

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 Ishikawa-mon Gate and reconstructed...
- **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 residence with an award-winning...
- **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 Samurai District to Higashi Chaya...
- **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 orientation walk on arrival.

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	
 Currency: Japanese Yen (JPY)	

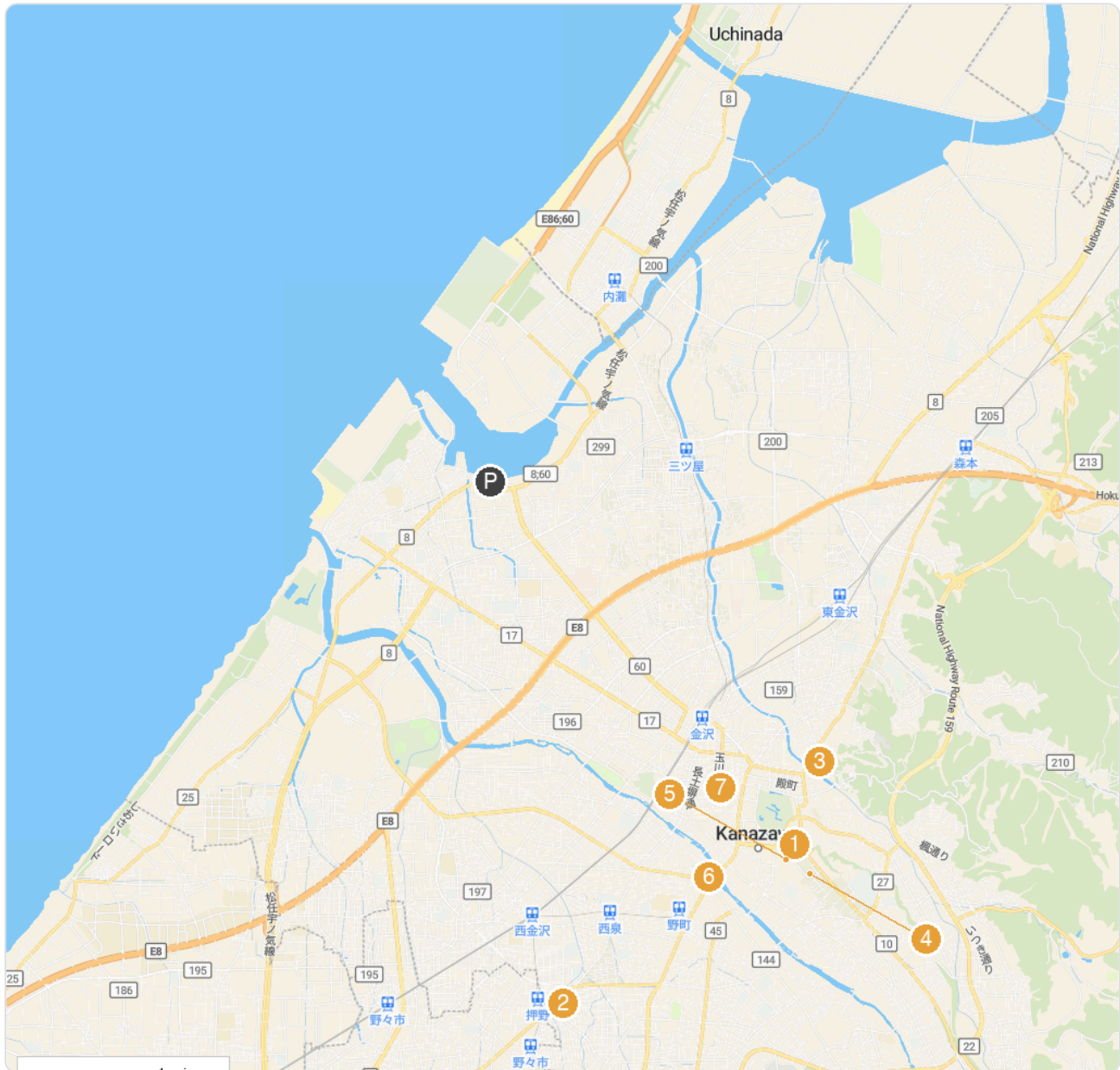
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Carry cash. Japan remains cash-preferred for buses, market stalls, shrines, and small eateries. Withdraw Yen at the terminal's exchange machine or 7-Eleven ATMs.
- Avoid Wednesdays if possible — Omicho Market and several museums have partial closures on Wednesdays.
- Buy the One-Day Pass (~800 JPY) at Kanazawa Station the moment you arrive — unlimited Loop Bus and Kenrokuen Shuttle for the day, every 15 minutes.
- Try the gold leaf soft-serve at Hakuichi in Higashi Chaya — edible 24-karat gold leaf on ice cream is a Kanazawa signature and extremely photogenic.
- November–March visitors: Look for yukizuri — decorative rope cones protecting pine trees from snow in Kenroku-en. Unique and beautiful.
- Download Google Maps offline before leaving the ship, and enable the camera translation feature in Google Translate — menus and signs are often Japanese-only.

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 | |