Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History and the Three Red Brick Buildings

The three red brick buildings of the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History were former military armories and were later used by the Kanazawa College of Art after the war. In 1986, it was opened as the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History when the Ishikawa Prefectural Folklore Museum (Hirosaka, Kanazawa) moved to the three red brick buildings of Hansha-no-Mori Park (Dewamachi, Kanazawa).

During the museum reconversion, the buildings' exteriors were restored to their original state and the interiors were renovated to fit the cultural asset value with the exhibitions on display. The conservation of the buildings and museum reconversion have been highly valued, earning the status of being an Important Cultural Property in 1990 and receiving the Architectural Institute of Japan Prize in the following year.

The museum now carries out various initiatives as a facility to protect the history and culture of Ishikawa and also as a dedicated centre for the lifelong study of the people of the prefecture.

1909 Former Kanazawa Military Armoury Warehouse 5 (Building 3).
1913 Former Kanazawa Military Armoury Warehouse 6 (Building 2).
1914 Former Kanazawa Military Armoury Warehouse 7 (Building 1).
1968 Ishikawa Prefectural Folklore Museum (formerly the Fourth High School Building) opens.
1985 Both buildings move to the current location and open as the Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of History.
1990 The three red brick buildings listed as Important Cultural Properties.
1994 Six teachers from the National Museum in Korea are hired.
2015 The three red brick buildings are nicknamed as The Ishikawa Red Brick Museum. The museum reopens.

Facilities

Building 1: History Discovery Hall
1) Exhibition Room 1
2) Exhibition Room 2
3) History and folk traditions from ancient times to the modern era
4) Special Exhibition Room Project Exhibition Room

Building 2: Hands-on Interaction Hall
1) General Information
2) Entrance Hall
3) Lobby
4) Workshop Room
5) Reference Area
6) Hands-on History Events

Building 3: Kaga-Honda Museum
1) Information Tickets
2) Entrance Hall
3) Lobby
4) Exhibition Room 1
5) Exhibition Room 2

Entry & Access

Open
09:00 - 17:00 (Last entry 16:30)

 Holidays
Year-end, New Year, exhibition renewal periods

Admission
General ¥300 (¥240)
University students ¥240 (¥190)
High school students and younger ¥250

* Prices marked in brackets are for groups of 20 or more.
Combined ticket for the Kaga-Honda Museum (permanent collections only)
General ¥500
University students ¥400

Access

Bus Hokutetsu Bus
- Alright at Dewamachi bus stop – 5 minute walk
- Alright at Hirosaka 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art – 8 minute walk
- Alright at Ishikawa Prefectural Museum of Art/Saisonoku – 2 minute walk

Taxi
- 10-15 minutes from JR Kanazawa Station

Car
- 20-30 minutes from Hokuriku Expressway Kanazawa-nishi IC / Morimoto IC
Building 1 | History Discovery Hall

Exhibition Room 1
Abundant Nature and Livelihoods
- Life of the Jomon People in the Forests and by the Sea
- Formation of a Rico Painting and Agrarian Society

People Going Back and Forth Across the Japan Sea
- Japan Sea Exchanges and East Asia
- Formation of the Noto and Kaga Provinces

Samurai and Ikki Uprisings
- Enter the World of the Samurai
- The World of Faith
- Era of Ikki Uprisings

Politics and Culture of the Kaga Domain
- Formation of the Kaga Domain
- Development of the Kaga Domain Administration
- The Kaga Domain at the End of the Edo Period

Exhibition Room 2
The Modern State and Ishikawa Prefecture
- Samurai of the Modern Age
- Era of the Shōgun
- Post-World War II
- The Days of Restoration and Growth

Kaga and Noto Festivals
- Banquets for Gods and the People
- World of Festive Elegance
- Festive Theatre

Special Exhibition Room
Various fascinating exhibitions ranging from independent to large scale displays are held here.

Project Exhibition Room
This room is used for themed special exhibitions displaying items, collections and permanent collections owned by the museum that are changed periodically.

Building 2 | Hands-on Interaction Hall

Entrance Hall
General Information & Tickets
- Museum Shop
- 100 Years Gallery of the Building
- Ishikawa History and Sightseeing Map
- Model of the Kenrokuen Area
- Panorama of Ishikawa
- Face in History Photo Zone

Lobby
- Museum Theatre
- Gallery

Hands-on History & Events
Historic garment dressing sessions and hands-on sessions for old classrooms and mountain family life are held here. A hands-on history space for pre-school children is also available.

Workshop Room
Various workshops are held and the room can also be used for lectures and seminars.

Reference Area
Materials owned by the museum and books about the museum available for public use.