



Japanese Alps 2 days Winter Special Kanazawa - Shirakawago

Day 1: Tokyo / Kanazawa

Depart Tokyo for Kanazawa in the early morning.

*A trip to **Kanazawa** is a unique dive into feudal-era Japan. Its streets are lined with stately residences, samurai quarters, old pleasure quarters, not to mention its castle and the beautiful Kenroku-en garden. Kanazawa is also famous for its traditional crafts: Kaga-Yuzen silk kimonos, Kutani and Ohi ceramics, Wajima lacquers treated with gold leaf and powder, and much more.*

Winter in Kanazawa, is a very snowy season with beautiful white landscapes. We recommend the Kenroku-en garden, Kanazawa Castle Park and the Higashi Chayamachi district. In addition, Kanazawa in winter is famous for its delicious seafood. You can enjoy fresh crab, salmon and yellow-tailed flounder.



Source : Kanazawa City – Kenroku-en Garden

Free time to explore and enjoy the sights.

Visit Suggestions:

- **Kenroku-en Garden**

One of the three most beautiful gardens in Japan. Special rope frames on the trees in the park help them withstand the weight of the snow.

Illumination of the park and castle from mid-February to the end of February.

This event may be affected by the coronavirus.



- **Traditional practice of weatherproofing: December**
Straw mats are installed on the mud walls of old samurai residences in Naga-machi in early December each year. This ancestral practice protects the walls from frost and prevents walls from cracking when the snow melts.
- **Kanazawa Foodpia Event: February 27-29**
Foodpia Kanazawa is an event organized to celebrate the food crops of Ishikawa and Kanazawa, and the richness of the cuisine available in winter.
This event may be affected by the coronavirus.
- **Omicho Market**
- **Museum of 21st Century Contemporary Art**
- **Former samurai quarter of Nagamachi**
- **Myoryuji Temple**
Nicknamed the Ninja-Dera, literally "Ninja Temple"
- **Former Higashi Chaya geisha district**

Activity Suggestions:

- ✧ **Home cooking class in a Machiya**
- ✧ **Omicho market visit and cooking classes with a local cook**
- ✧ **Traditional Kokeshi (traditional doll) painting experience**
- ✧ **Crafting gold leaf lacquerware**
- ✧ **Kaga Yuzen silk painting**
(The term "Yuzen" refers to a traditional technique of dyeing silk fabrics for kimonos, as well as products made from this technique.)

Dinner at your convenience.

Night at the hotel.



Day 2: Kanazawa / Shirakawago / Tokyo

Depart by coach from Kanazawa to Shirakawago in the morning.

Listed as a World Heritage Site, **Shirakawago** is known for its iconic houses in which silkworms were raised. This architectural style, called "gassho-zukuri," refers to houses with sloping thatched roofs to withstand the heavy snowfall of this mountainous region.

Shirakawago is one of the most iconic Japanese winter landscapes. The old Gassho-zukuri houses, with their thatched roofs, can withstand heavy snowfall (more than 50 cm), ice stalactites create a unique landscape. In the past, Shirakawago was blocked by snow (over 1.5m in height) during the winter and was therefore difficult for tourists to access. Today, routes are cleared, and visitors can enjoy the original and snowy landscapes of this remote village.



Shirakawa-go village (Gifu)

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Visit Suggestions:

- **Home of the former Wada family**
- **Shiroyama Tenbo-dai observatory**
- **Gasshozukuri Minkaen Museum**



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Activity Suggestions:

- ✧ Traditional Waraji (straw sandals) crafting
- ✧ Crafting artisanal coasters
- ✧ Cloth dyeing workshop

Return to Tokyo by coach and train in the evening.

Tours and activities are payable on site. Bookings for activities are mandatory and we take care of them at no extra cost.

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We can shorten or extend your stay, or add other destinations.

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