

# An enjoy spring, summer, autumn, and winter with its beautiful scenery and delicious food in Kanazawa and Fukui

# A rich land blessed with the beauty of nature's formations and seafood! Let's enjoy Hokuriku inbound tours that fascinate the world!

## ■ Kenrokuen Garden, Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture

A Japanese garden located in Kanazawa City, Ishikawa Prefecture, Kenrokuen was originally a domain garden built in the middle of the 17th century by the Kaga Clan on the outer grounds of Kanazawa Castle.

It is one of the three most famous gardens in Japan, along with Kairakuen Garden in Mito and Korakuen Garden in Okayama.

In 2009, it was awarded the highest rating of three stars in the Michelin Tourism Guide.

## ■Ishikawa Prefecture/Kanazawa City, Higashi Chaya-gai

This sightseeing spot flourished as a teahouse district officially recognized by the Kaga clan and was selected as a national Important Preservation District for Groups of Traditional Buildings. The old streets remain as they were in the olden days, and the old machiya houses are characterized by their protruding latticework, called "kimusuko.

Visitors can hear the sounds of shamisen and drums, and experience the elegant Japanese culture.

## ■Ishikawa Prefecture/Kanazawa City, Omimachi Market

The market is popularly known as "Kanazawa's kitchen. Mainly fresh food and other food products. The market has supported Kanazawa's food culture for more than 300 years since the Edo period. Kaisendon, a bowl of rice topped with seafood, is very popular among tourists.

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## ■ Komatsu City, Ishikawa Prefecture 、Nayadera Temple

In Kaga, there has long been a belief in Hakusan, or Mt. Hakusan, and worship of the gods of nature. The rocky cave on the temple grounds is a sacred place where souls are revived and purified.

#### ■ Fukui Prefecture/Sakai City/Tojinbo

The most distinctive feature of Tojinbo is its impressive cliffs, which have been designated as a national natural monument. Pyroxene andesite is a strange columnar rock.

You can enjoy a great panorama from Tojinbo Tower.

You can also enjoy a cruise on a sightseeing boat.

# ■ Fukui Prefecture/Sakai City/Echizen Matsushima Aquarium

The daily penguin walks are very popular!

You can interact with dolphins and seals, and experience feeding sea turtles and tortoises.

#### ■ Fukui Prefecture/Sakai City/Maruoka Castle

This castle was built by Katsutoyo Shibata and is also known as "Kasumigajo".

It has been selected as one of "Japan's 100 Famous Castles" and "Japan's Top 100 Cherry Blossom Spots."

### ■ Fukui Prefecture/Fukui City/Ichijodani Asakura Clan Ruins

A castle town of the Asakura clan, who ruled Echizen for 103 years during the Sengoku period.

The site has been designated as a `Special Historic Site," `Special Place of Scenic Beauty, ," and `Important Cultural Property."

Fukui Prefecture/Katsuyama City Dinosaur Museum

The museum has more than 40 skeletal specimens of dinosaurs, which are very impressive!

#### ■ Kubota Sake Brewery, Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture

Echizen Toyohara Sake" has been brewed for about 260 years. Kubota Sake Brewery makes sake from locally grown products.

The brewery's commitment is to make sake from locally grown ingredients.

- (2) Sake rice grown in-house in rice paddies with water quality similar to that of groundwater.
- (3) High quality and stable koji production.

## ■ Echizen-kaigan, Fukui City, Fukui Prefecture

A national park with a series of oddly shaped rocks and cliffs. In summer, visitors can enjoy swimming and scuba diving.

It is famous for its fresh fish and Echizen Crab in the winter.

## ■Kibi no Matsubara, Tsuruga City, Fukui Prefecture

The vast "Kebi no Matsubara" has a sandy beach, and the green of the pine trees, the blue of the sea and sky, and the white of the beach are beautiful.

It is famous as one of the three most beautiful pine groves in Japan, along with Miho no Matsubara in Shizuoka Prefecture and Niji no Matsubara in Saga Prefecture.

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### ■ Rainbow Line Summit Park

The summit park is reached by lift and cable car. You can enjoy a panoramic view of Mikata Goko (Five Lakes of Mikata) and Wakasa Bay.

The view from the terrace with footbaths is superb.

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