

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

Good for 7 days
and convenient!

Very economical!



★★★ KENROKU-EN Garden, KANAZAWA



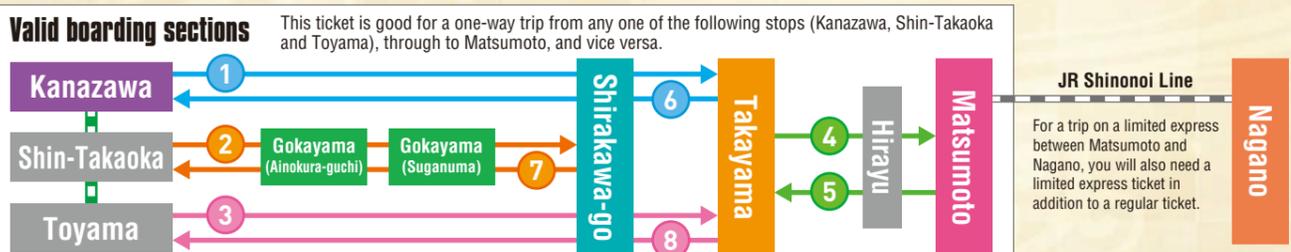
★★★ ZENKOJI Temple, NAGANO

Experience and Feel the Real Japan via
Hokuriku Shinkansen



★★★ 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!



[Ticket purchase period]
July 1 (Mon.), 2019 ~ March 25 (Wed.), 2020

[Ticket use period]
July 1 (Mon.), 2019 ~ March 31 (Tue.), 2020

[Validity period]
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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 ▶

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To make a reservation for buses that require reservations (1, 2, 3, 4), 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.

As of May, 2019

*The above photos and route maps are only for the sake of general image.



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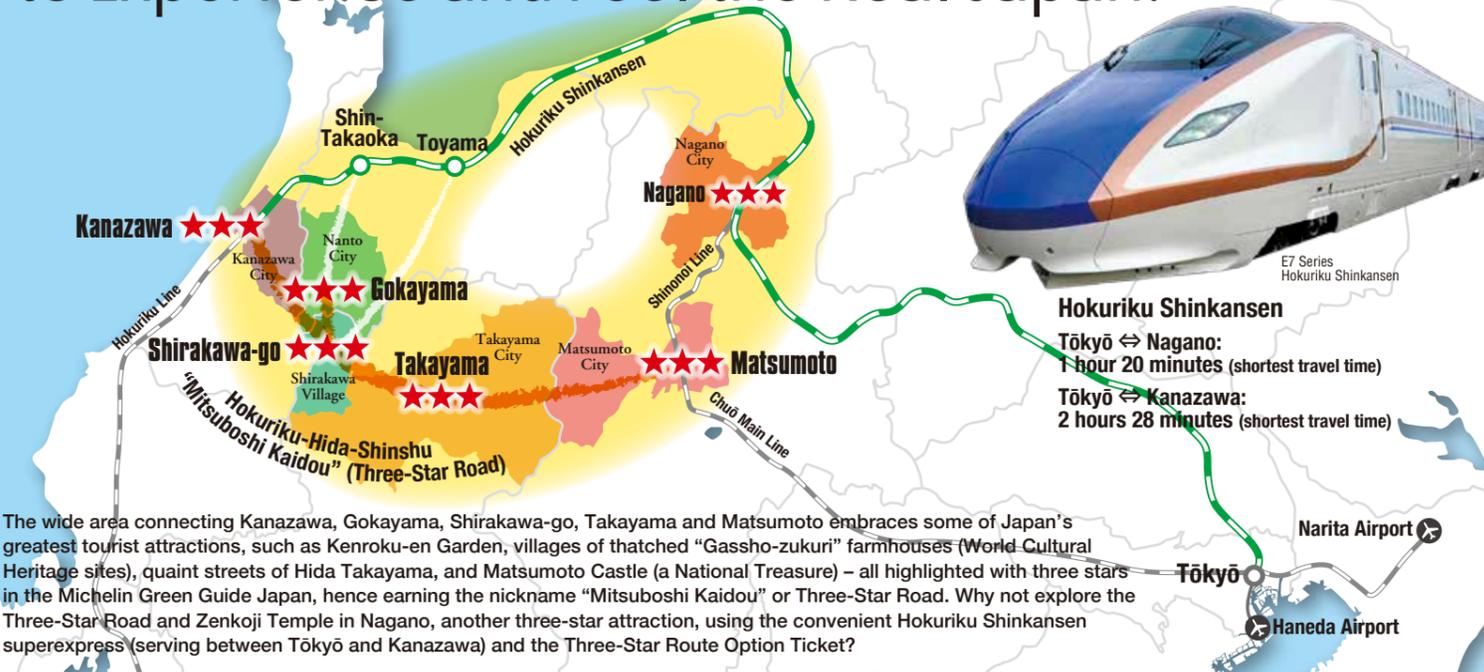


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For more information on the Three-Star Road

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)

Tokyo ↔ Nagano ↔ Kanazawa

Hokuriku Arch Pass

Nagano ↔ Matsumoto

Three-Star Route Option Ticket (one-way)

JR EAST tickets

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

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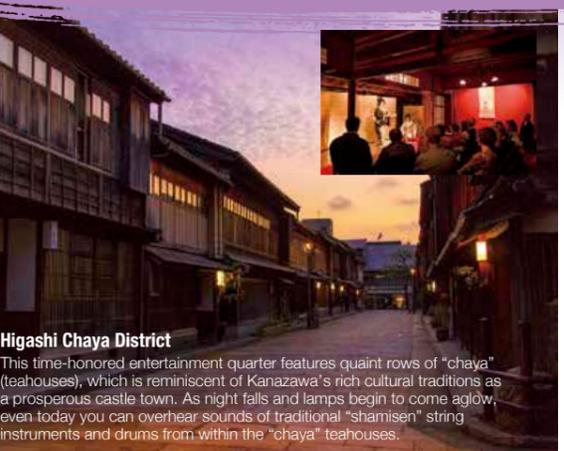
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Go wider with greater ease. Experience the Real Japan!



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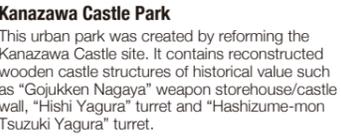
Once the castle town for the wealthy Kaga feudal clan, Kanazawa continues to fascinate us while exuding a harmonious blend of bygone-day splendors and modern-day trendiness.



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 "Gojukkenn 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 Daisetsu 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.

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.



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.



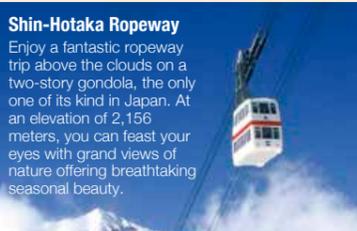
Wada House (National Important Cultural Property)
This impressive "Gassho-zukuri" farmhouse is said to date back to the mid-Edo Period (approx. 300 years ago). The Wadas are a long-standing family of honorable lineage who had long served as the guardhouse administrator.



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.



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.



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.

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