

# Dive into Tradition: Join the Locals for Kaga City's Vibrant Festivals

Kaga City, located in the heart of Japan, is a place where culture and tradition are truly celebrated! Take part in these annual events, which are more than just festivals —they're a testament to the community's deep-rooted traditions and unwavering spirit. Prepare to be captivated by the graceful movements of traditional dances, the sheer beauty of intricately designed floats, and the unparalleled warmth of local hospitality. Come and experience the magic of Kaga City!

See the illustrated map on the double-page spread for festival locations mark with numbers 1 to 6.

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April 12 (Sat) – April 13 (Sun)

## ① Sakura Matsuri Festival [Daishoji]

Kaga Shinmei-gu Shrine, also called the Yamashita Shrine, is known locally for hosting the Sakura Matsuri Festival every April. This festival features portable “mikoshi” shrines and “shishimai” lion dances that parade down the streets.



June 4 (Wed) – June 5 (Thu)

## ② Shobu-yu Matsuri Festival [Yamanaka/Yamashiro/Katayamaz]

On June 4, iris leaves (shobu) are thrown into the town's hot springs as a prayer for good health. The highlight of the festival is the impressive night parade, where portable shrines are loaded with straw bags containing iris leaves.



August 2 (Sat) – August 3 (Sun)

## ③ Yamashiro Daidengaku Festival [Yamashiro]

Dengaku is a traditional ritual music and dance performance originating 800-1200 years ago. The festival features local performers and famous actors, along with mystical flute music, bonfires, and lively dancing.



Last weekend of August

## ④ Guzu-yaki Matsuri Festival [Iburihashi]

This dynamic festival, marking the end of summer, is largely associated with a giant papier-mâché sculpture of a “guzu” fish. Originating around 200 years ago, people carry the “guzu” through the streets before burning it at Furihashi Shrine.



Sept 13 (Sat) – Sept 14 (Sun)

## ⑤ Juman-goku Matsuri Festival [Daishoji]

This large annual festival celebrates the rich culture that has developed in Kaga City. Locals dressed in kimonos perform a folk dance in circles while a portable “mikoshi” shrine adorned with lanterns parades through the town, accompanied by music.



At the end of September

## ⑥ Koi-Koi Matsuri Festival [Yamanaka]

Held each September, the Koi-Koi Matsuri is Yamanaka Onsen's largest festival. It marks the beginning of autumn and attracts visitors for two days of excitement. The parade featuring a large “shishimai” lion is not to be missed.



Stretching from the Sea of Japan's curving coastline up into rugged, mountainous terrain, impossibly picturesque Kaga City enjoys the best of all worlds. Flourishes of the area's rich historical, cultural and artistic heritage are everywhere to be seen. From relaxing hot springs and magnificent vistas, to natural wonders and the freshest seafood around, Kaga offers it all.

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Shibayama Slow

Kaga City is a renowned hot spring town in Ishikawa Prefecture and is only 18 minutes away from Kanazawa by Shinkansen. Surrounded by the sea and mountains, the city offers a variety of fun activities, making it the perfect stop to relax and soak in a hot spring before heading to Osaka or Kyoto. Why not hop on the Shinkansen and discover what Kaga has to offer?

## Kayaking and SUP

**A Water Sports on the Lake** Family-friendly and beginner-friendly-enjoy fun and relaxing kayaking and SUP on Lake Shibayama.

Located in Katayamazuru Onsen, one of the city's three hot spring districts, Lake Shibayama offers an impressive view of the Hakusan mountain range and is the perfect spot for water sports, which can be enjoyed by adults as well as children aged 5 and older. An experienced instructor will guide you through everything, from warming up to floating on the water. Don't forget to indulge in delicious drinks and cakes at Shibayama Slow Café afterwards.



**Shibayama Slow**  
Otsu-63, Katayamazuru Onsen,  
Kaga City  
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Open: 9:00 - 19:00  
<https://booking.shibayama-slow.com/>  
Enquiry/Booking: info@shibayama-slow.com



## Family-Friendly Activities



**C Fruit Picking**  
A facility with vast orchards offering year-round fruit-picking. Enjoy juicy fruits, such as strawberries and grapes, picked fresh on the spot.

**Kaga Fruit Land**  
1-59-1, Yutakamachi,  
Kaga City  
TEL: 0761-72-1800



**D Rabbit Village**  
If you are a fan of furry friends, come and hang out with free-roaming rabbits that are accustomed to human interaction.

**Tsukiusagi-no Sato**  
43-41, Nagaimachi,  
Kaga City  
TEL: 0761-73-8116



**F Sunflower Maze**  
With 50,000 sunflowers in full bloom by the end of July, Tsuchiyama Vineyard becomes one of the most picturesque locations in the city.

**Tsuchiyama Vineyard**  
Ro-4, Yutakamachi,  
Kaga City  
TEL: 0761-72-4617



**E August Fireworks**  
Fireworks on Lake Shibayama are held every day in August. The experience is even more magical when viewed from a ryokan, while soaking in a hot spring.

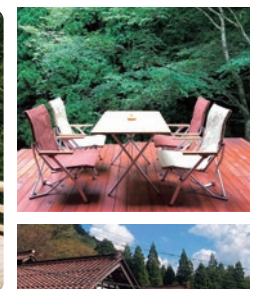


## e-Bike Tour

**B Satoyama Cycle Journey**

A unique and exciting e-bike ride through the distinctive mountainous landscapes of Kaga.

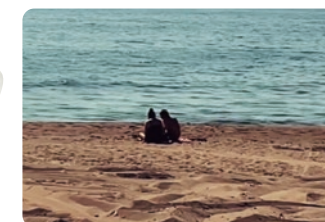
Embark on an exciting e-biking tour to explore Kaga's countryside, offering breathtaking views of the mountains. Certified by the Japan Cycling Guide Association, Mr. Inade from Kominka Marebito will guide you on a journey through various parts of Kaga, from the mountains to the lake. We recommend taking a lunch or tea break at Kominka Marebito's cafe or enjoying a relaxing hot spring soak after your outdoor adventure. While Mr. Inade will guide the tour in Japanese, he will also use a translation app to communicate in other languages.



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## What's Not To Be Missed



**G Beaches**  
Kaga City has three beaches where you can enjoy swimming during the designated period in July and August. Visit Kurosaki, known as a hidden beach, Katano with the pine forest, or Hashitate near Cape Amagozen.



**H Yamanaka Geigi**  
In Kaga City, geishas are known as "geigi". These performers inherit the tradition in Yamanaka Onsen. Watch them perform at the Yamanaka-za Theatre on Sat, Sun, and public holidays.

**Yamanaka-za Theatre**  
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