Recommended Tourist Attractions

21st Century Museum of Comtemporary Art, Kanazawa

"21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art" is a must-see that should be on any itinerary. The museum aims to be "open to the city like a park", and is nicknamed as "Marubee(the circle)" after the circular shape of the building.

And is divided into the pay exhibition and free exhibition to display many domestic and foreign well-known artists. In "Swimming Pool", a work by Leandro Erlich, you can experience walking underwater whilst remaining completely dry. 1.5 million visitors per year have come to the museum from all over the world since opening in 2004.

[Collection Exhibition](Fee)While Museum admission is free, exhibitions held at the Museum are ticketed. [Museum Hours]Public Zone: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Exhibition Zone:10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. *Open until 8pm on Fridays and Saturdays Closed on Mondays (when Monday is a national holiday, closed on the following weekday instead.), New Year Holidays. [Parking] 322 Cars [Phone]076-220-2800





One of the Three Great Gardens of Japan, and a well-known tourist destination symbolic of Kanazawa. The extensive gardens were built up over generations of Kaga lords, and offer distinct scenery in all four seasons.

[Fee] Adults (18 and over) : 320 yen, Children (6 to under 18) : 100 yen, Group of over 30 persons: 20% discount (no coupon) Adults (18 and over) : 240 yen, Children (6 to under 18) : 80 yen, Senior citizens over 65 years old with the presentation of the passport. For further information, contact Kanazawa Castle Park and Kenroku-en Management Center :Phone: 076-234-3800 [Open] Mar.1 through Oct.15 : 7:00–18:00, Oct.16 through Feb.28/29 : 8:00–17:00 Open 365 days a year [Parking Lot] Kenroku Car Park: 350 yen for the first 1 hour and 150 yen for every 30 min. afterwards. (7:00-22:00) [Phone] 076-234-3800







Kaga vegetables and fishes of the Sea of Japan can be found on the shelves of Ohmicho market. It is crowded with customers ranging from housewives to professional chefs, and has been called "the kitchen of Kanazawa."

There are approximately 180 stores crammed into the area, and bargaining with shopkeepers is part of the fun. Home delivery is available at most stores, allowing you to enjoy the original flavour of Kanazawa cuisine in your home.

[Open]7:00-23:00 (every shop with different opening hours)

Open 365 days a year [Parking Lot]94 Cars (inside Ohmicho Ichiba Kan) [Phone]076-231-1462 Along with Nishi and Kazue-machi, Higashi Chaya is a Chaya area which prospered as an official Chaya of Kaga in the Bunsei period (1820). The continued use of wooden latticed doors and cobbled pavements has preserved the distinct ambience of Kanazawa. It is said that in the past only highly-educated members of the upper class of refined taste were allowed to enter, and today most teahouses still open are keeping the important rule that "first-time guests cannot enter without an introduction". In addition the interior of the Edo period teahouse and many houses converted into shops in town are open to the public, drawing many tourists.

[Parking]A nearby parking area is available for tourists. Middle-class and low-class samurai of the Kaga clan once resided in Nagamachi. Narrow alleyways and cul-de-sacs were built in preparation for an invasion from the outside. Many complex winding roads can be observed today.

There is a museum exhibiting valuable materials such as armor, restored buildings, and samurai living quarters, allowing the visitor a glimpse of life at the time and of the culture of Kaga clan samurai.

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