrokuen Garden

Finish the tour with powdered green tea seasonal sweets.



 2 min

Nomura Samurai House



 7 min

 5 min

Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Samples



Plan

C

Gastronomic Wonders of Kanazawa

3.5h



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.



20 min

Lunch at Omicho Market

Selling fresh seafood from the day's catch straight out of Kanazawa Port. Bring your own soy sauce from Ohno and enjoy some sushi for lunch.



10 min

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.



Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Samples



Plan

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Art of Kanazawa and History of Maeda Clan

3.5h

20 min

Kanazawa Port

25 min

Kanazawa Noh Museum

Japanese Noh performing art flourished in Kanazawa thanks to the Maeda clan's cultural policies. 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

Experience modern art from all over the globe and across cultures! Leandro Erlich's "The Swimming Pool" is a must-see.

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Kanazawa Castle Park

Adjacent to Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa Castle boasts the largest variety of stone walls among all castles in Japan!



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Kenrokuen Garden



Geisha performances in Teahouse Districts



Kanazawa Castle



Noh Stage



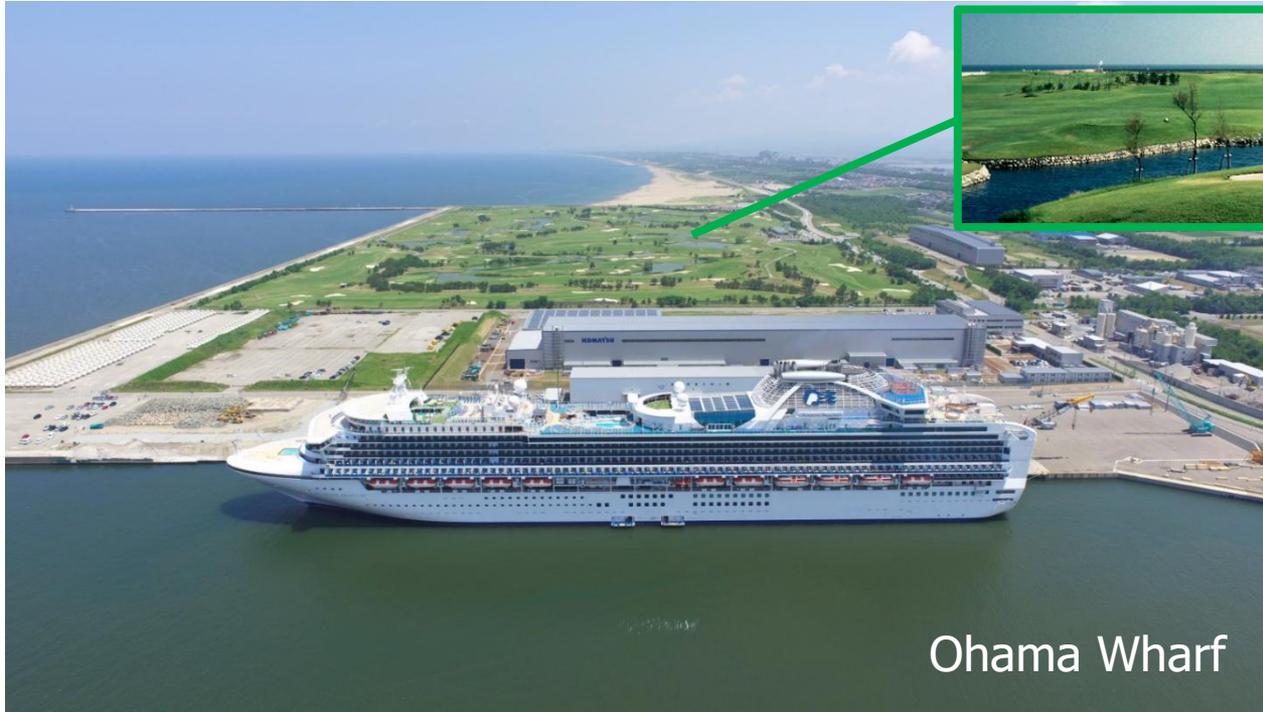
Cultural Activities



Ohi Museum



Golf Course



Ohama Wharf



Keta Shrine



Hot springs



Zen Meditation



Soy Sauce Brewery



Unique Experiences Onboard



Kaga Yuzen Kimono Show



Geigi Performance

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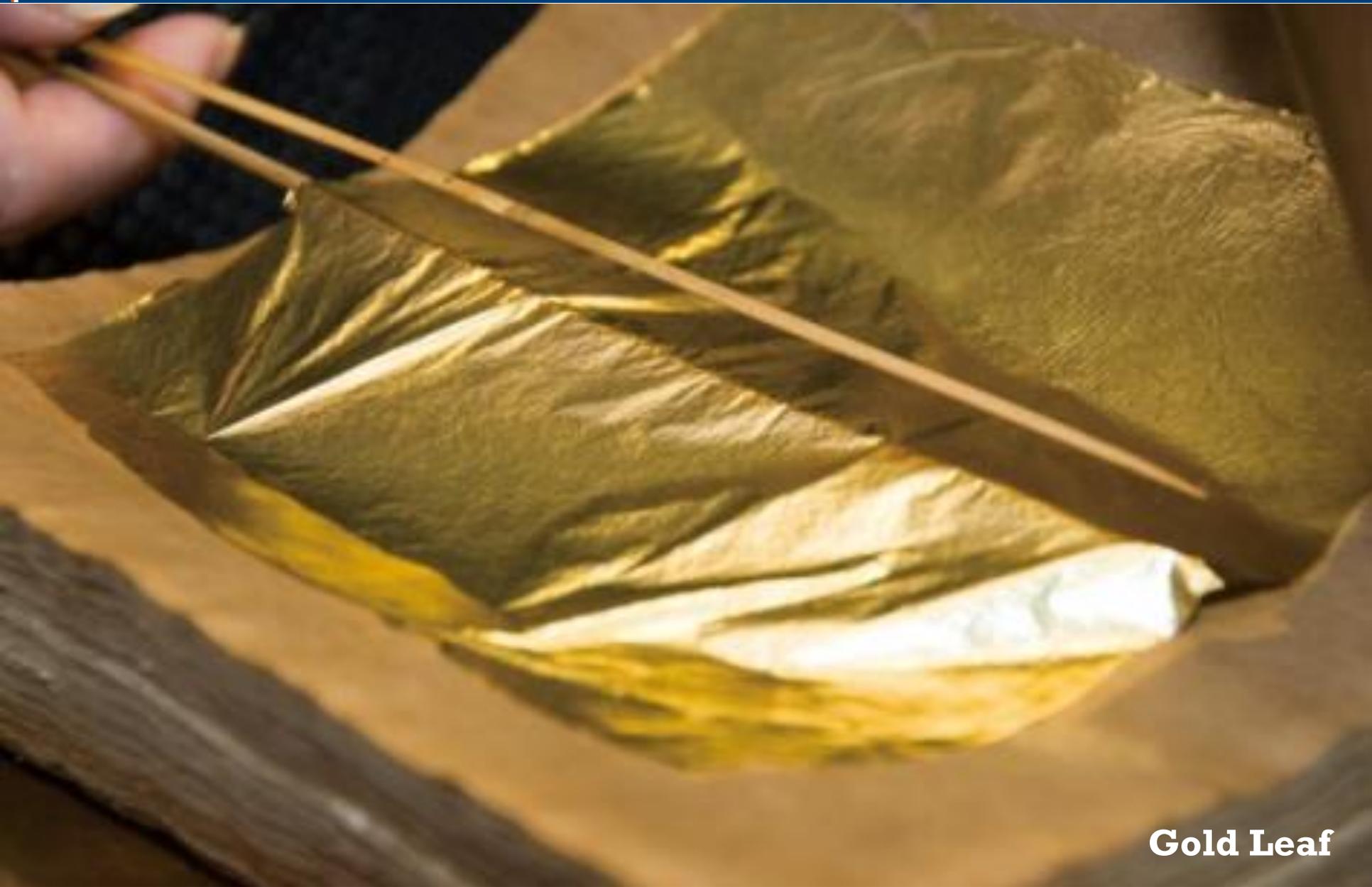


Kingdom of Traditional Arts and Crafts

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



Both Traditional and Modern Arts



Gold Leaf

Both Traditional and Modern Arts

Gold Leaf



Discover Kaga Cuisine



Combination of dishes originating from the **samurai class**, luxurious tableware from traditional crafts such as **Kutani ware** and **Wajima lacquerware**, plus the **hospitality** provided by the **ryotei restaurants** in Japanese-style rooms decorated with seasonal hanging scrolls and flower arrangements.



Designated in 2025 as
National Intangible Cultural Property



- [Asadaya \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Kanazawa Chaya \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Kinjohro \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Tsubajin \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Sekitei \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Yamanoo \(Kanazawa\)](#)
- [Otomoro \(Kanazawa\)](#)

- [Kajisuke \(Komatsu\)](#)
- [Matsuya \(Komatsu\)](#)
- [Yamagishi \(Kaga\)](#)
- [Wataya \(Hakusan\)](#)
- [Hasshoen \(Nomi\)](#)
- [Kisuien \(Kawakita\)](#)
- [Haneya \(Uchinada\)](#)



Cultural Experiences and Programs

Tea Ceremony



Time required: 30 min.
Reservation: Required

Capacity: 20
English: Available



Time required: 60 min.
Reservation: Required

Capacity: 50
English: Available



Cooking Lesson



Time required: 60 min.
Reservation: Required

Capacity: 40
English: Available



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

Sake Brewery Tour

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 Tetsudai River (Geopark)
- ◆ Wagashi (Japanese Confectionery) lesson
- ◆ Zazen Seated Meditation Experience

Diverse tourist attractions: Tour Examples



Plan

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Hands-on-Experiences and Tea Culture

4.5h

20 min

Kanazawa Port

20 min

Ohji Gallery

Pottery works by Ohji Chozaemon (10th generation) and his eldest son Toshio are on display. Tea is served with Kanazawa-style sweets, in a selection of lustrous amber glaze Ohji-yaki tea bowls.



Make Japanese Sweets at Kanko Bussankan

Sweets served in Japanese tea ceremonies represent nature and seasonal beauty. Learn how to make sweets in Japan's no. 1 consumer of sweets - Ishikawa.



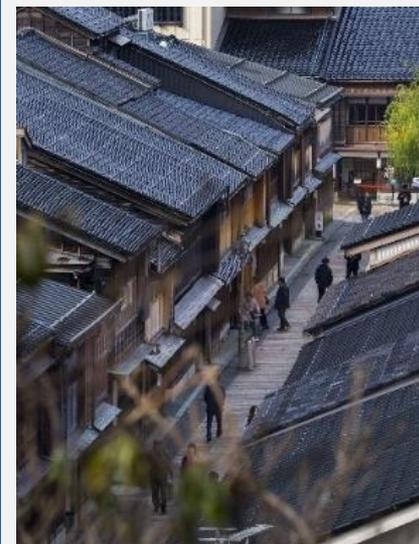
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Gold Leaf Craft-Making

Kanazawa produces 99.9% of gold leaf in Japan! It is used in a wide variety of prestigious arts and crafts. Make one yourself!



Higashi Chaya Geisha District



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Day trips to popular spots
in neighboring areas

**Kutani Porcelain
& Hot Spring Bath
Experience**



🕒 6h

**Noto Island &
Beach Driveway**



🕒 6h


Kanazawa Port

**Eiheiji Temple
& Tojinbo Cliffs**



🕒 7h

Shirakawa-go



🕒 6h

World Heritage Site

**Tateyama-Kurobe
Alpine Route**



🕒 7h

Chirihama Beach Driveway





Natadera Temple

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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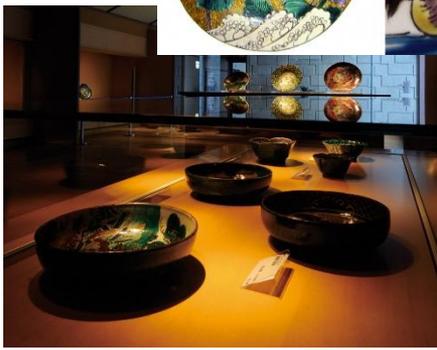
6h

Kutani Porcelain and Hot Spring Experience



Kutaniyaki Art Museum

With more than 360 years of history, "Kutaniyaki (Kutani porcelain)" is in the spotlight in this museum as one of Ishikawa's traditional crafts. At the museum shop, select items and original works are available, as well as the café which uses Kutaniyaki cups and dishes.



15 min

Lunch and Onsen Bath Experience at Traditional Japanese Inn

Traditional Japanese inns in Kaga Onsen offer locally-sourced Kaisei Cuisine. After lunch, indulge yourself in the healing and relaxing powers of hot springs in the towns of Awazu, Katayamazu, Yamashiro, and Yamanaka.



Wander around the Onsen Bath Town

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



2 min



Shirakawa-go Village (World Heritage Site)



Plan **G**

🕒 6h

Shirakawa-go World Heritage Site



World Heritage Site

Shirakawa-go Village



Learn about the culture and history of Gassho-Style housing, a symbol of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. These houses with their steeply pitched thatched roofs are the only examples of their kind left in Japan.



Lunch at Gassho-Style House

Try their signature meal using Houba-Miso. Grill vegetables/meat on a Houba leaf!



🚶 15 min

Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route



Plan

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7h

Tateyama-Kurobe Alpine Route



Midagahara Wetlands

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

Tojinbo Cliffs



Plan

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Eiheiji Temple and Tojinbo Cliffs



Eiheiji Temple

Eiheiji (in 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.



10 min

Lunch in Fukui

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



45 min

Tojinbo Cliffs



A magnificent landscape stretching over approx. 1-kilometer length of coastline made up of huge columnar rocks. The Tojinbo cliffs, with their dramatically crashing waves, are a nationally designated scenic spot.

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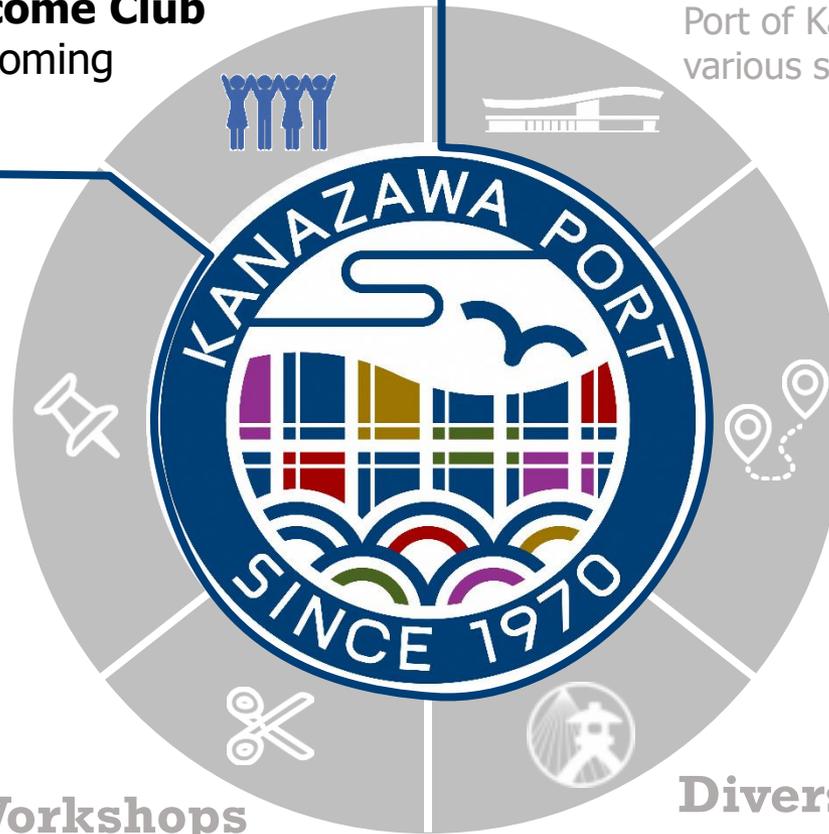
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The **Kanazawa Cruise Welcome Club** established in 2013 by the Kanazawa Port Promotion Association currently has over 9,000 members. They visit the port for welcome and send-off events for cruise ships.



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

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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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Ishikawa, Japan

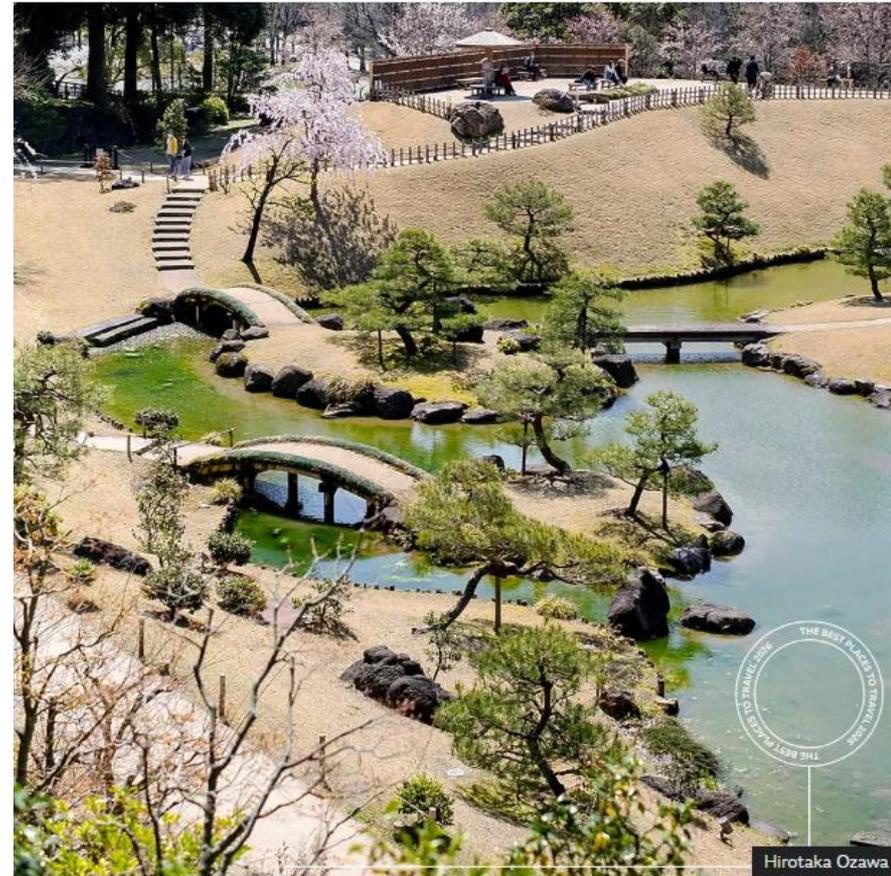
Why go: Traditional crafts and award-winning sake

On New Year's Day 2024, a 7.6-magnitude earthquake devastated Japan's remote Noto peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture. Two years on, local leaders are urging visitors to return to help support the area's renewal.

In the prefecture's south, the city of **Kanazawa** is just a bullet train ride from Tokyo and is home to Kenrokuen, one of Japan's most famous gardens, as well as a thriving world of traditional crafts. Travellers can step inside gold-leaf workshops and try their hand at making their own silk-dyed Kaga Yuzen pieces. But it's further north, in quake-hit Noto, where visitors can make the greatest difference. Here, "farmhouse inns" invite guests to join seasonal activities like rice planting, with proceeds helping to sustain families and the centuries-old terraced rice paddies of Shiroyone Senmaida.

The Noto peninsula is renowned across Japan for its seafood, centuries-old *Wajima-nuri* lacquerware and award-winning sake crafted by legendary *Noto toji* (master brewers). Many local breweries are once again operational, thanks to efforts like the Don't Stop the Noto Sake project, which funnels revenue back to earthquake-damaged breweries.

Visitors who stay in family-run inns, eat at reopened local restaurants or buy traditional crafts from local artisans are helping to keep Ishikawa's unique traditions alive at a moment when they are most at risk. It's a chance to stand with communities rebuilding their homes and cultural heritage, ensuring this storied region thrives for generations to come. – *Mizuki Uchiyama*



Ishikawa is a 2.5-hour bullet train ride from Tokyo (Credit: Hirotaka Ozawa)



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