

Trip to Kanazawa, City of Crafts 2010

Dates: Jan. 1~March 31, 2010

**Organizer: Kanazawa City, Kanazawa City
Tourism Association**



Kanazawa is situated in the center of the main island of Japan. The city was governed by 14 generations of the Maeda clan over 280 years. Kanazawa boasts Kenrokuen Garden, one of the most beautiful gardens in the country, as well as streets lined with historical buildings. In addition, various traditional craft techniques have been handed down through the generations, and new creative activities have also been promoted. How about coming to the historical city of Kanazawa this winter and enjoying its charms?

1. Winter Events (Free admission)

■Ladder Acrobatics by Kanazawa Firefighters

New Year's performance by 1,100 self-defense fire brigade members in Kanazawa. The highlight is Kaga-tobi, an acrobatic performance on top of ladders, which has a history of 350 years.

Date: Jan.10 (Sun) 10:00am~11:00am

Place: Kanazawa Castle Park



■Illumination of Kanazawa Castle and Kenrokuen Garden

The white walls of Kanazawa Castle and trees with *yukitsuri* (ropes for protection from heavy snow) in Kenrokuen Garden are illuminated during the following periods.

Dates: Feb.5 (Fri)~7 (Sun) and Feb.11 (Thurs)~14 (Sun)

5:30pm~9:00pm

Place: Kanazawa Castle Park, Kenrokuen Garden



■Food-PIA Land

Kanazawa boasts delicious winter cuisine that uses fresh seafood. During the food festival, various dishes are served in about 100 outdoor booths.

Dates: Feb.11 (Thurs)~14 (Sun) 10:00am~6:00pm

Place: Ishikawa Central Park



2. Craft Tourism (See the following page for details)

■Full-day tour: Jan.10 (Sun) 9:30am~5:00pm

Feb.13 (Sat) 11:30am~5:00pm

■Half-day tour: Feb.6 (Sat), 7 (Sun), 13 (Sat), 14 (Sun)

1:00pm~5:00pm



3. Facilities Related to Traditional Crafts

(See the following page for details)

2. Craft Tourism

Traditional craft techniques have been handed down since the feudal age, and creative activities are flourishing in Kanazawa. The city's craft tourism include visits to traditional craft workshops and creating your own craft.

Tour	Schedule	Route
Full-day tour English guided tour Explanations are given by special guides at each site. (Walking tour)	Jan.10 (Sun) 9:30am~5:00pm	Meet at Kanazawa Castle Park — Observation of firefighters' performance — Higashi Chaya and Kazuemachi Chaya areas (historical amusement quarters) —Gallery Kyoka (Kanazawa lacquerware) —Ohi Museum (Ohi-yaki pottery) —Hashiba bus stop (end of tour)
	Feb.13 (Sat) 11:30am~5:00pm	Meet at Food-PIA Land — Nosaku (Kanazawa lacquerware) — Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka (Craft shop) — Kanazawa Noh Museum (Experience of traditional performing arts) —Kenrokuen Garden — Kaga Yuzen Traditional Industry Center (end of tour)
Half-day tour English guided tour (Walking tour)	Feb.6 (Sat), 7 (Sun), 13 (Sat), 14 (Sun) 1:00pm~5:00 pm	Meet at Kaga Yuzen Traditional Industry Center — Ishikawa Kanko Bussankan (Experience of designing a handcrafted doll called Kaga-hachiman Okiagari) — Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka —(end of tour) in front of 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Fee: Full-day tour (Admission: 700 yen or less)
 Half-day tour (Admission and workshop fee: 1,300 yen)

No. of participants: 10 max. (Reservation required)

Registration: Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network Tel: 076-232-3933 Fax: 076-225-7210
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City of Crafts

Kanazawa has a wide variety of traditional crafts including Kanazawa gold leaf, Kaga-yuzen dyed silk, Kutani ceramics and Kanazawa lacquerware. In addition, new creative activities such as glass art have been promoted. The city of Kanazawa was registered as a City of Crafts of UNESCO's Creative Cities Network in June 2009.



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■Major Crafts

<p>Kanazawa Gold Leaf Gold leaf is made by pounding gold to make it into a sheet with a thickness of 0.2 micron. 99% of Japanese gold leaf is produced in Kanazawa.</p>		<p>Kaga-yuzen Dyed Silk Kaga-yuzen silk kimonos are produced by means of a complicated processes. The silk features realistic designs of flowers and birds.</p>	
<p>Kutani Ceramics This ceramic ware features flowers and birds with seasonal elements applied in five distinctive Kutani colors.</p>		<p>Kanazawa Lacquerware This lacquerware is characterized by designs using gold and silver powder and seashells.</p>	
<p>Other Crafts Kaga embroidery(left), Ohi-yaki pottery(center), Kaga inlay(right), etc.</p>			

3. Facilities Related to Traditional Crafts

(The number indicates the location on the map.)

No	Facility	Opening Hours / Closed days / Admission	Description
1	<p>Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Traditional Arts and crafts 1-1 Kenroku-machi Tel: 076-262-2020 Fax: 076-262-8690</p>	<p>Open: 9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-3, Thursdays (Open Feb. 11) Admission: 250 yen</p>	<p>36 traditional crafts of Ishikawa, such as Kaga-yuzen, Kutani ceramics, and Wajima lacquerware, as well as crafts produced by contemporary local artists, are on exhibit.</p>
2	<p>Kanazawa Crafts Hirosaka 1-2-25 Hirosaka Tel: 076-265-3320 Fax: 076-265-3321</p>	<p>Open: 10:00am~6:00pm Closed: Jan.1 & 12, March 23, Mondays (Open Jan. 11 and March 22) Admission: Free</p>	<p>An antenna shop selling rare traditional crafts of Kanazawa, such as Kaga inlay, Kaga embroidery, Kaga fishing flies and Kanazawa Japanese-style umbrellas</p>
3	<p>Kanazawa Yasue Gold Leaf Museum 1-5-10 Kita-yasue Tel: 076-233-1502 Fax: 076-233-1502</p>	<p>Open: 9:30am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-3, Feb.22-25 Admission: 300 yen</p>	<p>The artistic works owned by Mr. Yasue, a noted gold leaf artisan, are on exhibit, and visitors can observe the process of trimming pounded gold leaf. (Green tea containing gold leaf and sweets are served.)</p>
4	<p>Utatsuyama Craft Workshop To-10 Utatsu-machi Tel: 076-251-7286 Fax: 076-251-9113</p>	<p>Open: 9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-3, Tuesdays Admission: 300 yen</p>	<p>Works of local craft artists are on exhibit, and visitors can observe ceramics, lacquerware, dyeing, metalwork, and glass workshops.</p>
5	<p>Ohi Museum 2-17 Hashibacho Tel: 076-221-2397 Fax: 076-221-2123</p>	<p>Open: 9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Open every day Admission: 700 yen</p>	<p>Museum of ceramic works for the tea ceremony which have been produced for 340 years. (Free admission to the gallery)</p>
6	<p>Kaga Yuzen Traditional Industry Center 8-8 Kosho-machi Tel: 076-224-5511 Fax: 076-224-5533</p>	<p>Open: 9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-4, Wednesdays Admission: 300 yen</p>	<p>Exhibition of Kaga-yuzen kimonos, presentation of the Kaga-yuzen silk-dyeing process, and observation of the drawing process Putting on a kimono (20 min: 1,500 yen), stroll in a kimono (60 min: 3,800 yen), Stamp dyeing (20 min: 1,050 yen), Hand-drawing dyeing (60 min: 1,890 yen)</p>
7	<p>Ishikawa Kanko Bussan-kan (Local Products Shop) 2-20 Kenroku-machi Tel: 076-222-7788 Fax: 076-222-5183</p>	<p>Open: 10:00am~6:00pm Closed: Tuesdays (Open on Jan.5, Mar.16, 23, 30) Admission: Free</p>	<p>Local crafts and sweets are for sale here. Visitors can also experience designing a handcrafted doll called Kaga-hachiman Okiagari (30 min: 1,000 yen) (11:00am~3:00pm)</p>

※Other Craft Facilities (for making crafts, etc.)

No	Facility	Opening Hours / Closed days / Admission	Description
8	Imai Kinpaku Tel: 076-223-8989	9:00am~6:00pm Closed: Jan.1-4, Sundays, National holidays	Experience of placing gold leaf (30 min~: 525 yen~1,050 yen)
9	Sakuda Gold & Silver Leaf Tel: 076-251-6777	9:00am~6:00pm Open every day	Experience of placing gold leaf (60 min: 600 yen~)
10	Kanazawa Katani Tel: 076-231-1566	9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-3	Experience of placing gold leaf (40 min: 900 yen~ 2,500 yen)
11	Gold Leaf Craft Tajima Tel: 076-263-0221	10:00am~5:30pm Closed: Jan.1-4, Tuesdays (Open: Jan. 5)	Experience of placing gold leaf (40 min: 1,000 yen)
12	Hakuichi Hakuko-kan Tel: 076-240-8911	9:00am~6:00pm Closed: Jan.1	Experience of placing gold leaf (60 min: 800 yen~2,000 yen) Experience of trimming gold leaf (10 min: 500 yen)
13	Hakuza Keikodokoro Tel: 076-252-3641	10:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-4, Sundays, Mondays, National holidays	Experience of placing gold leaf (15 min~: 600 yen~2,000 yen)
14	Nagamachi Yuzen-kan Tel: 076-264-2811	9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1~3	Putting on a kimono (20 min: 1,000 yen), Stroll in a kimono (4,000 yen/day), Hand-drawing (60 min~: 4,000 yen)
15	Choju Kutani Pottery Shop Tel: 076-221-1822	10:00am~7:00pm Closed: Wednesdays, 1st & 3rd Tuesday	Creation of original works (60 min: 1,260 yen~3,360 yen) Your fired work will be sent to your address one month later.
16	Kutani Kosen Kiln Tel: 076-241-0902	9:00am~5:00pm Closed: Jan.1-3	Observation of the traditional pottery production process Experience of decorating a piece of pottery (60 min: 1,050 yen~) Your fired work will be sent to your address two months later.
17	Kanazawa Kutani Museum (Kaburaki) Tel: 076-221-6666	9:00am~10:00pm	Antique Kutani ceramics produced for export 100 or more years ago are on exhibit here.
18	Nosaku Tel: 076-263-8121	10:00am~7:00pm Closed: Wednesdays	Experience of designing lacquerware (90 min: 3,150 yen)
19	Gallery Kyoka Tel: 076-232-2770	10:00am~5:00pm No fixed closing days	Experience of designing lacquerware (90 min: 1,000 yen) http://www.kk-makie.com/
20	Nakashima Menya Tel: 076-232-1818	9:00am~6:00pm Closed: Jan.1-2, Tuesdays	Experience of designing a handcrafted doll called Kaga-hachiman Okiagari (30 min: 400 yen)



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