

# BLACK DIAMOND INVITES YOU TO EXPLORE THREE-STAR ROAD

Located in the Japan Alps, the Three-star Road connects Kanazawa, Gokayama, Shirakawa-go, Takayama and Matsumoto, offering plenty of charming places that showcase the real Japan.




## GETTING THERE

**BY PLANE**  
International: UK - Tokyo 11hrs

**BY TRAIN FROM TOKYO**  
**START YOUR ADVENTURE**  
Tokyo-Toyama 2hrs 10 | Tokyo-Kanazawa 2hrs 30  
Tokyo-Matsumoto 2hrs 40 | Tokyo-Shin Takaoka 2hrs 50



**Three-star Route Option Ticket**  
Explore with an economical bus excursion hop-on, hop-off [Three-star Route Option Ticket](#) (one-way) which allows visitors to navigate themselves around the area quickly and easily.  
Travel from: Toyama / Shin-Takaoka / Kanazawa > Shirakawa-go > Takayama > Hirayu > Matsumoto (or vice versa)

**GETTING AROUND**

## TRAVEL INFORMATION

**Injections**  
Routine

**Currency**  
Japanese Yen

**Language**  
Japanese

**STAY WARM & DRY**  
July - September  
These are the best months to make the most of warm-weather activities, including hiking and cycling in and around the Japan Alps.

**WHEN TO GO**

**FOR SNOW ENTHUSIASTS**  
December - March  
For guaranteed snow and to ski the infamous backcountry Japow.

## HOLIDAY EXPERIENCES

**Nature & Outdoors**

**Relaxation & Wellbeing**

**Culture & Heritage**

**Arts & Crafts**

**TOP THINGS TO DO**

**THE GREAT OUTDOORS**

- Mountain hiking trails in Kamikochi, Matsumoto City
- Skiing in Nagano
- Shin-Hotaka Ropeway, Takayama
- Utsukushigahara Highlands, Matsumoto City

**HISTORICAL LANDMARKS**

- Kanazawa Castle Park
- Higashi Chaya District, Kanazawa
- Zenkoji Takayama Temple,
- Takayama Matsumoto Castle

**ARTS & CRAFTS**

- 21st Century Museum of Contemporary Art, Kanazawa
- Ichii itto bori (wood carvings) of Takayama
- Matsumoto City Museum of Art
- Japanese paper making at Washi Taiken-Kan, Gokayama

**WHAT TO EAT**



- Goheimochi (skewered sweet rice cakes)
- Soba (buckwheat noodles)
- Hida Beef

**WHERE TO STAY**




**RYOKAN**  
Traditional Japanese-style inns

**ONSEN RESORTS**  
Traditional inn with hot springs

**MINSHUKU**  
Japanese home-style bed & breakfast

**HOTELS**  
Western-style hotels, located conveniently

**NOT TO BE MISSED**



- UNESCO World Heritage sites**  
Declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1995, Shirakawa-go and Gokayama are famous traditional gassho-zukuri farmhouses, some over 250-years old.  
Shirakawa-go village located in Gifu prefecture, 45 minutes from Takayama  
Gokayama village located in Nanto City, less than 1hr from Kanazawa

**AND FINALLY, HERE'S A FUN FACT!**



World renowned artist **Yayoi Kusama** was born in Matsumoto - get a taste for her work at the **Matsumoto City Museum of Art**.

WANT TO KNOW MORE? ★★★ [www.mitsuboshi-kaidou.com](http://www.mitsuboshi-kaidou.com)

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