

An economical bus excursion ticket for the fantastic "Three-Star Road"

★★★ Mitsuboshi Kaidou

Three-Star Route Option Ticket

For adults
(12 year old or older):

¥5,500

For children
(6-11-year old):

¥2,750

Very economical!

One-way

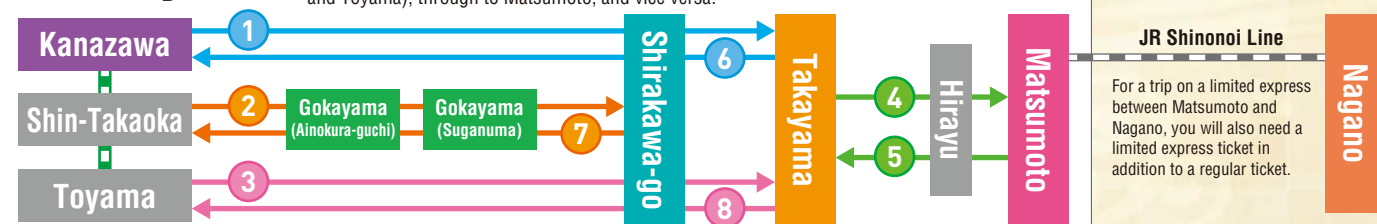
Good for 7 days
and convenient!



★★★ KENROKU-EN Garden, KANAZAWA ★★★★★ GOKAYAMA, NANTO ★★★★★ SHIRAKAWA-GO ★★★★★ TAKAYAMA ★★★★★ MATSUMOTO Castle

Valid boarding sections

This ticket is good for a one-way trip from any one of the following stops (Kanazawa, Shin-Takaoka and Toyama), through to Matsumoto, and vice versa.



[Ticket purchase period]	[Ticket use period]	[Validity period]
July 1 (Mon.), 2019 ~ March 25 (Wed.), 2020	July 1 (Mon.), 2019 ~ March 31 (Tue.), 2020	For 7 days

Target users: Foreign nationals who are bearers of a non-Japanese passport and are short-term visitors to Japan with the status of residence being 90 days or less.
 *Upon purchase of this ticket, your passport will be checked. Once this ticket is purchased, it is non-refundable.
Validity: One-way trip along the "Matsumoto→Hirayu→Takayama→Shirakawa-go→Kanazawa/Shin-Takaoka/Toyama" route or the "Toyama/Shin-Takaoka/Kanazawa→Shirakawa-go→Takayama→Hirayu→Matsumoto" route
 *This is a wide-area ticket good for a one-way trip from any one of the following stops (Kanazawa, Shin-Takaoka and Toyama), through to Matsumoto, and vice versa.
 *This ticket is not valid for a round trip or for turning back halfway.
Tickets available at the following JR EAST ticket counters:
 •JR EAST Travel Service Center (Tōkyō, Shinjuku, Shibuya, Ikebukuro, Ueno, Hamamatsuchō, Haneda Airport International Terminal, Narita Airport Terminal 1, Narita Airport Terminal 2*3)
 •JR Ticket Office (Narita Airport Terminal 1, Narita Airport Terminal 2*3, Matsumoto)
 •Travel Service Center (Nagano, Matsumoto)
 *Prior to boarding, this ticket needs to be exchanged for a valid boarding pass at the bus company's ticket counter.
 *This ticket cannot be reissued even in the event of loss or theft.

For details ▶



Bus timetables (partial)

The following timetables cover some of the main bus schedules. For full details of timetables for all sections and their reservation offices, please access ▶



Hokuriku (Toyama/Shin-Takaoka/Kanazawa) ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Takayama ▶ Matsumoto

1 Kanazawa ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Takayama	2 Shin-Takaoka ▶ Gokayama ▶ Shirakawa-go
Reservation required	No reservation required
First bus	First bus
Last bus	Last bus
Kanazawa Sta. (East Exit) Dep. 8:10 Dep. 16:00	Shin-Takaoka Ekimae Dep. 8:25 Dep. 16:15
Shirakawa-go (Ogimachi) Arr. 9:25 Arr. 17:15	Gokayama (Ainokura-guchi) Arr./Dep. 9:28 Arr./Dep. 17:18
Dep. 9:35 Dep. 17:20	Gokayama (Suganuma) Arr./Dep. 9:43 Arr./Dep. 17:33
Takayama Nohi Bus Center Arr. 10:25 Arr. 18:10	Shirakawa-go (Ogimachi) Arr. 10:20 Arr. 18:10

* Kanazawa ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Takayama: 4 services operated daily
 Kanazawa ▶ Shirakawa-go: 6 services operated daily
 * 5 services operated daily

3 Toyama ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Takayama 4 Takayama ▶ Hirayu ▶ Matsumoto

3 Toyama ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Takayama	4 Takayama ▶ Hirayu ▶ Matsumoto
Reservation required	No reservation required
First bus	First bus
Last bus	Last bus
Toyama Ekimae Dep. 8:50 Dep. 18:55	Takayama Nohi Bus Center Dep. 7:50 Dep. 16:50
Shirakawa-go (Ogimachi) Arr. 10:10 Arr. 20:15	Hirayu Onsen Arr. 8:40 Arr. 17:40
Dep. 10:20 Dep. 20:15	Dep. 8:50 Dep. 17:50
Takayama Nohi Bus Center Arr. 11:10 Arr. 21:05	Matsumoto Bus Terminal Arr. 10:15 Arr. 19:15

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 * For the Shirakawa-go ~ Takayama section (1, 3, 5, 7), 7 bus services, which require no reservation, are operated daily in addition to the above.

To make a reservation for buses that require reservations (1, 3, 5, 7), please call:
 Nohi Bus Reservation Center - Phone: 0577-32-1688 (open year round, 9:00am - 6:00pm); in English only; seats will be available at your bus stop if there are vacancies on the day of use.

Matsumoto ▶ Takayama ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Hokuriku (Kanazawa/Shin-Takaoka/Toyama)

5 Matsumoto ▶ Hirayu ▶ Takayama	6 Takayama ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Kanazawa
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Last bus	Last bus
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Dep. 9:25 Dep. 18:40	Dep. 8:50 Dep. 17:30
Takayama Nohi Bus Center Arr. 10:15 Arr. 19:30	Kanazawa Sta. (East Exit) Arr. 10:05 Arr. 18:45

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 Shirakawa-go ▶ Kanazawa: 6 services operated daily

7 Shirakawa-go ▶ Gokayama ▶ Shin-Takaoka 8 Takayama ▶ Shirakawa-go ▶ Toyama

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No reservation required	Reservation required
First bus	First bus
Last bus	Last bus
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Gokayama (Ainokura-guchi) Arr./Dep. 7:45 Arr./Dep. 16:45	Dep. 9:20 Dep. 16:50
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* 5 services operated daily
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As of May, 2019

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Japan.
Endless
Discovery.

★★★ KENROKU-EN Garden, KANAZAWA

★★★ ZENKOJI Temple, NAGANO

Experience and Feel the Real Japan via
Hokuriku Shinkansen

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Mitsuboshi Kaidou Three-Star Road

"Mitsuboshi Kaidou" or the Three-Star Road area is dotted with some of Japan's finest tourist attractions rated with three stars in the Michelin Green Guide Japan, each radiating historical and cultural brilliance unique to Japan. Also introduced as a three-star attraction is the city of Nagano. It's time to set out on a journey of endless discoveries along the Three-Star Road via the Hokuriku Shinkansen superexpress!



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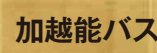
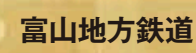
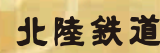
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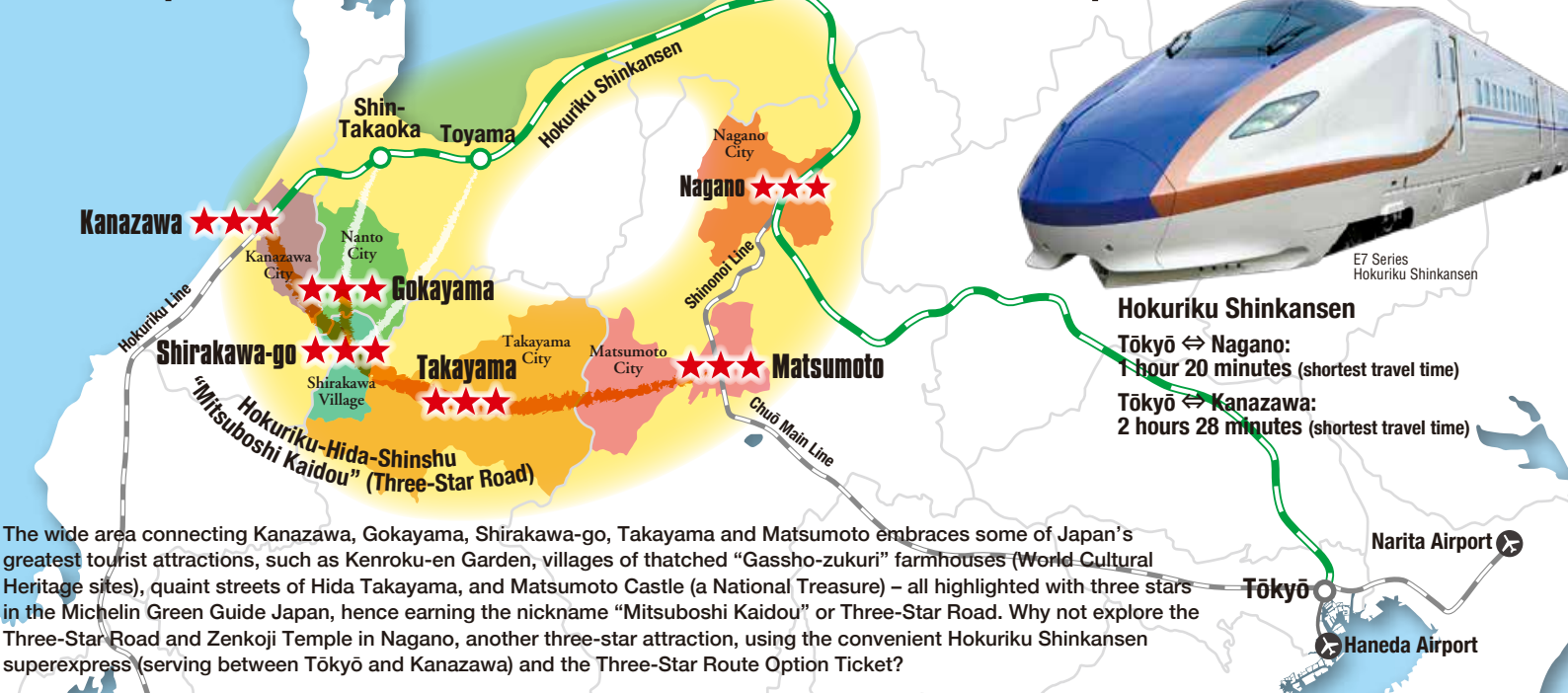
For more information
on the Three-Star Road



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Take Advantage of Hokuriku Shinkansen and Three-Star Route Option Ticket (one-way) to Experience and Feel the Real Japan!



Ticket combination for extended-area tours along the "Three-Star Road" and Nagano via the Hokuriku Shinkansen. (For example)

Tōkyō ◀▶ Nagano ▶▶ Kanazawa



*For details of the Hokuriku Arch Pass, please refer to the Hokuriku Arch Pass website.

Nagano ◀▶ Matsumoto

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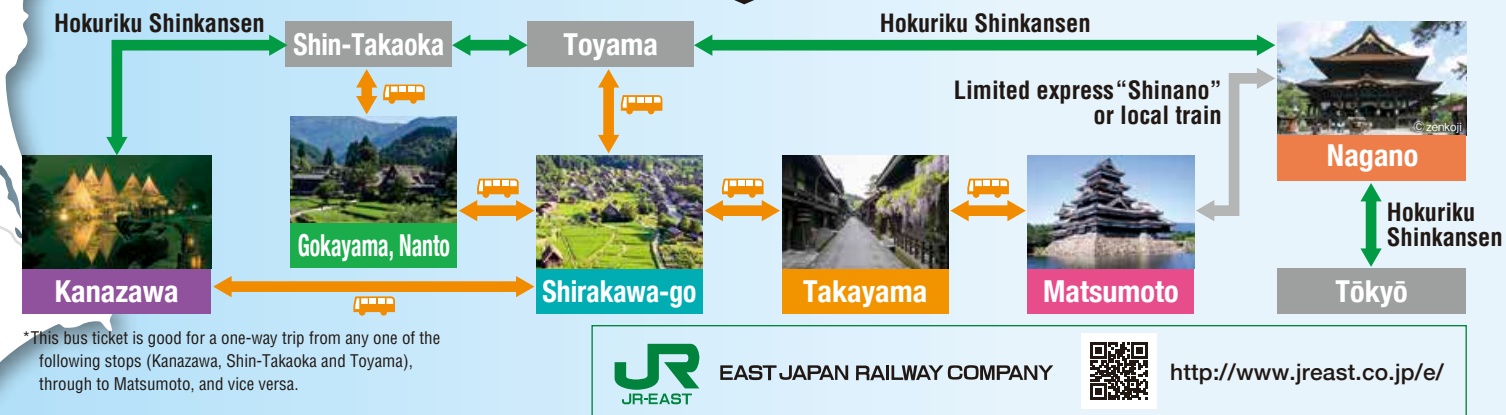
For a trip on a limited express, you will also need a limited express ticket in addition to a regular ticket.

Three-Star Route Option Ticket (one-way)



*For details, please see the reverse side.

Go wider with greater ease. Experience the Real Japan!



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KANAZAWA

Once the castle town for the wealthy Kaga feudal clan, Kanazawa continues to fascinate us while exuding a harmonious blend of bygone-day splendors and modern-day trendiness.



Higashi Chaya District

This time-honored entertainment quarter features quaint rows of "chaya" (teahouses), which is reminiscent of Kanazawa's rich cultural traditions as a prosperous castle town. As night falls and lamps begin to come aglow, even today you can overhear sounds of traditional "shamisen" string instruments and drums from within the "chaya" teahouses.



Kenroku-en Garden

This exquisite, large-scale Japanese garden is renowned for its seasonally changing elements of beauty such as numerous "yukitsuri" (poles from which ropes extend to support branches to keep the tree from breaking under the weight of snow) in winter and the plum garden graced with red and white blossoms in the early spring.

Kanazawa Castle Park

This urban park was created by reforming the Kanazawa Castle site. It contains reconstructed wooden castle structures of historical value such as "Gojucken Nagaya" weapon storehouse/castle wall, "Hishi Yagura" turret and "Hashizume-mon Tsuzuki Yagura" turret.



D.T.Suzuki Museum

This facility was built in honor of Daisetz Suzuki, a native of Kanazawa and a world-famous Buddhist philosopher, to introduce his thoughts and achievements. The place, where visitors can contemplate on their own, was designed by Mr. Yoshio Taniguchi, an architect of international fame.



21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa

Created under the architectural concept "an urban park-like art museum open to the public," this museum is designed to be a "venue for casual encounters" allowing anyone to drop by when they feel like it.



NAGANO

The city of Nagano is packed with attractions that allow visitors to experience Japanese cultural heritage. Zenkoji Temple's main hall is designated a National Treasure, the Matsushiro district offering a variety of Japanese cultural experiences, and Togakushi which is a 2000-year-old religious center of mountain asceticism.

Zenkoji Temple

Reconstructed in 1707, the main hall of this highly revered temple is the fourth largest wooden structure in Japan and is designated a National Treasure.



Shojin Ryori (Buddhist vegetarian cuisine)

Zenkoji Temple contains a total of 39 lodging facilities called "shukubo" each belonging to a priest-operated sub-temple. Shukubo offer a variety of elaborate Japanese dishes, notably "shojin ryori" or Buddhist vegetarian cuisine.



Strolling around Togakushi Shrine Precinct

Built at the foot of sacred Mt. Togakushi, this Shinto shrine complex boasts a history stretching over 2000 years. The two-kilometer-long main approach leading to the Inner Shrine is flanked with huge 400-year-old cedar trees.

Togakushi-School Ninjutsu Experience

The Togakushi-school of "ninjutsu" (ninja art) has a history close to 800 years old. Attractions such as Togakushi Folklore Museum, Togakushi-School Nimpo Museum, Ninja Karakuri Yashiki (ninja house) and the Kids' Ninja Village allow visitors to experience some of the Togakushi-School ninjutsu traditions.



Matsushiro

The Matsushiro district pleases visitors with various programs to experience Japanese cultural traditions, such as the fan-throwing game, "zazen" meditation, wearing kimono or samurai armor, ancient martial arts, and rickshaw ride.

GOKAYAMA, NANTO

Comprised of hamlets with traditional farmhouses of the thatched "Gassho-zukuri" style, Gokayama retains the genuine rural landscape of Japan. Highly hospitable local folks always extend a hearty welcome to visitors.

"Kokiriko" Dancing

"Kokiriko-bushi," handed down in the Gokayama district that contains a village of "Gassho-zukuri"-style farmhouses (a World Cultural Heritage site), is believed to be the oldest folk song in Japan. Dancers in ancient costumes dance to the song elegantly and in well-defined movements while sounding the percussion-type "sasara" bamboo whisk instrument. This performance enchants everyone who sees it.



Johana Hikiyama Float Festival, UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage

Dedicated to the deities of Johana Shinmeigu Shrine, this float parade festival adds springtime splendors to the town of Johana which is also known as the Little Kyoto of Etchu (ancient provincial name of Toyama).



Zuisenji Temple

Zuisenji Temple boasts the largest Buddhist temple structure in the Hokuriku region. It is also famous as the birthplace of marvelous Inami wood-carving.



SHIRAKAWA-GO

Nestling in a nature-rich mountain nook, the peaceful hamlet of Shirakawa-go (in Shirakawa Village) is famous for its "Gassho-zukuri"-style farmhouses and is collectively registered as a World Cultural Heritage site. It exudes the genuine rural atmosphere of Japan.



Wada House (National Important Cultural Property)

This impressive "Gassho-zukuri" farmhouse is said to date back to the mid-Edo Period (approx. 300 years ago). The Wadas are a long-standing family of honorable lineage who had long served as the guardhouse administrator.

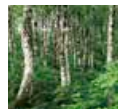
Gassho-zukuri Minkaen

This outdoor museum allows visitors to experience the traditional lifestyle of Shirakawa-go. A total of 25 "Gassho-zukuri" farmhouses are open to visitors, which include restaurants, resting places, teahouses and an exhibition hall featuring traditional folk articles.



Oshirakawa Park, Hakusan National Park

The centerpiece of this virgin forest is the pristine Lake Hakusui of emerald-green water, surrounded by huge beech and Mongolian oak trees. Another attraction is the 72-meter-high Hakusui Waterfall. Together they all form a magnificent slice of nature.



TAKAYAMA

Takayama City is proud of its three quaint streets of old: the Kamimachi district (including the former castle town center and merchant town) and the Shimomachi district, collectively rated with Three Stars. Also enjoy a fantastic ropeway ride above the clouds as well as the prized Hida beef taste treat.

Shin-Hotaka Ropeway

Enjoy a fantastic ropeway trip above the clouds on a two-story gondola, the only one of its kind in Japan. At an elevation of 2,156 meters, you can feast your eyes with grand views of nature offering breathtaking seasonal beauty.



Miyagawa Morning Market

There are two morning markets, one at the Jinya-mae plaza and the other along the Miyagawa River. You can buy fresh vegetables, fruit and flowers of the season, and much more. Friendly encounters with local vendors who speak the pure Takayama dialect enhance the pleasure of shopping.



Hida Beef

Japanese Black cattle fattened for more than 14 months within Gifu Prefecture and their beef graded 5, 4, or 3 deserve the appellation "Hida Beef." Hida Beef is truly exquisite in both quality and taste.



MATSUMOTO

Matsumoto City is proud of Matsumoto Castle (a National Treasure) and is the gateway to Kamikochi renowned for its alpine scenic splendors. Matsumoto is rich in seasonal natural attractions as well as historical and cultural attractions. Numerous welling springs that can be found around the town enhance the atmosphere.

Kamikochi

Located at the upper reaches of the Azusa River at 1,500 meters above sea level, Kamikochi is one of the superior alpine scenic delights in Japan. Feast your eyes with the seasonally changing beauty of nature.



Matsumoto Castle, a National Treasure

Weathering over four centuries, its five-tiered, six-story castle tower, built in the late Warring-States-Period (1593 ~ 1594), soars high along with five turrets. The castle as a whole exemplifies Japan's superb castle-building technology of those early days.

Nakamachi Street

This shopping street retains numerous traditional Japanese warehouse structures characterized by white walls crisscrossed by raised black tiles. Together they exude a castle town-like atmosphere. Enjoy a stroll along this quaint street dotted with folk craft as well as fashionable craft shops.



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