

Travel to Kanazawa, Japan

There are several Japanese airports which offer either connecting flights or other transportation options into Kanazawa:

1. Kanazawa's airport is located in the city of Komatsu, a 40 minute bus ride costs ¥1100 from central Kanazawa. [Komatsu Airport Official Web Site](#)
2. [Kansai Airport](#) serves both international and domestic flights for nearby Osaka, Kobe and Kyoto. Direct trains from Osaka (via Kyoto) to Kanazawa depart half-hourly or hourly; the ride takes less than 3 hours and costs ¥6,930 for an unreserved seat. [Kansai Airport Official Web Site](#)
3. Tokyo's [Narita Airport](#) handles mostly international flights and only a very small number of domestic flights. To Kanazawa from Narita by train, take the Joetsu Shinkansen to Echigoyuzawa and switch there for the limited express Hakutaka train to Kanazawa. The trip takes about 4 1/2 hours and costs ¥11,690. [Tokyo's Narita Airport Official Web Site](#)
4. Tokyo's Haneda Airport is for domestic air traffic: [JAL and ANA](#) operate several flights daily between Tokyo's [Haneda Airport](#) and Kanazawa's Komatsu Airport. Flight time is one hour. The regular one way fare from Tokyo to Kanazawa is about ¥19,000, however, [discount tickets](#) for around ¥14,000 are usually available.

For additional travel information you may visit the following web sites:

- Kanazawa Convention Bureau home page: http://www.kanazawa-cb.com/index_e.html.
- Japan travel web site: <http://www.travel-japan-guide.info>
- How to use trains and subways in Japan: <http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2016.html>
- West Japan Railway Company: <http://www.westjr.co.jp/english/travel/kix/index.html>
- Airport transfers via highway bus: http://www.japan-guide.com/e/e2366_kanazawa.html

Accommodations

The Local Organizing Committee is currently negotiating for the group's block of sleeping rooms with Nippon Travel. Information for accommodation options and other details will be posted on the BEMS web site when the negotiations are finalized.

Travel within Kanazawa

Upon arrival at the Kanazawa Train & Bus Station, it takes approximately 10-15 minutes to the city center and the [samurai district](#) by bus. The tourist oriented "Kanazawa Loop Bus" connects Kanazawa Station with Bunka Hall and many of the city's main tourist attractions. One ride costs ¥200 regardless of how far you travel, while a one day pass is available for ¥500. Buses depart every 15 minutes. [Kanazawa](#) is covered by a dense network of clean, safe and efficient [buses](#), however, they are not all bi-lingual. The Kanazawa Tourist Information Center and Hyakubanai Shopping Mall are located in the Station also.

A flat fare of ¥230 per ride applies for conventional buses in central Kanazawa. A one day pass called "Kanazawa Free Ticket" for ¥900, which also provides discounted admission to selected tourist attractions, is available.

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