

Optional Tour in Kanazawa



A 3-day, 2-night trip to experience Kanazawa's arts and culture

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Kanazawa is a place where the arts of tea ceremony and Japanese dance are popular. As a castle town centered around Kanazawa Castle, samurai culture remains strong to this day, and many people are enthusiastic about martial arts. In addition, there is the Japanese confectionery culture that developed alongside the tea ceremony, and traditional crafts where artisans hone their skills every day, while in the glamorous teahouse district that has continued since the samurai era, geisha are constantly practicing kouta (Japanese singing), dancing, flutes, drums, shamisen, and more.

In Kanazawa, you can experience the essence of the arts that samurai, artisans, and geisha have been practicing for many years through experiences of traditional culture and martial arts.

A 3-day, 2-night travel plan for experiencing the arts

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Day 1: Kanazawa Day

11:20 Walking through streets that feel like a time warp

Higashi Chaya District is a row of teahouse buildings with latticed doors along the cobblestone streets. Some teahouses, built in the 19th century, have buildings open to the public, offering a glimpse into the world of "ichijinsan okorei" (no entry for first-time customers).



Enjoy the atmosphere of the teahouse district while shopping and walking around the town

12:05 Walking through the lively Omicho Market, "Kitchen of Kanazawa Citizens"

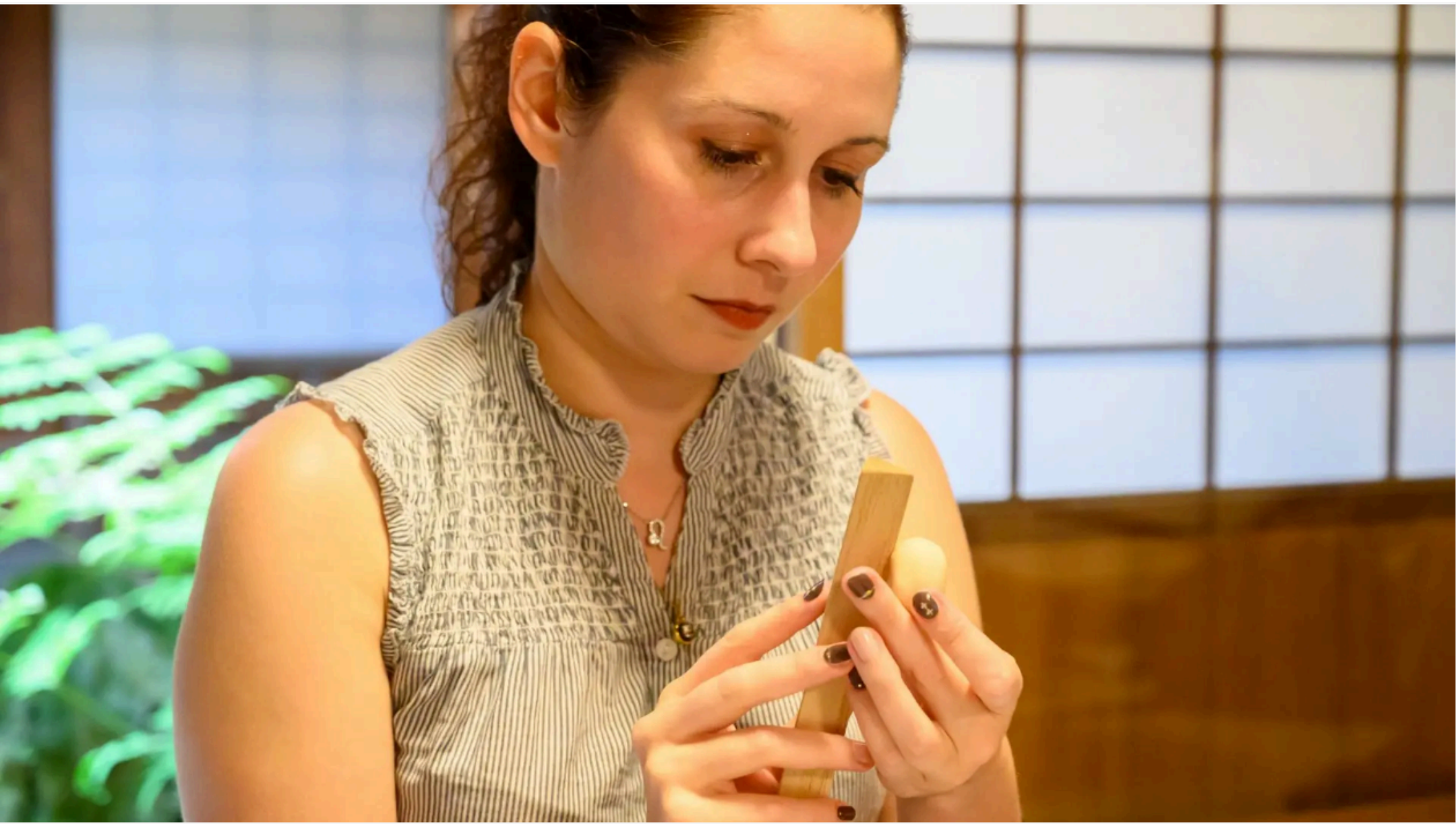
Omicho Market, which has a long history of over 300 years, is filled with the excitement and bustle of face-to-face sales, and is a place where you can experience Kanazawa's food culture with all five senses.



Experience Kanazawa's food culture at Omicho Market

14:00 Making Japanese sweets in a historic teahouse

Kanazawa has a long tradition of tea ceremony, and Japanese sweets that express the colors of the four seasons are an integral part of daily life. Why not enjoy a cup of tea with some Japanese sweets that you have made yourself in a historic teahouse?



In Kanazawa, where tea ceremonies are popular, try your hand at making Japanese sweets, an essential part of the tea ceremony

Day2 : Samurai Day

9:00 Stroll through the streets lined with samurai residences

This area is home to the remains of the samurai residences of the Kaga Domain, one of the feudal domains that once existed all across Japan. Walking through the streets, with their alleyways, earthen walls, and gates that evoke the appearance of those times, you'll feel as if you've traveled back in time to the era when the samurai lived.



Walk along the streets lined with earthen walls and reminisce about the samurai era

10:00 Kanazawa's famous gardens, packed with things to see

Kenrokuen began in the 17th century as a garden located outside Kanazawa Castle for the lord of the Kaga domain. It is a garden inspired by samurai culture, with a large pond in the center and visitors can walk around the pond to enjoy the garden.



Walk through Kenrokuen, one of Japan's three most famous gardens, built by samurai

12:00 Experience the authentic art of Kanazawa Geisha

In a charming townhouse, you can enjoy authentic tea ceremony and entertainment by a geisha. You can enjoy "Kanazawa hospitality" to your heart's content.



Enjoy the sophisticated performances of the Geisha, the flower of the Japanese parlor

15:30 Experience Aikido at Ishikawa Prefectural Martial Arts Hall

Aikido is a "martial art without fighting." For women who are interested in martial arts but feel it is too difficult for them to try, Aikido is a martial art that does not require physical strength or strength.



Experience "strengthless" Aikido

Day3 : Art Day

10:00 Experience the joy of being part of a work of art at the 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

This art museum, which has a collection of contemporary art, boasts some of the highest visitor numbers in the country. Many of the permanent exhibits are interactive, with the viewer becoming part of the entire work, stimulating the senses.



A contemporary art museum packed with interactive exhibits

12:00 Experience Kaga Yuzen coloring and lacquer painting

Kanazawa has a lot of rain and snow, which is why Kaga Yuzen is so colorful. Visit a workshop, touch the real materials and tools, and try an experience that can only be had here.



Concentrate on the brush and feel like a Kaga Yuzen craftsman

15:00 Experience Kaga embroidery

"Kaga-niji" is a gorgeous and delicate hand-sewn fabric. You can encounter beautiful art made from thread at a workshop in Ishikawa Prefecture that continues this traditional technique.



Experience hand-stitching techniques that have been passed down since the samurai era

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How about a 2-night, 3-day trip plan to experience the artistic culture that still remains in Kanazawa, a castle town built by samurai?

Kanazawa is home to many "arts" and "skills," including Japanese sweets that developed alongside the tea ceremony, which was a hobby of the samurai, geisha who still hone their skills in the teahouse district, and artists and craftsmen who pursue their skills in the world of traditional crafts. By experiencing the arts and skills that suit your tastes, you will be able to fully experience the charm of Kanazawa, where samurai culture remains strong.

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