

Kanazawa & Relaxing Kaga

4 days by Private Car

Tour highlights

- Experience Ishikawa's culinary culture in a cooking class and sake tasting.
- Stay at one of world-famous luxury ryokans in Kaga Hot Spring.

DAY 1	Kanazawa	1:30 pm Nagamachi Samurai District 3:00 pm 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa 4:10 pm D.T. Suzuki Museum 6:00 pm Geisha Performance	(Stay: Kanazawa)
DAY 2	Kanazawa	am Omicho Market, Experience Ishikawa's culinary culture 1:30 pm Kenrokuen Garden 2:30 pm Kanazawa Castle Park 4:30 pm Higashi Chaya District	(Stay: Kanazawa)
		(Option for those who can stay another day longer) Excursion to Shirakawago and Takayama	(Stay: Kanazawa)
DAY 3	Kanazawa Kaga	9:40 am Kutani porcelain Art Museum 10:45 am Kinzan Gama Kiln 1:30 pm Natadera Temple 3:00 pm Noguchi Naohiko Sake Institute	(Stay: Kagaonsen)
DAY 4	Kaga	9:30 am Kakusenkei Gorge 10:30 am Yuge-kaido Street 11:15 am Visit an artisan of Yamanaka lacquerware	Head to Kyoto



Day 1

Kanazawa

Depart Tokyo Sta.
on Hokuriku Shinkansen



12:00 pm

Arrive at Kanazawa Station
and have lunch near the station



Day 1

Kanazawa

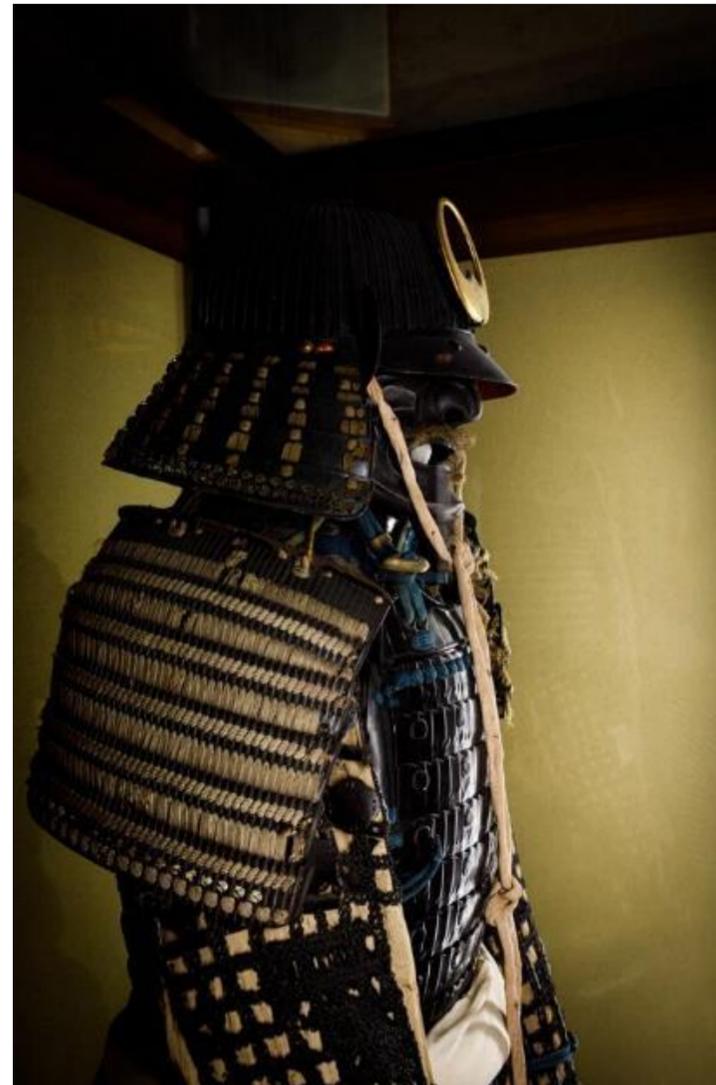
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Nagamachi Samurai District

Samurai culture lives today on the cobblestone streets.



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Kanazawa

3:00 pm

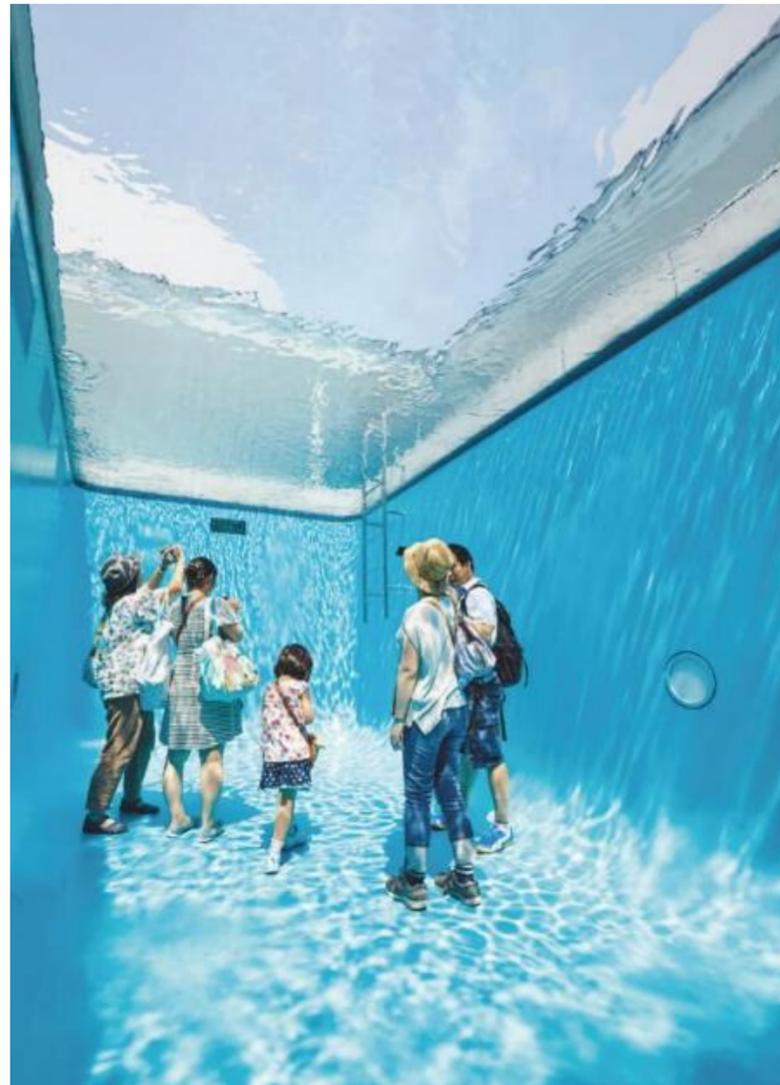


21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Ishikawa's creative culture flows through into the present day.



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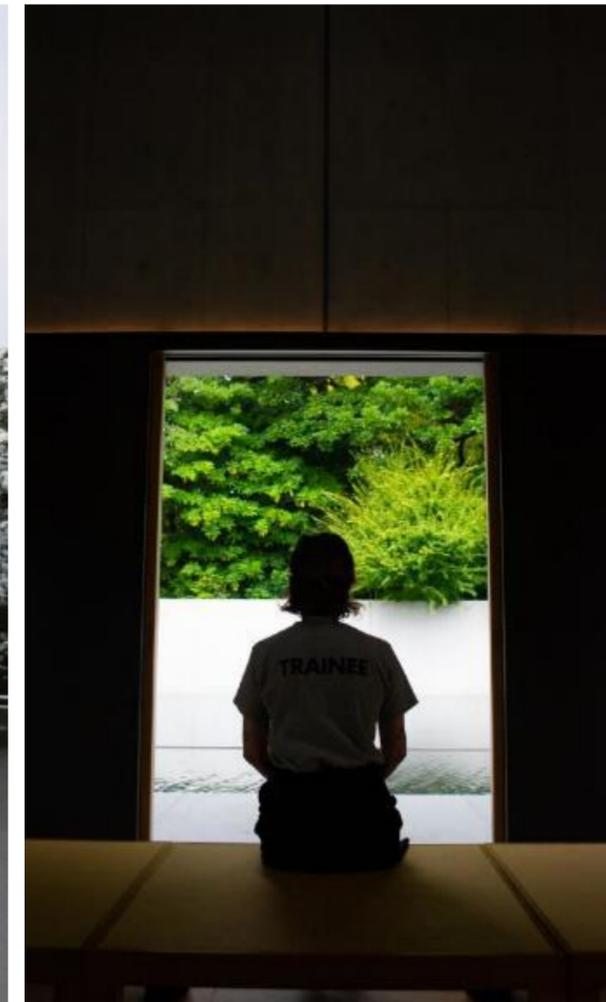
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Kanazawa

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D.T. Suzuki Museum

The clean, simple lines of the museum's building gives an architectural interpretation of Zen philosophy, to which D.T. Suzuki introduced the world.



Day 1

Kanazawa

6:00 pm

Geisha Performance & Dinner experience

The opportunity to watch a traditional geisha performance, interact with these beautiful performers.



Stay: Kanazawa

Day 2

Kanazawa

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Omicho Market

Experience local culinary culture at Kanazawa's largest fresh food market



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Experience Ishikawa's culinary culture

Kohaku. Inc

Explore the market and learn how to pick fresh ingredients. At the kitchen a chef will teach you tips and tricks on how to cook, along with the history behind the food.



Kanazawa Salon

In a historical townhouse, master the basic skills of Japanese healthy cooking, using fermented products including miso, soy sauce and sake.



Day 2

Kanazawa

1:30 pm

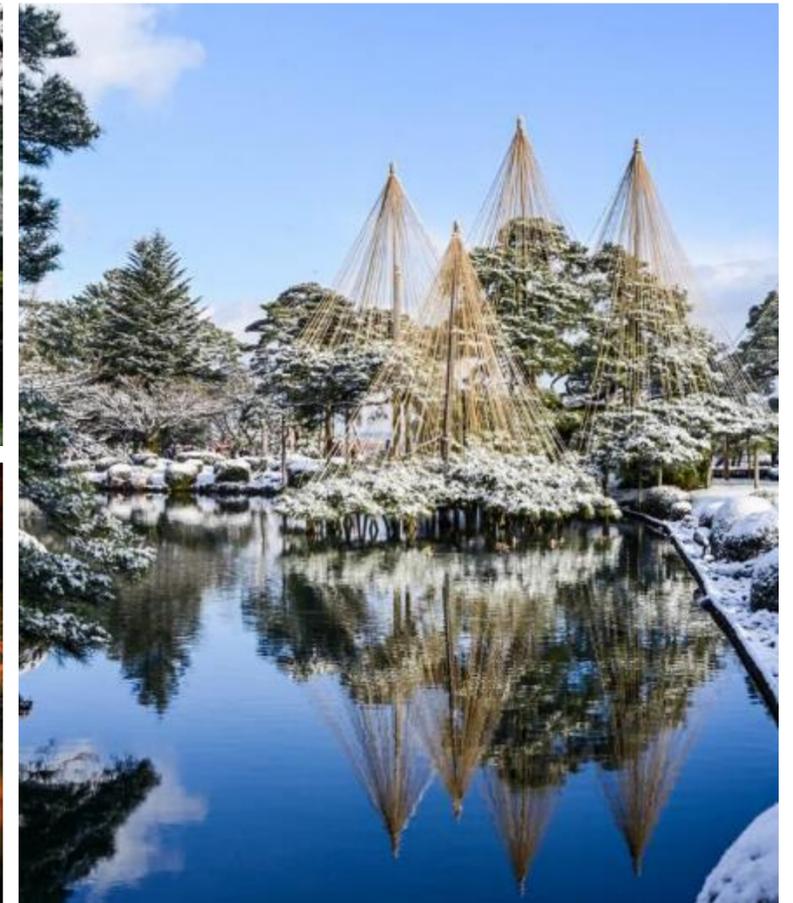


Kenrokuen Garden

Appreciate the charm every season offers in the greatest landscape garden of Japan.



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Day 2

Kanazawa

2:40 pm



Kanazawa Castle Park

The spectacular structures and stone walls show the Kaga Domain's massive wealth and engineering prowess.



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or



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★Highlight★

Gyokuseninmaru Garden



The castle's inner garden the lords privately enjoyed. Have tea and sweets in a teahouse overlooking the garden.



Day 2

Kanazawa

2:40 pm



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or



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Other Option : For those who want to learn tea ceremony in depth

Japanese Tea Ceremony

Learning how to enjoy tea ceremony under the guidance of a tea ceremony teacher.



Day 2

Kanazawa

3:30 pm

Higashi Chaya District

Kanazawa's largest and most lively geisha district retains the ambience of 200 years ago.



★Highlight★

Gold Leaf Workshop



Gold leaf is a signature craft of Kanazawa. At some shops in Higashi Chaya, visitors can try applying real gold leaf to plates, chopsticks and jewelry boxes.

Stay: Kanazawa

Day 2

Option for those who can stay another day longer.

One Day Trip to Shirakawa-go and Takayama

Shirakawa-go & Takayama, the historic villages

The villages of thatched-roof houses can be reached from Kanazawa in a one-hour drive.



Stay: Kanazawa

Day 3

Kaga

9:00 am



Depart
Kanazawa



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Kutani porcelain Art Museum



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Kutani enjoyed international popularity under the name “Japan Kutani during the 19th century.



Day 3

Kaga

10:45 am

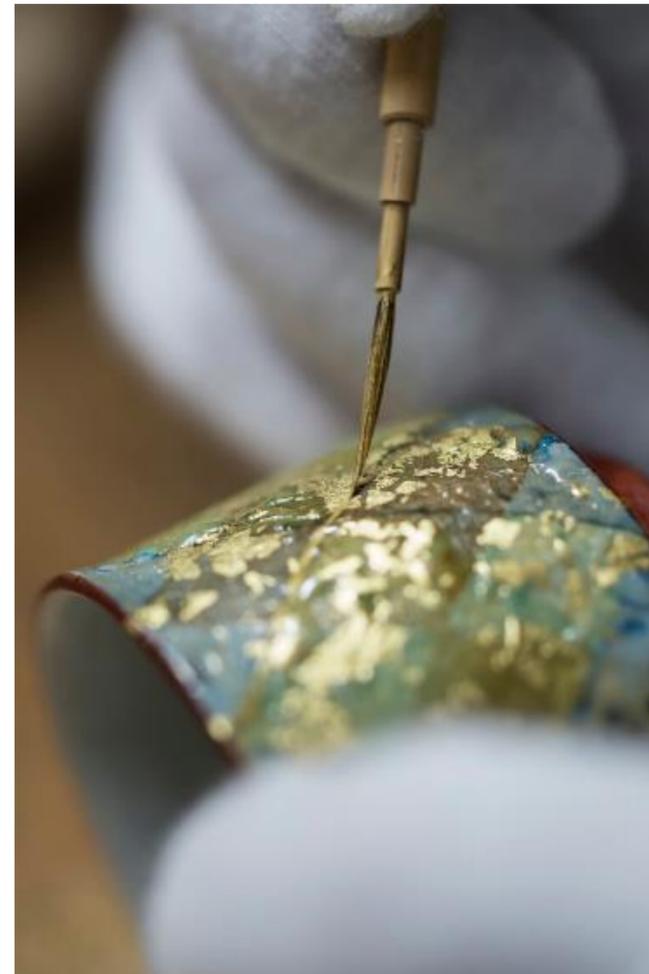


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Kinzan Gama Kiln

(Kutani porcelain)

Kutani is Ishikawa's local porcelain with vivid colors and bold designs. Visit the historical kiln and meet the artist to learn how Kutani is made. Hands on experience is also available.



Day 3

Kaga

1:30 pm



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Natadera Temple

Dramatic cliffs tower over unique temple buildings and serene gardens.



Day 3

Kaga

3:00 pm

Noguchi Naohiko Sake Institute

Mr. Noguchi, the legendary sake brewer, chases his dream of creating the best sake at his newly established brewery.



★Highlight★

Sake Tasting



Learn how differently sake tastes at different serving temperatures, pairing both with savory and sweet snacks.



Stay: Kaga Onsen

Day 3

★Accommodation - Yamanaka Onsen -

Kayotei

The highest-class ryokan of only ten rooms. Kayoutei has been consistent in serving organic food, including rice, eggs, tofu and other products from local farmers.

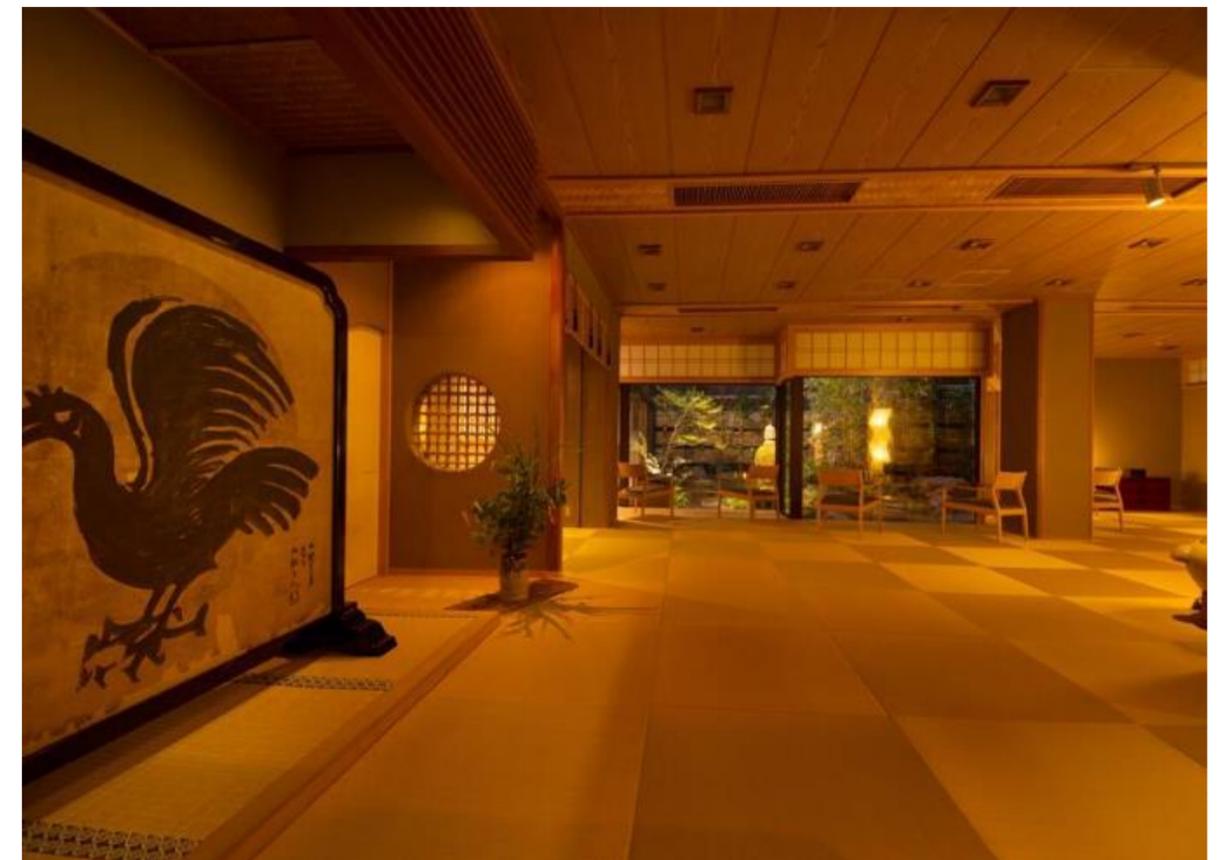


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★Accommodation - Yamashiro Onsen -

Araya Totoan

The 5-star luxury ryokan, established in 1639, has been run by one family over 18 generations. It offers a perfect relaxation, with abundant hot spring and the exceptional art collection.



Day 3

★Accommodation - Yamashiro Onsen -

Beniya Mukayu

Every room has its own private open-air hot spring bath, with a wonderful garden view. The traditional tea ceremony performed by the owner, yoga lessons given every morning, the finest Kaga style Kaiseki cuisine, as well as invigorating medicinal spa treatments make a peaceful heaven.



Day 4

Kaga

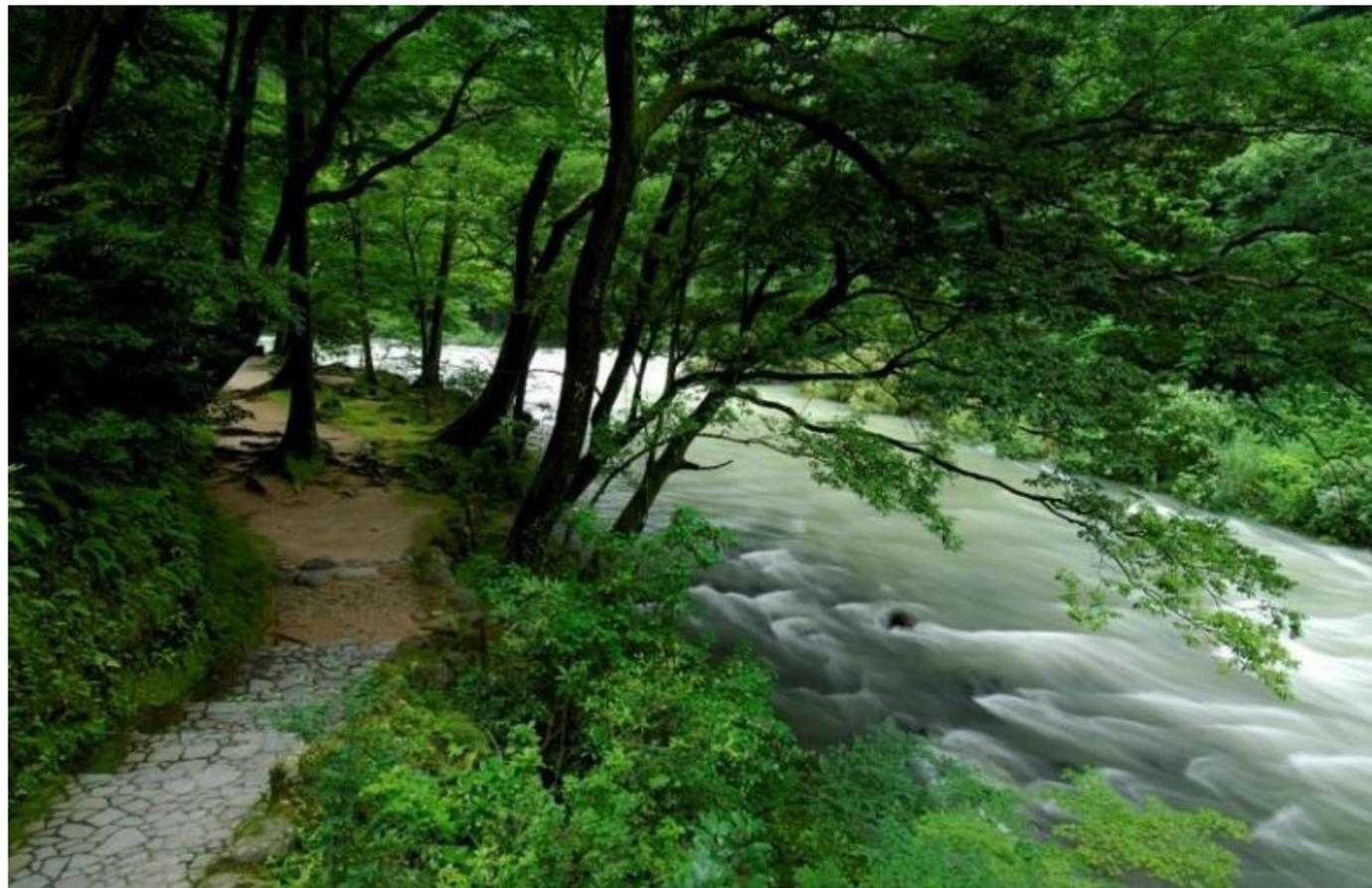
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Kakusenkei Gorge

Along the waterside trail, take in views of waterfalls and peculiar rock formations.

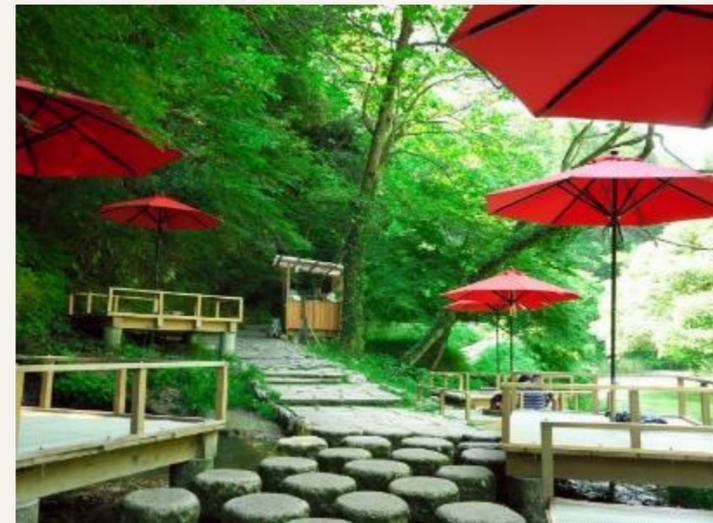


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★Highlight★

Kawadoko



Refresh at the riverside cafe with tea and locally made sweets.



Day 4

Kaga

10:30 am

Yuge-kaido Street

The main street filled with cafes, restaurants and galleries creates the lively atmosphere of typical Japanese hot spring towns.



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★Highlight★

Confectionary Making Workshop



Sankaido is historical confectionary shop started over 100 years ago. In the workshop, you can make your special confectionary box.

Day 4

Kaga

11:15 am

Visit an artisan of Yamanaka lacquerware

Yamanaka Lacquerware is a specialty of Yamanaka Onsen, made with advanced lathing and drying techniques that prevent warping. Visit one of the highly skilled artisans in town and watch them work at the lathe.



Head to Kyoto