

Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan

Japan's 'Little Kyoto' without the crowds — a castle town of samurai streets, geisha districts, and gold-leaf culture, all wrapped around one of Japan's three great gardens.

 Pier (cruise terminal)

 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)

 Language: Japanese

 Best for: History & culture

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — Kanazawa Port Cruise Terminal (opened 2020) **Port to center:** ~6 km, not walkable — shuttle, taxi or bus required

Best For: Kenroku-en garden, samurai & geisha districts, gold leaf, market seafood **Don't Miss:** Gold leaf soft-serve ice cream in Higashi Chaya District

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  ¥1,500–¥3,000 ·  **Rideshare**  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Kenroku-en Garden & Kanazawa Castle** — Stroll one of Japan's three great landscape gardens, then cross into the free castle park to see the massive...
- Higashi Chaya Geisha District** — Walk the dark-wood teahouse streets of Kanazawa's best-preserved geisha quarter.
- Nagamachi Samurai District** — Wander cobblestone lanes flanked by earthen walls and visit the Nomura Samurai House — an immaculately preserved...
- Omicho Market Seafood Crawl** — Kanazawa's covered market 'kitchen' has 180+ stalls of fresh Sea of Japan seafood.
- 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art** — A striking circular glass building housing permanent and temporary works.

BEST WALKS

- Kenroku-en to Higashi Chaya Loop** 3.5 km · 1-1.5 hrs · Easy — Start at Kenroku-en, cross through Kanazawa Castle Park via Ishikawa-mon Gate, then walk down through Oyama Shrine and the Nagamachi...
- Kanazawa Station to Omicho Market** 1.5 km · 20 min · Easy — An easy flat walk from the iconic Tsuzumi-mon Gate at Kanazawa Station through the city center to Omicho covered market — good...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	61°	44°	12d
Jun	77°	63°	13d
Aug	86°	74°	16d
Sep	79°	66°	16d
Oct	68°	55°	15d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

Apr 5:20AM–6:27PM · Jun 4:34AM–7:13PM · Aug 5:11AM–6:44PM · Sep 5:35AM–6:01PM · Oct 6:00AM–5:17PM

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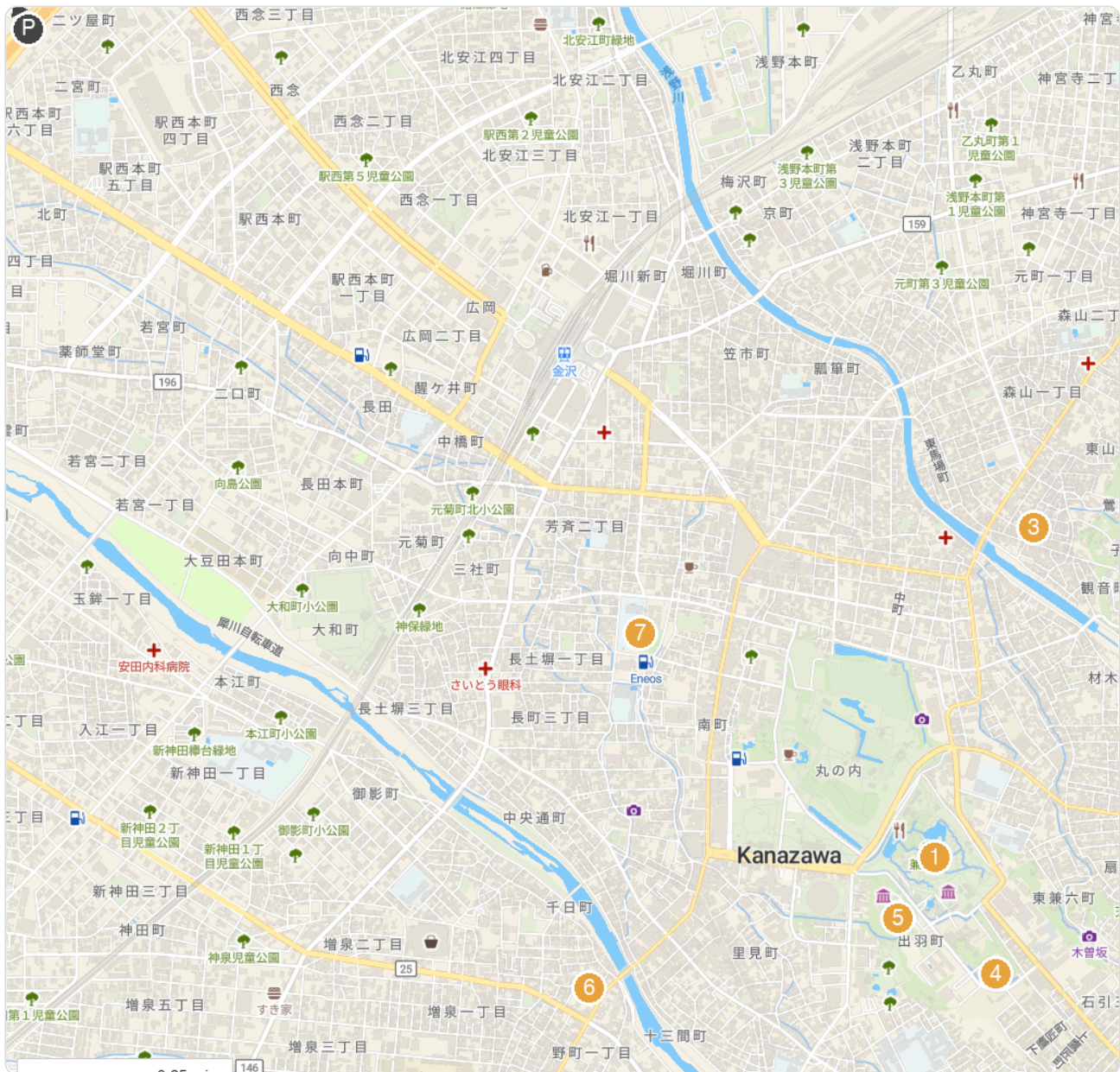
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Japan remains cash-preferred for buses, market stalls, shrines, and small eateries. Withdraw Yen at the terminal's

Kanazawa, Ishikawa, Japan — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Kenroku-en | One of Japan's most beautiful traditional landscape gardens. | 2 ROUND1 Stadium Kanazawa | Multi-story entertainment complex with bowling, arcade games, karaoke. |
| 3 Higashi Chaya District | Historic district with preserved wooden teahouses, once geisha entertainment quarters. | 4 Hondanomori Hokuden Hall | A modern convention and event hall in Kanazawa. |
| 5 Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art | Showcases Ishikawa's art, including Kutani porcelain and local crafts. | 6 Shinmeigu (Kanazawa-shi) | A peaceful Shinto shrine dedicated to Amaterasu Omikami. |
| 7 Tamagawa Park | A small, quiet city park along the Tamagawa River. | P Cruise port / terminal | |