

6 Kanazawa Castle Park (Old 6th Infantry Brigade Headquarters)

A former army facility with great national value in the Kanazawa Castle grounds



Old 6th Infantry Brigade Headquarters
Location : Maru-no-uchi 1-1
Year of completion : 1898

This wooden building was constructed as a government office for the 6th Infantry Brigade Headquarters. It is a symmetrical one-story building with an entrance in the center. In addition to the brigade commander's office, the interior is divided into nine rooms consisting of administrative offices and conference rooms, with other facilities including latrines and a boiler room once connected by a roofed passageway.

The foundation is made of brick, with the exterior walls finished with mortar and fitted with sash windows. When Kanazawa University was located in the Kanazawa Castle grounds, the building was used as an educational facility, but is now used as a park management site.



7 Kanazawa Castle Park (Old Army Ammunition Storage Tunnel)



Old Army Ammunition Storage Tunnel
Location : Maru-no-uchi 1-1
Year of completion : unknown

The only remaining brick structure in the Kanazawa Castle grounds

This ammunition storage tunnel was built using remains from the north wall of Inui-yagura Tower, and employs the British method of alternating long and short rows of bricks. The ammunition storage area, installed near the tunnel's main entrance, was required to have solid brick walls due to concerns about possible explosions. It is thought that this site in the castle grounds was chosen to reduce impact on the city.

《Kanazawa Castle Park》
Open Hours : Mar.1-Oct.15 7am-6pm; Oct.16-Feb.end 8am-5pm
Fee : Free (⑥ and ⑦ cannot be visited inside)

8 Kanazawa Folklore Museum (Former Ishikawa Prefecture Second Junior High School)

A modern construction nicknamed the "Three-Spire School Building"



Former Ishikawa Prefecture Second Junior High School
Location : Tobiume-cho 3-31
Year of completion : 1899
Designed by : Kokichi Yamaguchi (Architect from Ishikawa Prefecture)

This Western-style wooden building was originally constructed as the Second Junior High School. It is now used as the Kanazawa Folklore Museum, which introduces seasonal items unique to the area, in addition to daily necessities and production tools from the past.

The overall appearance of the building is Western in design, with spires on the inside of both wings, which together with the triangular shape of the roof in the center is said to have led to its nickname, the "Three-Spire School Building". The interior of the building also retains its original form, making it a valuable glimpse into the architecture of school buildings of the time.



Carriage porch

《Kanazawa Folklore Museum》
Open Hours : 9:30am-4:30pm (Closed at 5pm).
Holidays : Yearend and New Year, during exhibition preparation periods.
Fee : General Admission ¥310; 65 years or older ¥210; High School Students or under: Free

Retro Architecture Tour ~ A Guide Map to Modern Architecture ~

Walking route to experience the Meiji and Taisho periods in Kanazawa

- ① National Crafts Museum (1minutes by foot)
- ② Ishikawa Red Brick Museum (4minutes by foot)
- ③ Pref.Museum of Art Hirosaka Annex (6minutes by foot)
- ④ Shiinoki Cultural Complex, Ishikawa Prefecture (4minutes by foot)
- ⑤ The Fourth High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange, Ishikawa (10minutes by foot)
- ⑥ Kanazawa Castle Park (Old 6th Infantry Brigade Headquarters) (4minutes by foot)
- ⑦ Kanazawa Castle Park (Old Army Ammunition Storage Tunnel) (20minutes by foot)
- ⑧ Kanazawa Folklore Museum

← Kanazawa Station
Kanazawa Central Tourist Information Center
Machi-nori Port <https://www.machi-nori.jp/>



1 National Crafts Museum (Old 9th Division Command Headquarters, Old Army Generals Club)

One of the few existing former army facilities in Japan built in the Meiji era (1868-1912)

Registered Tangible Cultural Properties



Old 9th Division Command Headquarters

Location : Dewa-machi 3-2
Year of completion : 1898

The Old 9th Division Command Headquarters was constructed at the Ninomaru (second enclosure) of Kanazawa Castle. Following World War II, it was transferred to a new location and served as the prefectural office. In 2020, the building was moved to its current site and used as the National Crafts Museum, the only national museum in Japan devoted to traditional crafts.

The building's symmetrical two-story wooden exterior is typical of government buildings of the time. Interior features representative of Western-style architecture during the Meiji era including the stately zelkova wood staircase and plaster reliefs on the ceiling have been maintained or restored, allowing visitors to feel the atmosphere of the time.



Zelkova wood staircase

Registered Tangible Cultural Properties



Old Army Generals Club

Location : Dewa-machi 3-2
Year of completion : 1909

This building was constructed next to the current Prefectural Noh Theater as a meeting place for army officers. After the war, it was used as the prefectural office, and later moved to its current location along with the Old 9th Division Command Headquarters to be used as the National Crafts Museum.

In contrast to the old 9th Division Command Headquarters that sits beside it, the Army Generals Club features a gorgeous exterior with elaborate baroque-style decorations. The highlights of the interior include the latticed ceiling and chandeliers in the multipurpose room on the second floor, which recreate the atmosphere of the Meiji era.



Latticed ceiling in the multipurpose room on the second floor

(National Crafts Museum) Open Hours : 9:30am-5pm (Closed at 5:30pm). Holidays : Every Monday (Museum open on national holidays but closed the following weekday). Yearend and New Year, during exhibition preparation periods. Fee : Depends on exhibition

2 Ishikawa Red Brick Museum (Old Kanazawa Army Armories)

Three red-brick warehouses built between the Meiji and Taisho era (1912-1926)

Important Cultural Properties



Old Kanazawa Army Armories

Location : Dewa-machi 3-1
Year of completion : 1909[Building3], 1913[Building2], 1914[Building1]

These three red-brick buildings were originally built as armories for the Imperial Japanese Army. Today, Building 1 and 2 are used as the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History, with Building 3 serving as the Kaga Honda Museum which introduces samurai culture. Collectively, the buildings are known as the Ishikawa Red Brick Museum. Each are two-storied, 85 to 90 meters in length, and feature neat, symmetrical designs. Between Building 1 and 2 is a rest space where visitors can relax while looking at the beautiful red brick walls.



Lounge

(Pref. Museum of History) Open Hours : 9am-4:30pm (Closed at 5pm). Holidays : Yearend and New Year, during exhibition preparation periods. Fee : General Admission ¥300; University Students ¥240; High School Students or under: Free
(Kaga-Honda Museum) Open Hours : 9am-4:30pm (Closed at 5pm). Holidays : Free from March-November, Yearend and New Year, Every Tuesday during December-February, during exhibition preparation periods. Fee : General Admission ¥400; University Students ¥300; High School Students or under: Free

3 Pref.Museum of Art Hirosaka Annex (Old 9th Division Commander's Official Residence)

Former army division commander's residence with a distinctive triangular gable

Registered Tangible Cultural Properties



Old 9th Division Commander's Official Residence

Location : Dewa-machi 1-1
Year of completion : 1922

This building was originally constructed as the official residence of the 9th Division's commander. Following the war, it was used for various purposes including the U.S. military officer's official residence, the Kanazawa Family Court and the Ishikawa Prefectural Children's Center. Since 2008, the building has been used as the Hirosaka Annex of the Ishikawa Prefectural Art Museum and open to the public for cultural activities such as galleries and tea ceremonies. It also serves as a guidance facility for the adjacent Ishikawa Cultural Properties Conservation Studio.

The steeply pitched tiled roof and the large triangular gable overhanging the front of the building are particularly striking, along with the plastered walls, coffered ceiling and mantelpiece that retain the original interior design.



Multipurpose room

(Pref.Museum of Art Hirosaka Annex) Open Hours : 9:30am-4:30pm (Closed at 5pm). Holidays : Yearend and New Year, extra holidays. May be temporarily closed over the New Year's holiday period. Fee : Free

4 Shiinoki Cultural Complex, Ishikawa Prefecture (Former Ishikawa Prefectural Office)

The oldest existing prefectural government building with a reinforced concrete structure

Registered Tangible Cultural Properties

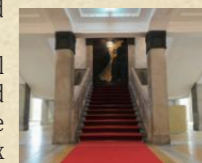


Former Ishikawa Prefectural Office

Location : Hirosaka 2-1-1 Year of completion : 1924
Designed by : Kenkichi Yabashi
(Architect belonging to the former Ministry of Finance)

The former Ishikawa Prefectural Office, now used as the Shiinoki Cultural Complex, features a tourist information desk, restaurant and conference room. It was the first building in Ishikawa Prefecture to be built in full-scale reinforced concrete. The building's exterior walls are covered with scratch tiles, which were the latest technology at the time, with geometric decorations placed in key areas to create a refined and tranquil design.

The interior still retains its grandeur as the former prefectural office, such as the marble-clad central staircase that has remained unchanged since its construction. The glass-walled area on the Kanazawa Castle side has become an area for the public to relax and enjoy the view of the stone walls and trees of Kanazawa Castle.



The central staircase

(Shiinoki Cultural Complex, Ishikawa Prefecture) Open Hours : 9am-10pm Holidays : Yearend and New Year. Fee : Free Admission *However, separate charges are required in order to participate or watch events held at the Complex.

5 The Fourth High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange, Ishikawa (Former Fourth High School Main Building)

A symbol of Kanazawa's academic prowess that produced many young talents

Important Cultural Properties



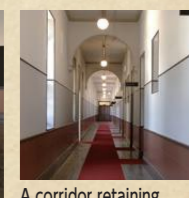
Former Fourth High School Main Building

Location : Hirosaka 2-2-5
Year of completion : 1891 Designed by : Hanroku Yamaguchi
(Architect belonging to the former Accounting Bureau of the Ministry of Education)

Originally the main building of the former Fourth High School, this red brick building has served as Kanazawa University and the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History since its closure. It currently houses the Fourth High School Memorial Museum, along with the Ishikawa Museum of Modern Literature, which introduces literary figures related to Ishikawa Prefecture. This treasured building still retains its original appearance, layout and structure, providing a clear window into the past.



A restored classroom



A corridor retaining the feel of the Meiji era

(The Fourth High School Memorial Museum of Cultural Exchange, Ishikawa) Open Hours : The Fourth High School Memorial Museum 9am-9pm (Exhibition rooms open until 5pm), Ishikawa Museum of Modern Literature 9am-5pm (Admission until 4:30pm). Holidays : Yearend and New Year. Fee : Free. Ishikawa Modern Literature Museum General Admission ¥370; University Students ¥290; Free for the high school students and below