

~Tattoo-Friendly Onsens and Spacious Ryokans~

From Rugby World Cup Matches to Kinosaki Onsen



The ninth Rugby World Cup is coming to Japan! Two of the venues for the matches are conveniently located in the Kansai Region, the cultural center and historical heart of Japan. The seven matches being held in the Kansai are not only a great opportunity to watch the beloved sport, but to explore this region, including a more off-the-beaten path location just 2 1/2 hours away: Kinosaki Onsen.

Kinosaki Onsen is a town located in the northern part of Hyogo Prefecture, and is becoming more and more well-known both inside and outside of Japan! In Kinosaki Onsen, one can stay in a traditional ryokan and visit the seven public hot spring baths. Many tourists will wear yukata and stroll along the willow and cherry blossom-lined river, visiting interesting shops and delicious cafes along the way. It is a town filled with the tradition and culture of old Japan.

Kinosaki Onsen prides itself on its ryokans that are full of history, relaxation, and hospitality. A ryokan's traditional tatami rooms are known for being more spacious than your typical hotel or Airbnb, and often include luxurious meals known as kaiseki-ryori. Come relax and get away from the busy cities and enjoy this quiet, charming town.

If you are one of the many visitors to Japan with tattoos, you likely know of typical rules regarding tattoos in the onsen and the various methods used to cover them up. Kinosaki Onsen, however, allows tattoos of all shapes, sizes, and colors in all seven public baths! Come as you are to Kinosaki Onsen to forget about all of your worries and relax in the soothing bath waters.



In between RWC matches (in Osaka and Kobe), Kinosaki Onsen is a 2 1/2-hour train or bus ride away. JR Limited Express trains are convenient for access from both JR Osaka and Sannomiya (Kobe) stations, and are covered by the Japan Rail Pass. There is also a highway bus that offers quick, safe, and affordable travel between both Osaka & Kinosaki and Kobe & Kinosaki. Kinosaki Onsen Tourist Information SOZORO's website has more information [here](#). Enjoy Kinosaki Onsen for a great, relaxing getaway during your trip to Japan!

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From September 20th to November 2nd, countries from all over the world will be competing for the Rugby World Cup for the first time in Asia. The two venues for the RWC that are in the Kansai Region are Kobe Misaki Stadium in Kobe City, Hyogo Prefecture and the Hanazono Rugby Stadium in Osaka.

The schedule of these matches are as follows:

SUNDAY
22 SEPTEMBER

14:15 LOCAL TIME



ITALY V NAMIBIA

POOL B Hanazono Rugby Stadium, Osaka Prefecture, Higashiosaka City

THURSDAY
26 SEPTEMBER

19:45 LOCAL TIME



ENGLAND V USA

POOL C Kobe Misaki Stadium, Kobe City

SATURDAY
28 SEPTEMBER

13:45 LOCAL TIME



ARGENTINA V TONGA

POOL C Hanazono Rugby Stadium, Osaka Prefecture

MONDAY
30 SEPTEMBER

19:15 LOCAL TIME



SCOTLAND V SAMOA

POOL A Kobe Misaki Stadium, Kobe City

THURSDAY
03 OCTOBER

14:15 LOCAL TIME



GEORGIA V FIJI

POOL D Hanazono Rugby Stadium, Osaka Prefecture, Higashiosaka City

THURSDAY
03 OCTOBER

19:15 LOCAL TIME



IRELAND V RUSSIA

POOL A Kobe Misaki Stadium, Kobe City

TUESDAY
08 OCTOBER

19:15 LOCAL TIME



SOUTH AFRICA V CANADA

POOL B Kobe Misaki Stadium, Kobe City



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Kobe City Misaki Park Stadium is a football stadium that features a retractable roof and housed matches for the 2002 FIFA World Cup. The Hanazono Rugby Stadium is the oldest dedicated rugby union stadium in Japan, opening in 1929 and home to the annual National High School Rugby Tournament.

Ideal visit plan: 2-3 days in Kinossaki Onsen and its surrounding areas

Day 1: Leave Osaka/Kobe by train/bus to

Kinosaki Onsen, explore the town

Day 2: Go on a guided tour through Izushi

Castle Town

Explore the Hachigoro Toshima

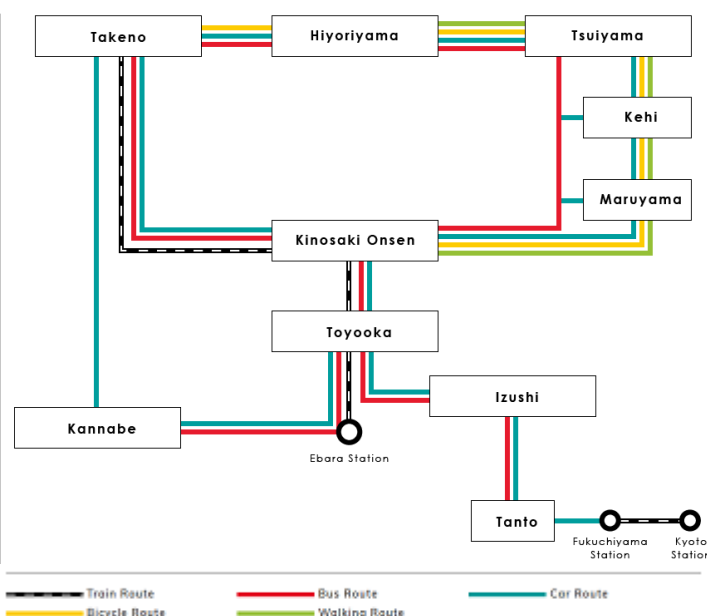
Wetlands and learn about the

[Oriental White Stork](#)

Day 3: Have breakfast in your ryokan and

then check out of Kinosaki Onsen

Return to Osaka/Kobe





[Kinosaki Onsen](#) is a town of time-honored hot springs dating back 1300 years ago. It is home to seven public bathhouses, all located within walking distance of each other and the train station. Guests are encouraged to wear yukata and geta, stroll through the town, and go onsen-hopping.

[Toyooka](#) is a downtown area home to the Oriental White Stork, a bird that was revived from extinction in this very town. The city's efforts restored the Oriental White Stork population, and now about 140 fly the skies of Japan. Toyooka is also known for the Genbudo Caves.



[Izushi](#) is the resident castle town, popular for its nostalgic atmosphere of Edo-era Japan. It is home to many interesting attractions such as castle ruins, a samurai house, a kabuki theater, and a clock tower. The town's specialty is Izushi Sara Soba, buckwheat noodles served in small portions on small plates.

[Kannabe](#) is a mountainous area with fun activities year-round. In the winter, one can go skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, and sledding. In the warm months, one can go camping, paragliding, fishing, tree climbing, and more. Kannabe is the perfect destination for adventurers.



[Takeno](#) is a quaint fisherman town that is a hidden gem among the northern coast of Hyogo Prefecture. The beach has clear, blue waters while the mountains surrounding it offer great hiking opportunities. It is encouraged to stroll through the peaceful town, where one can find small shops and traditional landscapes.

[Tanto](#) is a quiet countryside town with magnificent nature—including a giant field of tulips in the spring and brilliant red-leaved trees in the fall.

